

Western Australian MSB Annual Report – November 2020

Fellow AIMS Members

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the Western Australian MSB.

Over the last year we have had five oral assessment sessions, with the most recent exams changed by increasing the exam to 1.5 hours per candidate. There has been positive feedback, which are allowing more time to fully assess each candidate's application and work experience.

Two face to face meetings have been held this last year, one in September 2019 and November 2020. There was a phone meeting conducted in June due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Over the last year there has been some changes to the personnel on the MSB. We farewelled Russell Haigh, Ben Ingham and Tony Snow from the MSB. I want to personal thank them for their contributions to the Western Australia survey industry.

This year I was again nominated by the Western Australian Institution of Surveyors (WAIS) as the industry representative on the MSB for a further 2 years. We also welcomed Gemma Murphy as the 2nd industry representative from WAIS.

We are also welcoming Leigh Coaker as the WAIS nomination for the position of a Licensed Surveyor with Grade 1 Mine Surveyor qualifications and welcome Dione Bilick who has been nominated by the Surveyor General.

The proposed Mining Act and Regulations has been submitted to the Western Australian Government and is still waiting on final approvals and acceptance in parliament. This has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Minister and DMIRS are hoping to have both documents finalised before the 2021 March state election, but this is yet to be confirmed.

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



Shane Watson
Vice President