

AIMS Secretary's Report 2020

Fellow AIMS members,

In an unprecedented year of challenges relating to COVID19, the AIMS Board has been responsive and adapted to the new normal. The Board has continued to operate and manage our organisation and held additional meetings to the standard bi-monthly, to ensure our continued success and to resolve cancellations of major events.

In addition to our membership fees, AIMS is primarily funded by the National Conference. As that is no longer possible until travel restrictions are lifted and it is safe to do so, this critical revenue to Institute will not be a certainty. In response the Board has instigated online webinars and continued to cut costs and minimize expenditure to ensure our continued operation.

Many positives have come out of this year, including the opportunity to hold a COVID safe QLD Networking event, the biggest ever thanks to Quentin Albertyn, QLD Subcommittee Chairman. The WA team have held an impressive webinar to kick start this offering to ensure we continue to provide professional development and value to our members.

I would like to make special mention of our outgoing President, Mario Fantin. Mario was instrumental in the early years of building and supporting members working in metal mines and later as President has always represented our Institute as a gentleman and statesman. His work with candidates and assisting the NSW Committee has been tireless and I would like to thank him wholeheartedly on behalf of all members for his contribution.

I will also be stepping down as Secretary this year, and from all accounts we have some strong interest from the next generation of mine surveyors which is very encouraging. I have agreed to continue on as Vice President, should Shane Watson take on the President's role and if there are no next generation nominees to assume the VP Position.

I have been fortunate to work with a exceptionally devoted and passionate group of people who conduct themselves professionally and with no agenda other than promoting our profession. Together with the Board members I would also like to thank Mark McShane our Webmaster and Hazel and Dean Kerr from Conference Images who have gone over and above to assist us over the years and even more so this year.

Finally should webinars and online meetings, become the new normal, we will need more than ever for our members to step up and assist with presentations and attendance at these events to ensure we can provide the necessary CPD and networking required.

Thank you for all your support and I hope that we all get to see each other in person next year at our great AIMS events.

Regards,



Mick Harris
Secretary