



Technicians Division

Since being nominated and appointed to represent the Technician Division on S+SNZ Council in October 2020, contacts have been made accordingly amongst the Technician community, but also across the other streams comprising S+SNZ. It has been really positive to feel the warmth from all of the other streams and their respective leaders, with encouragement for Technician working involvement in all categories. Having been a member of the NZ Technician Surveyors Association during the 1970s/1980s, and then opted in 1988 to join with the NZIS when the proposal/invitation was put to NZTSA to join as members under their new class of Technician Membership, it has been interesting to assess the current standing of Technicians in the profession in the years since 1988. Goals going forward would include the following:

- As with the previous, and very proud, NZTSA, to provide a united voice to provide recognition of Technicians within S+SNZ, and in the profession generally.
- Review roles played by Technicians since being merged into NZIS in 1988.
- Make contact with all who are S+SNZ members, look to meet up at upcoming S+SNZ workshops and next year's annual conference in Rotorua. Look to include all ex-NZTSA members who are interested in supporting the growth of a strongly supported Technicians Division within S+SNZ. Hoping to somehow get a list of all current S+SNZ Technician members, and possibly through the 16 Branch secretaries, somehow locate and encourage those who are not currently S+SNZ members also.
- Connect new student members with recent and more established Technician graduates, from across all streams.
- Establish and define education and career pathways for across a range of levels. Look to engage with all surveying education providers to provide a range of encouraging options and pathways to enable Technicians to participate in adding to the skills, knowledge and professional development of the surveying industry in NZ.
- Update the members with accreditation reviews currently being undertaken within S+SNZ.
- To locate a nominate suitable recipients for the Technician Award, for the first time since 1999, hopefully at next year's annual conference in Rotorua. The purpose is to recognise the value of the work carried out by Technicians within the profession of surveying. The award was established in 1988, and may be made annually to any technically trained

member who has made a significant contribution to surveying/spatial, and/or to the S+SNZ, and who, in the opinion of the Council, is worthy of the award.

- Would welcome feedback and suggestions from Technicians in what sort of national division structure would be appropriate to meet expectations going forward in order for this group to develop and improve our representation within this organisation, industry and profession.

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