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Board Communique 89 — April 2023

At our meeting last week ahead of Assembly, the Board discussed the ways in which **Forums** are effectively partnering with the Secretariat across the many tools and instruments the Academy uses to capture the advice and expertise of Fellowship. It was also recognised that we need to ensure that the advice and expertise are effectively delivered to decision-makers and the public at the right time and in the right format to support evidence-informed decision making. An update on this framework will be presented to Assembly, as will a discussion around building our new Indo-Pacific engagement and industry engagement strategies.

Mindful that the political and global landscape has moved on, and the need to act on climate change has become more urgent, the Board has asked Forums and the Secretariat to commence work on updating **ATSE's Position Statement on Technology Towards Net Zero**, with an aim to embolden the call to action.

Much work has been done in recent times to advocate for the recommendations in this Position Statement, including representations to Parliamentary committees and inquiries on green hydrogen and modern manufacturing. More broadly, the Board heard that the President and CEO have met and held discussions with Ministers, Shadow Ministers, MPs, Senators and staff in recent weeks across a range of issues of importance to ATSE, including STEM education, the circular economy, a skilled workforce, net zero technologies, and STEM engagement in the Pacific to name a few.

The Board also discussed strategic positioning for the Academy in the financial year to come – both in terms of how its budget should be set (with a long-view and taking a conservative approach that builds impact over time) and in terms of how the operations are arranged to support the mission. We look forward to continuing these discussions at the April Assembly next week.

New members of awards assessment committees were formally approved: the Board offers its sincere thanks to those outgoing members, Fellows who have given their time, expertise and energy to these committees, in some cases for many years.

The Board looks forward to meeting with Division Chairs, Forum Chairs, and other members of Assembly mid-month, and hopes to see many Fellows from across the nation at the October events in Canberra, including the New Fellows Showcase and welcome function, and the annual Awards Dinner. Registrations for these events will open shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

The Directors of the Board
12 April 2023

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We pay our respects to Elders past and present.