

Candidates for the 2016 CSSA Committee and Common Room Subcommittee Elections

Martin Henschke

Nominations: Vice President, Common Room Officer

Statement: I have worked with the committee as a gen rep and an executive member for 2 years. I've worked hard to make the club and particularly the common room a more friendly, open place for members and non-members alike and to provide technical events for members interested in industry and academia. I'm running for re-election to continue my work from an administrative position.

Yaya Lu

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I believe I would be a great candidate for the committee for 2016, as I'd like to think I'm an approachable, motivated and capable person who cares about the opinions of others and who likes to help people! I enjoy engaging in and organising activities, helping with events and learning from peers. I've seen first-hand how much dedication the CSSA committee has had in making this society as inclusive and active as possible, and I would love to be a part of the process! As a first year student studying a Bachelor of Software Engineering, adjusting to University computing courses was not easy, but the CSSA's support helped me get through it, and thus – if I am chosen – my goal is to return the favour and help next year's new students feel as comfortable, included, and as proud of being a computing student at ANU as I felt this year. Thank you everyone, and I hope you vote for me! :)

Chris Chow

Nominations: Postgraduate Representative

Statement: I would like to join the CSSA committee as the postgraduate representative officer. As a new PhD student within the RSCS, I believe I'm in a strong position to bring fresh ideas from the postgraduate perspective. I love to have fun and interact with people, so I think I'll be able to actively engage with my fellow postgraduates and the CSSA to develop a tighter integration with everyone in 2016. I'm very approachable and passionate for computer science, so I would gladly be the friendly postgraduate face. :)

David Quarel

Nominations: Common Room Officer

Statement: I'm around at hours most other committee members aren't, so I can keep the room open at weird hours, I try to make the common room more welcoming and I like to field people's questions relating to comp sci/physics/math, so I would make a good candidate for common room officer.

Nikita Bhatia

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I would like to nominate myself for the positions General Representative and Common Room Officer as I want to promote the CSSA and computer science to younger year students and encourage them to take part. Also I would like to make the Common Room a welcoming place for everyone (an agenda that many people would have). Also, I feel that I can be a CRO as I spend most of my time at the CSSA and would like to contribute to the community.

Bing Chu

Nominations: President

Statement:

CSSA EXPERIENCE:

- CRO (1st yr) and General Rep from the start of second year (also Secretary during vote-gate). You might had a good time in our : Welcome Parties, Study Events and BBQs.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

- Chairwoman of Students' Union - Unit 6 in high school,
- President and founder of high school's Magician Chemistry Club.

NETWORKING & INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE:

- Hopefully get CSSA more sponsorships.
- More industry opportunities for our members.

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- More events! More Fun! (CSSA "traditional" events for sure! Will also work on holding events together with other students associations so that more people can know CS is charming and cool!).

Robin Monro

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: My name is Robin Monro and I'm running to be a general representative and common room officer for the CSSA. My intentions to do an internal transfer into a five year software engineering degree secure my time being able to work on the continual improvement of the CSSA. My goals for the future entail a greater incorporation with comp courses, having as many comp students knowledgeable of the resources available to them. Along with this I'd hope for more barbecues and events to increase the presence in the eyes of the wider ANU populace.

Chris Claoue-Long

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: During my 4 years at the ANU, I've been quite lucky to be part of the CSSA as a member, and I'd like the opportunity to give back and help out more actively to further the club and keep improving it. I would like to see more industry involvement with the CSSA, not only for sponsoring purposes but also to set up partnerships with companies that would be beneficial to students. I'd like to continue the careers fairs and move it to first semester, and

run it in a more sustainable manner. One particular thing I'd like to set up is tech talks with staff, students and industry that teach cool concepts or useful skills.

Jack Foulds

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I want to join the CSSA committee as a Gen Rep to make the society's atmosphere more welcoming. I know we can grow our membership and build an engaging organisation by holding more frequent and diverse social events. I will bring experience to the committee that includes serving on ANUSA's Grants and Affiliations Committee and as the treasurer of the ANU Rock Music Society. I am excited to have the opportunity to improve the CSSA and with your support I know I can make a difference!

Stuart Herring

Nominations: Treasurer, General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I have been the treasurer for the last 12 months and have enjoyed my time on the CSSA committee would like to continue in this capacity as I have begun to make changes to make the financial record keeping more sustainable and would like another 12 months to finish the changes.

James Volis

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: Hey its Volis here, I want to play a greater role in the organisation of the CSSA, and feel that I could do this best through Gen Rep.

Some things I would like to achieve while on the committee:

- Organised Semester Plan of Events
- Regular events, such as Reload nights, Video games as well as board games
- Computer Science and Engineering Ball
- Working with more other societies, such as ESA
- Sponsorship with local businesses
- Attempt networking with Interstate Universities
- Creating a more diverse community

I bring my experience as a CRO, and as well as similar roles from other societies.

