Benefits of belonging to IMSSA

The council and branch representatives of IMSSA complete their duties on a voluntary basis for no compensation. The Members' fee contributions are used ONLY for activities beneficial to mine surveying activities.

In short, what does IMSSA do for you, the mine surveyor?

- Addresses issues regarding the Geomatics Profession Act, which have far-reaching effects on mine surveying practices, and has secured good mine surveying representation at the South African Geomatics Council (SAGC).

- Represents mine surveyors on the Samcodes Standards Committee (SSC) that ensures that mine surveyors can register as Competent Persons in terms of the SAMREC and SAMVAL Codes. Further, IMSSA is now included as a professional body in its own right, in the Codes themselves.

- Registered as a Professional Body with SAQA, so that members have an alternative pathway to register as Competent Persons in terms of the relevant stock exchange codes. Further structural work to complete this process is underway.

- Preserved the mine surveyors' right to perform design and planning work in reply to the attempt to reserve this work by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). As a result of this work ECSA have committed to abide by Competition Commission rules.

- Designs and evaluates tertiary mine surveying qualifications, through industry advisory boards, which has resulted in a suite of qualifications for mine surveyors from school exit level to PhD level at a range of Universities, which it monitors through accreditation visits performed with the South African Geomatics Council (SAGC).

- Provides textbooks for all the major components of the Mine Surveyors' Certificate of Competency (MSCC) curriculum and provides these textbooks to members at cost. Any funds generated by the sale of textbooks are ring-fenced for the development of new material.
• Provides for a council of corporate members representing the major corporate, educational and government institutions involved in mine surveying in South Africa, thus furthering the profession’s interests.

• Represents mine surveyors at various professional organisations such as the Southern African Institute for Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM), the Geostatistical Association of South Africa (GASA) and the Association for Mine Valuers (AMV), which gives the profession insight in issues facing the geologists, engineers, metallurgists, and mineral economists.

• Organises Institute branch meetings, conferences, and colloquia accredited by SAGC, thus providing a forum for networking with other surveyors earning Continuous Development Points (CPD).

• Collaborates with other professional organisations such as the International Society for Mine Surveying (ISM), the Australian Institute of Mine Surveyors (AIMS), the South African Geomatics Institute (SAGI), the Geo-Information Society of South Africa (GISSA) and various others, in order to maintain the relevancy of the mine surveying profession.

• Communicates with members on issues of interest and/or importance through newsletters, annual journals, email communiques, the website, and on Facebook.