

Vice President Annual Report – November 2020

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 November 2020.

This last year has been difficult for many with the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, we have had to rethink how we provide benefits and CPD opportunities to our members. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this year's Annual Conference and look at online opportunities for CPD.

I would like to thank Conference Images for their work as we navigated the changing rules and restrictions, as they worked with our sponsors and conference venue. I also would like to thank Mark McShane for his efforts in updating the website and introducing new processes and systems for us so that we could move towards delivering online content via webinars. Also thank you to the AIMS Directors and State Sub Committee members who helped investigate and trial the webinars with our intent to provide more content in the future.

We held the first AIMS online webinar in August 2020, thanks to Dan Ward for facilitating and the lessons learned will go a long way to implementing more webinar events in the future.

On the 20th of September 2019, a workshop was held with attendees from the MSB, LSLB, DMIRS and industry representatives to discuss the future of authorised mine surveyors in Western Australia. Topics covered included:

1. Is WA Statutory certification required
2. Transferring the role of certification from the MSB to LSLB – what does this look like?

Due to the events of this year the submission to parliament and final approvals has been delayed and is planned to be completed before the WA State election in March 2021.

A joint WebEx event was held in Nov 2019 with SSSIWA to discuss proposal on WA Surveying Regulations. We also partnered with SSSIWA to run a webinar about Survey Control in May 2020. Thanks to Tony Snow and the SSSIWA committee for their ongoing support and collaboration for professional events held in Western Australia.

I was invited to participate and represent AIMS and the WA Mine Surveying industry on the WA Life Without Limits committee in conjunction with WAIS as the primary organisers. Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic we have not been able to achieve the initial objectives set but the committee has worked with other states to establish a national focus for Life Without Limits.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mario Fantin for his efforts, professionalism, and dedication as President of AIMS over the last 4 years. It has been a pleasure working with Mario during this time and I wish him the best for the future.

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



Shane Watson
Vice President