

AITPM Board Communique – February 2024

The AITPM Board met on 29 February and the following key matters arising from the meeting, may be of interest to AITPM members.

Governance and Strategy Matters

Proposed Changes to AITPM Governance

On the 15 November 2023 the Board held a briefing webinar for members on *the Proposed Changes to AITPM Governance* as a result of the outcomes of the Board's Governance Review. Members feedback was considered, and the Board drafted relevant changes to the constitution. Key amendments as previously communicated included changes in relation to director composition, tenure, and eligibility with regional representation. The recommended constitutional changes also included some immaterial changes for consistent use of language throughout the document. The Board acknowledged the general support of members to the proposed changes.

Corporate Governance policy matters

The Special General Meeting was approved to be held on Wednesday 27 March 2024 at 12.00 noon in Melbourne and virtually. Since the members webinar held in November 2023, the board worked closely with governance experts to make the recommended changes and approved the Notice of Special General Meeting distribution to Members.

Policy and Advocacy Platform Development

The first policy topic was selected by the Board in November 2023 to consider decarbonisation. A draft position statement template has been prepared and the Board considered the next steps to engage a policy committee or working group ahead of member consultation. The process for establishing such a committee is to be developed in the coming weeks.

Inclusive mobility program

The Inclusive Mobility Program has attracted strong interest and is aligned to AITPM vision and the intended outputs including CPD content, articles, and policy positions.

The support of AECOM in driving and establishing this program in 2023 has been invaluable and we thank them for their support. While that corporate support has not continued, there is now opportunity to broaden the involvement of other members and organisations in the program.

Finance, Audit and Risk Matters

FY2025/24 Draft Budget

The Board approved the revised version of the draft national budget for financial year 2025.

Other matters

2024 Perth National Conference

An update was provided on the progress of the 2024 Conference to be held in Perth from 12 to 14 August 2024. The conference is on track for delivery noting that work has progress in developing the budget, sponsorship, abstract and session proposals, keynotes, and risk considerations.

External registration, communications, marketing, and logistics support has been put in place to manage the responsibility on volunteers and staff, and to create a more professional and consistent conference product and experience. This now includes external hosting of the conference website and app, along with the registration system. This will create a better user experience, is more cost effective, and will help to ensure that AITPM staff have the capacity to continue to maintain consistent levels of service across other areas of the business, regardless of the conference.

2025 Adelaide National Conference

The 2025 Adelaide conference venue has been contracted, and an incentive package from the South Australian Government to support the conference has also been secured.