



Australian Institute of Social and Ethical Accountability

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President's Report to AGM 2005

It has a great year for the Institute. Finally, we have had an impressive program of activity that was generally well attended, demonstrating the Institute is meeting a need. In 2005 we successfully held five events:

- Two Practitioner's Talks, one in Melbourne one in Sydney in June 2005 on Sustainability Reporting – Real Change or Window Dressing (over 20 participants at each one)
- A Practitioner's Talk in Melbourne in November 2005 on The Global Reporting Initiative – the G3 and Sustainability Reporting's Future (over 70 participants)
- NGO/Community Sector – Benefits and Challenges of Accountability in Practice (33 participants) for a whole day event
- A one day training – Sustainability Assurance – An Introductory Workshop in Sydney (with 13 participants)

I was especially pleased that we were able to stage events for both the corporate and not for profit sectors as these events provided the opportunity to hear very different ways of accounting for social, ethical and sustainability performance. I should note that while the feedback from our Sydney one-day workshop was excellent the level of participation was disappointing. The participation in the Melbourne workshop was so poor we had to postpone it until 2006.

We also held our 15th Board meeting and a considerable email-based communication and a Special General Meeting in June 2005 to officially change our name.

In addition to these achievements AISEA has also become the exclusive licenced provider of AccountAbility sustainability assurance training in Australia. We have also increased our membership significantly in the second half of 2005 as a result of our events with membership doubling to over 40 current members.

In 2005 I believe we have demonstrated, with very scarce, largely donated resources and with almost exclusively volunteer time that there is a need in Australia for our Institute. The opportunity to hear critical views on the expanding area of social, ethical and sustainability accountability was appreciated by those who attended our events.

It is on this basis that I believe that the Institute should go into 2006 and seek full funding for a small number of events and programs. I hope you will become even more involved in building our Institute in 2006.

Richard Boele
President
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