

President Annual Report – November 2021

Fellow Members

This last year has continued to test us all with the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccinations, and interstate border restrictions. On top with the continued growth within the Mining and Infrastructure fields it has only increased the demand for surveyors across the country.

Unfortunately, we had to delay the Annual conference, with it now planned for May 2022. A big thanks to Conference Images who manage our conferences, keeping us informed and making the changes as required. Also, thanks to Duncan and Peter who are probably starting to think this is the longest organised conference ever.

Over the last year we have had Chris Moy step down as BOSSI representative and AIMS Director. Dan Cherry stepping into the BOSSI role, but unfortunately, had to resign from this role for personal reasons and will also be stepping down as an AIMS Director. This is no easy task for any person, and I would like to thank Dan for his efforts over the years. I would like to make a special mention and thank you to Chris Moy who even though he has resigned as a director he continues to support us in the background on many fronts, his tireless efforts do not go unnoticed and has been an integral part of our organisation for many years.

I would like to welcome Nick Tucker as the new BOSSI representative and ask everyone to get behind Nick and help support him in this role as it is critical to our organisation and by no means an easy task to take on.

I welcome Dan Ward into the role of Membership Coordinator and thank Tinos Mutyiri for all his work done previously in this role. Thanks to Dave Ericson and Mark McShane for managing our website and thanks to Julia Reynolds who continues to work on the Diversity Scholarship and Risk and Audit Committee.

It is likely that Mick Harris will be resigning as AIMS Director and won't be continuing in the Executive team. Mick again stepped up to help mentor our new 'blood' coming into the AIMS team and again thanks for all his efforts.

Thanks to the chairs and members on the State Mine Surveying Boards, the State Representative Committees, the CPD committee and all the others working in the background for their tireless efforts to continue to deliver what I strongly believe to be one of the most dedicated and professional organisations in our industry.



AIMS managed to run several successful seminars and events across the country, and it is great to see our members supporting these events and the desire to get back to some normality with face-to-face sessions. A big thank you to the organisers of these seminars and events across the country.

AIMS continues to support the Mine Surveying scholarships in Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales. AIMS also continues to sponsor Destination Spatial in Queensland, the NSW Surveying Task Force and the A Life Without Limits program across Australia

Unfortunately, we didn't have any nominations for our 2021 AIMS Awards. Whilst I know we are all busy, it is very disappointing that we can't take the time to complete the nomination forms for our industry peers. I know there are surveyors out there that are leading the way in our profession, and it would be great to recognise them for their efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank the current AIMS Executive of Mick, James, and Jonathan, all the other AIMS Directors, and the members for their continued support and I look forward to catching up with you all on the Gold Coast in 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane Watson', written in a cursive style.

Shane Watson
President