

Vice President Annual Report – August 2019

Fellow AIMS Members

I am pleased to submit the following report as Vice President of the Australian Institute of Mine Surveyors for the period ending August 2019.

- The proposed changes to the Mining Regulations in Western Australia is continuing, however there has been delays due to different priorities within the WA State Government. It is unknown at this stage when the proposed draft will be released for public comment. A meeting has been scheduled in September with the DMIRS, LSLB and the professional institutes such as ours to working on the Certification process in Western Australia.
- Our WA membership base continues to grow each year. This is due to several people within the WA Mine Surveying profession taking the lead to help promote our profession whilst running some excellent events throughout the year. We have seen a significant improvement on what AIMS can provide to our WA community and the value for what our members can receive as part of their membership. A special mention and thankyou to Dan Ward, Gemma Murphy, Matt Jones and Jo Jensen for their assistance.
- In Western Australian we have organised 2 technology and networking events, partnered with SSSIWA to run a full day conference, with planned networking events in Kalgoorlie (Sept 2019) and the first AIMS CPD event (Oct 2019) to ever be run in Perth. Without our sponsors we would not be able to run these events and I thank them for their continued support for not only Western Australia but also nationally.
- Unfortunately, the Mentoring Program we tried to implement in WA was not successful. We received several applications for Mentors but only received one nomination for a Mentee. As such we have put the Mentoring programme on hold. However, AIMS is looking at establishing a mentoring page on our website that will allow our members access to experienced individuals with unique skills and experience that you will be able to approach for support/mentoring.
- The AIMS Awards was reinstated this year after last year's review. The process has been improved to include online nominations and the implementation of new selection and nomination criteria. Thanks to Mark McShane for the online implementation. Also thankyou to this year's nominations for their submissions, unfortunately no Young Mine Surveyor of the Year nominations was received. I ask that all members strongly consider their peers and supervisors for the valuable work that they may be doing in the industry and look at nominating someone next year. The AIMS board is currently considering removing the Presentation Award due to the complexity with obtaining permissions to publish papers and the workload required to complete the selection and awarding of a winner.

I thank the AIMS Executive, Directors and members for their continued support.



Shane Watson
Vice President