

AIMS CPD REPORT – AGM 16th November 2021

Fellow AIMS Members,

2020-21 has been a most challenging year for the AIMS CPD Panel especially with the continuing impact of COVID19. While we were able to hold the AIMS Mudgee Seminar (which was well attended) most other surveying events were cancelled. With the continued removal of caps on webinar points by BOSSI, webinars and digital events were the primary way many surveyors completed CPD. AIMS held four webinars to assist mine surveyors as well as the CPD Panel suggesting webinars that ensured we could meet their CPD point totals.

I would like to commend all mine surveyors involved for their ongoing cooperation and professionalism in regards to the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) process in this difficult time. The standard of CPD submissions over the last 12 months has remained high, this has made the task of assessing the Returns easier for the Panel.

AIMS CPD Panel Composition

This year has seen the AIMS CPD Panel requirements serviced by myself, Marty Leggat, Karl Harisson and Joel Wooby. I would like to thank the members of the Panel for their continued efforts over the past year.

CPD Assessments

The AIMS CPD Panel assessed a total of 184 new events (the most events ever assessed) in the year ending the 30/06/2021, issuing a total of 168 Mine Surveying and 721 Survey Practice points.

CPD Summary Reports

This year the AIMS CPD Panel received a total of 115 CPD Returns this year (again the most Returns assessed), with CPD Summary Reports certificates being issued as CPD Returns were received. This included only one CPD Return for a Conditional Compliance submission which was subsequently approved by BOSSI.

BOSSI CPD Determination and Committee Meetings

BOSSI CPD Committee Meetings this year were primarily held via teleconferences due to COVID19 restrictions. The BOSSI Ratified Organisations now have their own regular teleconferences, working together more closely to ensure we are doing everything we can to assist all surveyors fulfill their CPD obligations and standard the process.

This year registration renewal was done via the new Portal via the BOSSI website, with individual hyperlinks emailed to each surveyor.

Comments

The new BOSSI CPD Determination for 2021-22 (Edition 11) has focused on CPD “Delivery Methods” and set a minimum for Delivery Method 1 (DM1) as well as defined point allocation for DM2 and DM3.

With a **minimum of 5 points required for DM1** for successful completion of CPD.

Suitable DM1 events include

- Watched lived events (with evidence of log in/out)
- Face to face events (with evidence of attendance)
- Hybrid conferences & live webinars (with log in/out or evidence of attendance)

These events must include the provision of live interaction between presenter and viewers.

Comments (continued)

Due to the uncertainty COVID19 across the whole community, setting a minimum for DM1 events for each CPD Period was agreed to be the best way at providing clear direction for the future, such that the removal of the cap on webinar points is no longer relevant.

As we know the COVID19 situation is improving in NSW but we are still learning to live with COVID19 and the uncertainty of events being cancelled.

The 2020 AIMS Annual Conference is a good example of this!

This is now being held 25-27th May 2022 on the Gold Coast.

The subsequent AIMS Annual Conference is scheduled for August-September 2023.

This means that there will not be an Annual Conference in the 2022-23 CPD Period.

Surveyors should ensure that they plan ahead for this, perhaps by delaying training, etc to the second half of 2022 or early 2023 if possible.

At present Singleton which was due to be held this year in November we are hoping to reschedule to April or June next year to make up for NSW surveyors that might not be able to get the Queensland Conference next year.

The AIMS Mudgee Seminar has been scheduled for Friday 18th March 2022, moved from it's traditional Saturday.

AIMS has been working hard behind the scenes to hold our own webinars again, with the first webinar scheduled for 8th December 2021. If you can, please help out by offering to present any suitable project or mine surveying method/software/anything that you may have been involved with or want to share in upcoming webinars or at seminars or the annual conference.

It has been pleasing to see even through the pandemic the transfer of knowledge and experience has continued between mine surveyors via digital meetings, webinars or even just phone calls.

This CPD Period the AIMS CPD Panel are looking at automating the process of the way we assesses events and issue CPD Reports.

I will be standing down from the position of Chairman of the Panel at the end of this current CPD Period (after 30/06/2022), any anyone that is interested in joining the team please contact either myself, Karl, Joel or Marty.

If you have any questions or require assistance with CPD issues don't hesitate to contact me.



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