

President's Report – September 2019

Dear Fellow AIMS Members,

This last year has been another busy one for AIMS as it continues to work in many areas to represent and support all mining Surveyors around Australia. The Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales sub committee's have all been active, discussing matters and changes to legislation so as to advise the board regarding issues pertaining to that state. With a teleconference format it is a forum where anyone can participate, I invite all Surveyors to consider participating as these matters can directly affect you.

With a steady increase in membership numbers an organisation like AIMS would not continue to grow unless it was for the efforts of people assisting the Board. I would like to thank Alan Mellor and the CPD committee for their continuing effort in accessing CPD all those events. A special mention to Trevor Collins who is stepping down after 14 years with the CPD committee. I would also like to thank Tinos Mutyiri in his role as Membership Coordinator, Adrian Wall who represents AIMS on the SMIC committee and all the chairpersons for the state based committees.

The AIMS bi annual Business Planning meeting was held in March this year in Brisbane. Over the two days the board discussed how we had performed over the previous period and set goals and targets for the next two years.

This past year AIMS has held Technology days or seminars in Perth, Moranbah, Singleton, Ernest Henry Mine Village, Mudgee and Wollongong. All these were well attended, and I would like to thank all those involved in organising these events.

AIMS continues to provide representation to the Survey Boards of Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales. The dedication and efforts of Shane Watson, Ken Cross and Chris Moy is commendable and on behalf of all members of AIMS I would like to thank them for their efforts this past year.

AIMS continues to support the promotion of Mine Surveying with scholarships to surveying students in Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria and New South Wales Universities. AIMS also continues to sponsor Destination Spatial in Queensland and NSW Surveying Task Force whose objective is to promote Surveying, my thanks to Quentin Albertyn and Frank Cook for the continuing effort in these vital roles.

This year the AIMS awards committee comprising a representative from each state reviewed the entries and the award for Surveyor of the Year will be handed out tonight. Thank you to everyone who participated, I believe it is important to recognise and reward those Surveyors achieving above and beyond the norm.



This past year the mining industry has continued its steady growth and many large infrastructure projects throughout Australia have placed renewed demand for experienced Surveyors. This situation is great for those of us currently working, but if you have tried to recruit an experienced Surveyor lately you will know just how difficult they are to find and keep. Enrolments at TAFE and Universities are still low and high school students don't seem to be aware of the careers available in the mining industry. AIMS has continued its efforts in the promotion mine surveying with invitations extended to TAFE and high school students at several seminars with mixed success. To address this shortfall, I see a need for all surveying associations across Australia to increase support for organisations like Destination Spatial and NSW Surveying Taskforce to assist them in raising our profile in schools and the community hopefully increase surveying enrolment numbers back to where they need.

Finally, I would like to thank the executive and all the directors for the continuing support and tireless efforts throughout this past year. Their dedication to the promotion of our industry continues to make AIMS the leading Mine Surveying organisation in Australia.

Again, it has been a real honour to serve as your President and I look forward to your continuing support over the next year.

Your sincerely,

Mario Fantin
President