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Board Communique 82

Dear ATSE Fellows,

At the Board's final meeting for 2021 last week, Directors took the opportunity to reflect on an eventful and successful year of positive change for the Academy. The Board is deeply grateful to our 900 Fellows and the staff of our professional Secretariat, who have worked together to strengthen ATSE's systems, structures, programs, potential and impact.

Just a few of the changes we've been proud of this year include a new Values Statement and thoroughly updated Code of Conduct; greater collaboration between Forum and Division leadership; welcoming the wonderful CS in Schools program into our suite of STEM career pathways programs; the creation of a new internship program which is due to launch early next year; improved visibility in the media including in big-audience outlets such as 730, the AM program, the Guardian and the Herald Sun; the increasing frequency with which ATSE and our Fellows are being sought for advice by senior decision-makers in politics and business; a strategic review of awards which is already attracting donor and sponsor interest; and plans underway for a major event in 2022.

Of course, following the 2020 Governance Review, the Governance Taskforce has also completed its important work, and addressed all the review recommendations. The Board was pleased to pass new By Laws, drafted by the Taskforce following extensive consultation with the Fellowship, and concentrated discussion at Assembly 27 and the AGM. Consistent with the constitution, the By Laws allow for the creation of a Nominations Committee to manage the election of Presidents, and formally create the role of Assembly Chair from what was previously Deputy Chair. **[The By Laws are available here](#)**, and are available on the Fellows' website in the Governance section.

The Nominations Committee will be comprised of three Division Chairs (or their delegates), a Director as the Chair, and three other Fellows selected by the Committee. The Board is pleased to advise Dr Paul Wood has been selected as the inaugural Chair, and more information on the formation of the Committee and its Terms of Reference will be shared with the Fellowship in the new year.

Sincere thanks to Dr Joanne Daly for her service to the Academy in Chairing the Taskforce, on top of her three years' service as Assembly Deputy Chair.

The Academy's returning officers are now working with Assembly to elect its new Chair, and the results of that election will be announced in due course.

On the topic of elections, following the Directors' elections at the AGM, we were pleased to welcome to the board our new Director, Professor Elanor Huntington. We farewelled Dr Bruce Godfrey, whose long service on the Board has come to an end, and thanked Bruce in particular for his leadership as Vice President Diversity.

The Board is pleased to announce that Dr Richard Sheldrake has been elected Vice President Diversity, and will therefore also chair the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, and act as one of ATSE's two delegates to the Board of SAGE.

From all of the Board: thank you to our Fellows, our collaborators, our partners, and our staff. Thank you for your energy, expertise, and commitment this year to building Australia's ability to use technology to solve complex problems.

The Directors of the Board
13 December 2021

NOTICE OF BY LAWS

In accordance with rule 57.5 of the ATSE Constitution, The Directors have made By Laws relating to:

- A Nominations Committee;
- Process for election of the President;
- Matters relating to the President; and
- The Board and the Assembly

These By Laws are now in force and are binding for the Fellowship.

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We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.