

Summary of the

Mine Subsidence Technological Society

Board Meeting

23 October 2002

In regard to financial matters, the Board ratified an assessment of the Society as a tax-exempt entity, and agreed to place an additional \$10 000 of the Society's funds into a term deposit. It also agreed to contribute \$500 to the Minerals Council for running three workshops on the effect of subsidence on valleys recently.

The Board agreed that the primary method of communicating with members would be via the internet. A number of future web services were discussed, including member-only access to past conference papers and other technical information, general information on subsidence for public consumption, a diary of events, and links to relevant organizations.

In addition the Board is developing a list of topics for future technical sessions, and will shortly seek suggestions from members on topics, and volunteers for future presentations. The intention is to run one or two sessions per year, at venues in each of the major coal mining areas plus Sydney.

The Board also intends to publish a newsletter; Graham Hanson kindly volunteered to act as Editor until the position is permanently filled. A call for potential editors will be made as part of the first circular to members in 2003.

The Board was saddened over the recent passing of Lax Holla. It agreed in principal to creating an award named for Lax in honour of his services to the field of mine subsidence; the details of this will be announced next year.