

AIMS Secretary's Report – November 2021

Fellow members,

It has been an honour and great opportunity to serve you, the members, in my first term as AIMS Secretary. Whilst there has been a lot to learn, I have been fortunate to serve alongside a team of kind and enthusiastic surveyors, who have been more than willing to show me the ropes and bring me up to speed in this role. As my first experience on the AIMS Board, I have been amazed at the great number of people willing to contribute to all AIMS strives to achieve, and the energy they all bring to the Institution.

The AIMS Board have met virtually, every 2 months, to discuss key topics including seminars, webinars, scholarships, sponsorship, CPD, legislation, financial security, strategic direction and most importantly, how to provide value to the members. 2021 started well with AIMS events in both Moranbah and Mudgee. Unfortunately, due to the state lock downs, the National Conference was again deferred and now we hope to be together on a national scale in May 2022 on the Gold Coast. With the CPD advantage of a national conference in mind, the Board have endeavoured to ensure supplementary online events have been organised, with successful events being held in Perth and Kalgoorlie in the back end of the year.

Making way for the young blood to have a go and get involved, have been some long serving AIMS directors. These people deserve a great deal of appreciation for the unseen hours they have, and even continue, to pour into the organisation and running of what we see at the surface. I'd like to specifically acknowledge Chris Moy's dedication to the Mine Surveying profession, who after more than 13 years serving as an AIMS director in various roles, leading the charge for AIMS NSW and devoting countless hours to the preparation and success of our BOSSI candidates, has tendered his resignation in such capacity. Along with Chris I'd like to acknowledge the service of Dan Cherry, Tinos Mutyiri and, as of this AGM if we decide to let him go, Mick Harris, who has also been instrumental in keeping the energy of AIMS alive, as well as encouraging the younger generation of surveyors into active participation within the institute. All four of these gentlemen have offered their ongoing support of the AIMS Board and of the continued growth of the mine surveying profession.

We look forward to a return to face-to-face gatherings in 2022, and I thank you for the support in carrying out this role.

Yours Sincerely,



Jonathan van Wyk
AIMS Secretary