Andrew Maxwell

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: Currently I'm a Common Room Officer for the CSSA, however, I am looking to become more involved with the event management side of the Association. Looking towards the future of the CSSA, I'm afraid that the overhaul of the committee this year (with significant committee members resigning) may shift focus away from the social needs of CSSA members. As such, I'm interested in encouraging more events, both social and academic, to help enrich ANU's student community

Tyrus Caldeira

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I would like to join the CSSA committee/Common Room Subcommittee because I like to help out in events such as EGN, Lazer Tag and Board Games night but generally I just like to help.

I would like to see the CSSA grow with more people especially more first-years :P. I would also like to see the CSSA hold more casual events, like a game of touch football, soccer or a movie night. Finally I believe that the CSSA should also have a study night where people can just study and ask for help if they need.

Jay Hansen

Nominations: President, Vice President, General Representative

Statement: The CSSA is great at providing support to First years who need to find their way, and providing to others who enjoy Computer Science. I would like to Join so I can continue this for the oncoming years.

Erin Hynes

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I will help keep the room open whenever I can! I want to set up and organise new social events for the CSSA and help with the existing ones.

Nicholas (Magic) Mobbs

Nominations: Vice President, General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: Hey everyone, for those who don't know I'm Magic; I was on the previous committee serving as Costco-boy and social officer. This time around I'm running for vice president and gen-rep (Also common room officer). My goals for this term are to increase the amount of events being run especially events of the educational variety. If made VP I intend to work towards this goal by facilitating more streamlined meetings and event proposals. If made gen-rep I intend to hold more student run talks and see about getting people from industry to come in and give their perspective on things.

Hong You

Nominations: International Representative

Statement: I like CSSA and i would like to be part of it. I am willing to contribute and do whatever I can to make it better. As an international rep, i will bring more international students to join CSSA and come to common room more often. I will also talk to first year students to get some feed backs.

Ben Creelman

Nominations: President, Vice President

Statement: I want to continue to work with the CSSA. I'm full of ideas of ways we can continue to get better. Here are some of the key policies I'd really like to work on:

- Expanding the size of committee to 15 people
- Improving the decision making processes of committee and empowering committee members to make bigger decisions
- Increasing dialogue with common room officers, including:
 - Dedicated training sessions, particularly on how to handle difficult situations

- Promoting the use of CRO mailing list / slack
- Advocacy work
 - Getting a student representative seat on the curriculum review committee
 - Working with the college's Fifty50 gender diversity initiative
- A holistic approach to tech talks, industry engagement, and careers fair
- Continue expanding engagement with postgrads

Amy Blunt

Nominations: Secretary, General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I would like to join so that I can become more involved within the cssa and while doing so learn the ropes, develop more skills so that I will be able to use the knowledge of what I have learnt to further the cssa for years to come.

In the year of 2016, my goal is to strengthen the bonds of our community by trying to have more social/group events. In addition, I wish to seek feedback from our members so that I can work with the club to improve everyone's experience and live up to their expectations.

Alex Niven

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I would like to be a representative to allow direct contact with new first years as they commence studies next semester. By having someone who will be studying first year classes, it will allow a greater potential reach of new students being introduced into the CSSA.

Xiaodong Zhao

Nominations: General Representative

Statement: I would like to get more involved within the CECS community and meet more talented people. I also participated several events this semester and I think they are very helpful to first year students and I would like to help facilitate these events next year.

Mathew Mitchell

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I would to join the CSSA committee because I feel that only would it grant me a valuable learning experience when it comes to management, but it would also enable me to give back a little bit to an ANU society which has helped me out and given me a few fun times over the years.

Chanakya Goli

Nominations: Common Room Officer

Statement: Have been a CRO since inception. Know the rules and policies and spend a lot of time keeping the room open.

Patrick Paton

Nominations: Vice President, General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I want to join the CSSA committee because I feel I have enough experience and knowledge about CSSA business to help run the place. My experience and knowledge

includes being in the room on a very regular basis, helping out at almost every even the CSSA has run in the last 3 years, being a CRO from the very beginning (before the room was expanded and when we didn't get the door code), running Epic Games Night 6, 8, 9 and 10 this semester and trying to get reduce the cost for CSSA members to go to CompCon. In addition to this I have also been an XSA Executive for the last year.

Jack Adamson

Nominations: General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: The CSSA has been a big part of my first year at ANU and I'd love to give back to that great community.

Robert (Probie) Offner

Nominations: General Representative

Statement: I've served as both president and vp and both times managed to not run the club into the ground both times. If you vote for me I will continue my streak of not destroying the CSSA.

If elected I will ensure that study events for compulsory courses continue to run in Pfalzgraf's absence

Abbie Wade

Nominations: President, General Representative, Common Room Officer

Statement: I have been an active and enthusiastic member of the CSSA for many years and now I feel that it is my time to step up and help the club to move forward. There are three main goals that I want to see achieved in the upcoming year:

1. To work towards providing the means and environment for all members to build up their professional skills, such as resume writing, using latex, scripting, preparing for interviews and other IT skills/tools.
2. To help the CSSA to increase industry involvement with the club to build stronger relationships that benefit all members.
3. As part of this industry connection, to set-up regular tech talks where students, staff and industry get the opportunity to share their passion and skills from computer science.