INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY POLICY BOARD
Applied Earth Science annual report for 2010

Board membership
Membership has remained constant with the exception of one resignation.

Board meetings
As Chair of IMMa Applied Earth Science meeting were held in conjunction with Imma meeting that took place on 25th Feb, 27th May and 30th September 2010. On average the attendance was eight board members.

Opportunities for growth of Division Community or constraints
The main concern this year has been the replacement of the editor of AES transactions who resigned end 2009. In conjunction with Maney Prof Neil Phillips, University of Melbourne has agreed to be editor for 2011. AES transactions are published in conjunction with AUS IMM and we have developed a joint editorial programme. Simon Dominy AES board is associate editor and we are looking forward to a new progressive series of transactions.

Technical programme
27-28th October saw the second two day conference on finance and exploration (Finex 10) organised by AES and the Geological Society. Some 140 registrants (120 paying) resulted in a modest income that was supplemented by strong sponsorship by mining companies. The two day fee was £160 that we believe is the maximum chargeable rate. Given that the conference provided lunches, tea coffee and two evening drinks, sponsorship was essential. The Geological Society did not charge for accommodation as one of their divisions was a co-organiser. In both finance and quality of speaker the conference was a great success. Four of the AES board were on the organising committee. Due to cost the IOM3 conference office was not used. Both the Geological Society and Simmons and Simmons have excellent tiered lecture halls and auditoriums for refreshment.

Two Masterclass meetings were organised in conjunction with MinSouth by the Chair AES. Average attendance was 110 and included presentations directly related to AES and the other mining divisions. They are well regarded and funded entirely by the city law firm Simmons and Simmons. Two more (six already held) are planned for 2011 in Feb and June and will be funded in a similar manner. There is no charge for registrants.

January 2011 is the date for Commodity Day, 33rd in series organised by myself for MinSouth on behalf of the Institute. These attract an audience for c 50-80 and eight industry regarded speakers. We are looking at ways of funding this with a small charge to cover food and drink and sponsorship for cocktails and room hire in an attempt to increase registrants.

Foresight / Innovation and Growth
We believe the best method of recruiting new members is to provide an active technical programme that new members can see the Institute in action and the benefits of members. Most members regard chartered status as the most important advantage.
Professional membership developments
AES has a strong link with Minsouth as a number of board members are also ex-presidents of MinSouth. A wide variety of activities brings AES into contact with industry professionals who are all encouraged to become members or upgrade to Fellowship. Getting out there is the answer.

National and international linkages with other Societies /Institutes
Through transactions we have strong links with AUSIMM. We are also looking into getting closer to other IMM’s worldwide.

Government interfaces
Little activity with government, and probably less in the future

Publications
Some 24 plus articles on mining are commissioned by Chair AES

Awards/prize
Neil Phillips was awarded the Julius Wernher Memorial lecture prize that was given at Finex 10.