

[View this email in your browser](#)



Board Communique 83

Dear ATSE Fellows,

At its first meeting for 2022, the Board was pleased to discuss a range of exciting initiatives and plans to support a strong year ahead for ATSE.

The **Board** was pleased to formally recognise Anne Green as the Chair of Assembly, signalling a change in title (from Deputy Chair) and endorsement of Assembly's important strategic advisory role. Following adoption of the **new By Laws** in December 2021, this position is now for two years, and the Chair will remain in place for the duration of their term regardless of whether they continue to be Chair of a Division or Forum. We look forward to working with Anne in her new capacity.

Commencing the year with the good news that ATSE is sole delivery partner for the new \$41.2 million, seven-year **Elevate: Boosting Women in STEM scholarships program**, the Board discussed how to best support operations to remain robust as the **Secretariat** grows to accommodate this welcome addition to our STEM career pathways programs. As well as targeted consultations across ATSE office bearers and the sector, all Fellows will be invited to participate in the consultation on program design for Elevate: information on how to participate will be shared with Fellows in the coming month.

Also growing this year is the highly-regarded **CS in Schools** program. We're grateful to the program's co-founders, Hugh Williams (**a new Fellow in 2021**), Selina Williams and Kristy Kendall, for the significant contributions they've already made to creating and ensuring the success of this program. To support this program to continue to meet its ambitious growth targets, the Board has approved Terms of Reference to establish a new CS in Schools Committee, initially chaired by Hugh Williams.

Thank you to all Fellows who participated in the Fellow Survey towards the end of last year – part of which was to confirm ATSE's three key priority issues. The Board was pleased to endorse the Fellows' priorities (as recommended by Forum Chairs through the Policy Steering Group) and a continued focus on **mitigation of climate change, supporting a thriving commercialisation culture in Australia, and educating and exciting young people in STEM**. All Forums held planning sessions at the end of 2021 and the recommendations of these have been nicely synthesized by the Policy Steering Group and the Policy Team: the resulting work plan for 2022 is relevant, focused and appropriate to our mission. This will be made available to Fellows through the **Fellows' website** in coming days.

The International Strategy Group has also been busy, with a new International Strategy Plan on the agenda for this meeting. The Board was pleased to endorse the plan, which focuses on engaging foreign Fellows, deepening ties in nations from which Australian applied science and engineering can learn, and acting as a catalyst for growth and inclusion in science and technology in the Asia-Pacific. It also supports ATSE's ongoing involvement in nurturing the CAETS Communication Prizes, **established last year**. The Board commended the committee for its efforts to align ATSE's international outreach with ATSE's strategic priorities and policy and program work. The **International Council of Academies of Engineering and Technological Science (CAETS)** annual conference will be held in France in September, with the theme **Breakthrough Technologies for Healthcare**.

Finally, planning continues apace for the major ATSE event in Sydney from 25-27 October, bringing together Assembly, induction of new Fellows, conferring of ATSE's Awards, and a major public symposium. We hope all Fellows will support this new approach to publicly celebrating and heralding our Academy's people, mission and work. An event website will be launched soon, with more information

[Subscribe](#)

[Past Issues](#)

[Translate](#) ▼

The Directors of the Board
21 February 2022



Website



Twitter



LinkedIn



YouTube



Email

Australian Academy of Technology & Engineering

Level 2, 28 National Circuit, Forrest ACT 2603

Level 6, 436 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004

Phone +61 2 6185 3240

ABN 58 008 520 394

[Unsubscribe](#) — [Privacy policy](#)

The Academy acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we meet and work.
We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.