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AIST announces new president

The Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees (AIST) has today announced the appointment of **Catherine Bolger** as its new President.

AIST CEO Eva Scheerlinck said the AIST board was delighted to appoint Ms Bolger, who has been a director of AIST since 2016, and has served as a director on a range industry funds and related boards for the last 14 years.

Ms Bolger is currently a trustee-elected director of SAS Trustee Corporation and a director of Professionals Australia.

"Catherine has many years of experience serving on superannuation boards and as a director of other not-for-profit organisations," Ms Scheerlinck said. "She brings to AIST's board a deep understanding of the role and benefits of the trustee representative governance model as well as a genuine passion for advocating on behalf of working Australians for improved retirement outcomes."

In recent times, Ms Bolger was heavily involved in helping shape the Insurance in Superannuation Voluntary Code, working with industry stakeholders on the governance committee. She has chaired many sessions at AIST conferences and is an active contributor on AIST's Policy Committee and the AIST Remuneration Committee.

Ms Bolger replaces David Smith, who served in the role of AIST's president for the two year term and will remain on the AIST board as a director.

Ms Scheerlinck thanked Mr Smith for his contribution to AIST and his support and guidance during her first year as CEO.

"David provided invaluable strategic advice to AIST during his time as President and he has overseen many significant developments including the roll out of AIST's new Governance Code, the merger of AIST and Industry Funds Forum and the development of the industry-wide insurance code," Ms Scheerlinck said.

"On behalf of the AIST board, I thank David for two years of dedicated and effective service as AIST president and we are very pleased that he is continuing on as an AIST director."

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AIST is the peak body for the \$1.2 trillion profit-to-member superannuation sector which includes industry, corporate and public-sector funds.