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If elected, my vision as Women's Officer would be to foster a supportive, inclusive, and empowering environment for all students. I want to ensure that no one feels alone in their journey here. My goals include continuing to organise engaging social events that help students relax and build friendships, creating more networking opportunities with industry professionals, celebrating the achievements of women in our community, and serving as a reliable point of contact that students can come to when they need support, advice, or simply someone to listen.

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Indra Batbileg

My name is Indra Batbileg. I am writing to express my interest in the secretary position at WASM Guild. As a persistent and neat student, I am passionate about impacting our campus community positively through active administration.

I have previously acted as secretary for the teams in different units, where I took the meeting minutes, set schedules, and secured all the communication to team members. Organising documents and making things clear helps our team to work collaboratively and well-informed.

I am encouraged by the guild's efforts to create diverse and inclusive communities, and the values are aligned with mine. I believe my soft and hard skills will contribute to the guild effectively.

Thank you for your time reading my expression of interest. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Amol Chaudhari

Hello Everyone,

My name is Amol Chaudhari, and I am nominating myself for Vice President (Education) of the WASM Guild Committee 2026. I am standing because I truly believe that our education should not just be about passing units but about feeling confident, supported, and ready for the real mining world.

During my time at WASM, I have seen many of us struggle - not because we do not want to learn, but because sometimes the gap between theory and real-life application feels too wide. I have also seen students feeling lost or unsure when assignments pile up, tests clash, or when help feels out of reach. I want to change that.

My vision is built on three simple ideas that reflect what I think we all want from our education:

1. "Bridging Theory and Practice":

Mining is not something you can fully understand just from lectures or labs - it is something you experience. I want to work on creating more chances for field visits, industry tours, and collaborations with mining companies. By linking our studies to what actual happens in the field, we will build confidence, curiosity, and stronger career readiness.

2. "Learning Beyond the Classroom":

There is so much potential for us to learn outside formal lessons - through site experiences, short workshops, and peer learning.

I want to make sure students can use these experiences toward their logbook hours and skill development. Our learning should not stop when class ends.

3. "From WASM to the Workforce":

We all came here because we want to build meaningful careers. I will focus on strengthening partnerships with mining companies so that every student gets exposure to what is next - whether that is internships, placements, or career mentoring. But beyond academics, I also care deeply about student well-being.

Education is tough, and it is easy to feel stressed or

helpless, especially during busy weeks with tests and deadlines. I want to help create a support system where students can easily reach out, ask for help, and get guidance before things become overwhelming. Whether it is study help, better communication between students and staff, or more open academic discussions - I will be there to listen and act.

I may not have all the answers yet, but I bring energy, understanding, and the willingness to listen and learn from all of you.

My approach is simple: "YOUR PROBLEMS ARE MY PRIORITIES". Together, we can make WASM a place where students feel supported, confident, and ready for what comes next - both in class and beyond.

Let us make education at WASM stronger, smarter, and more connected to our real futures.

Thank you for your support.

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Why I am Running

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I want to help build a space where everyone feels supported and included, no matter where they come from or what they are studying. Being part of a community makes it easier to overcome homesickness, stress, or challenges. It also gives you confidence to try new things. When students feel connected, they are more likely to succeed, but more importantly, they are happier and healthier.

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