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SPAA bestows awards

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SPAA handed out five awards to worthy winners at a special presentation night.

This year's big award went to Arthur Koo and Steven Rowley, the chair and vice chair of the Victorian chapter of the association, for excellence as members and their contribution to SPAA and the industry.

"They've worked really hard to get a successful chapter and sub-regional chapter [Bendigo], they meet regularly and they have active discussions on self-managed super fund (SMSF) issues," SPAA chief executive Andrea Slattery said.

"Arthur and Steve have worked tirelessly over the last four years to achieve this.

"They get between 40-60 people to each monthly event and have now 250 members in the state. It was built from nothing."

Jason Poser was awarded the superannuation cadetship from Super Guardian.

The award is given as an Adelaide University scholarship to an accounting graduate to develop their skills in super and SMSF administration in the business.

The Praemium scholarship award for the highest scoring graduate of the SMSF specialist adviser program was awarded to Tina Wilson of Dixon Advisory in Canberra.

Wilson was not only the highest scoring graduate this year, but is also the highest scoring graduate since the association began the course.

SPAA's CEO scholarship was given to Shane Morgan.

He was awarded a \$3000 one-year course through Adelaide University's master's program.

Slattery said the award was presented to a SPAA member with high academic qualifications who could best demonstrate the industry benefiting from their further studies. □