

Summary of the

Mine Subsidence Technological Society

Board Meeting

27 March 2003

Membership fees were reviewed, following advice from Engineers Australia that it would be increasing fees by 5% for 2003/04. The board agreed not to increase its fees and to keep the existing membership grades, i.e.:

MEMBER	\$44
STUDENT	\$11
RETIRED	\$11
UNEMPLOYED	\$11

Including GST.

All but nine members have now been identified with a valid email address, and a simplified application form prepared, which includes arrangements for payment by credit cards.

A new website was unveiled. By the end of April 2003 this should be active. It includes an updated user interface, copies of the 2001 conference papers online, and a "members only" area. Behind the scenes it includes an email mailing list application which will be used to communicate with members.

In future the site will have its "links" section expanded, other conference papers put online, and a more detailed background to mine subsidence.

The Society's first technical session for 2003 is likely to be by Gang Li, Principal Subsidence Engineer at the Department of Mineral Resources, on Risk Management in Subsidence Engineering.

A number of other initiatives were discussed, including liaison with other organizations, topics for other technical sessions, and a business plan.