

President's Message - December 2020

Hello ISV Members, welcome to the 329th Edition of Traverse Magazine in Digital format.

The ISV has had a busy three months since the September Digital AGM. The ISV Board of Directors have continued to meet on the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom, which has been very productive for engagement between Melbourne based ISV Directors and Regional Group Representatives Directors.

Following on from recent changes made to the ISV Constitution (which was passed by motion at the September AGM), a new Finance and Audit Committee have been formed. The role of the Finance and Audit Committee is to replace the now removed role of Honorary Treasurer. Consisting of three members of the Board and up to two non-board members, it will meet a minimum of 4 times a term. The Committee will continue to work with the ISV Board and refine the Committee policy and procedures.

During the month of October, I had the opportunity to attend the RMIT Major Project Presentations on behalf of the ISV. Congratulations to RMIT and all students involved for a series of well-presented sessions. I was impressed by how well the students were able to engage and complete their projects during the difficult lockdown period. Students competently answered questions from the profession very well. Thank you to all industry partners that were able to assist the students to complete their projects.

I was also honoured to be able to attend the RMIT GSSA (Geospatial Science Student Association) Industry and Awards Night (held via Zoom) to present the R James Love Memorial Prize and the Most Outstanding Student in Surveying Award to Harrison McKinley. Congratulations to Harrison for winning the awards.

I would like to take this moment to acknowledge and applaud the service of five well known RMIT staff who are moving onto different roles within the Geospatial Science Team; Chris Bellman, David Mitchell, Gita Pupedis, Mark Shortis and Kefei Zhang. They have given an accumulative 120 years of service to RMIT, students and our profession in sharing their knowledge and wisdom over this time. I want to thank each of them on behalf of the ISV for their considerable efforts and wish them the best on their new chosen path.

I would also like to update the ISV members on the current 'Surveyors Registration Board of Victoria' major project of review the licensing process for surveyors. This is a major project for the SRBV for the 2020/2021 Financial Year and the ISV welcomes the opportunity to be involved in the process. The ISV had the opportunity to nominate a representative to participate in the project advisory committee and I am pleased that Kellie Dean, immediate past ISV president has taken on this role. Kellie has shown a passion and keen direction for this process. The ISV looks forward to supporting her through her advocacy on behalf of the ISV members. We look forward to keeping the ISV membership updated as the review process continues into 2021.

As we now move into the Christmas break, I would like to outline some of the positive events that are planned for early 2021. As per previous years, the ISV and SSSI hold a joint summer afternoon seminar which would be held at the CR Kennedy office in Port Melbourne. The event normally attracts 150 to 200 attendees but as expected by the COVID restriction the numbers and format of the event are ever changing. The ISV and SSSI are currently working together to identify if this seminar will be able to take place in a face-to-face format with restricted numbers. We will keep you updated with information about this event.



With continued positive COVID news in Victoria, the ISV is currently working on the confirmation of the 'Yarrawonga Regional Conference' for 2021. The ISV has been working with the team in Yarrawonga and discussions are continuing well as restrictions loosen. We hope to have some positive confirmation of this event being held in March 2021 for you soon.

As 2020 draws to an end, I am thankful for the continued support of the ISV Board, ISV Sustaining Members and all ISV members that have signed up for 2020/2021. Your constant support to the ISV has ensured that the ISV has moved through this difficult period and ensures the ISV will continue to function and support its members into 2021. Thank you.

Merry Christmas to all! I look forward to seeing you at an event (either digital or face-to-face) in 2021.

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