

## International Societies

The Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) is currently the recognised National Group for:

- International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering,
- International Society for Rock Mechanics, and
- International Association of Engineering Geology and the Environment

## Authority

The International Society Australian Representative (ISAR) was established under the authority of Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) Constitution 2024.

The AGS is recognised as the National Group of the International Society (IS) in Australia.

The ISAR represents, and is elected by, the IS members in Australia according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the AGS.

The ISAR will act according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the AGS and these Terms of Reference.

## Purpose

The ISAR's purpose is to act as liaison between the AGS and their International Society and to represent their IS in Australia.

## Role of the ISAR

- To liaise between the AGS and the International Society.
- Represent the AGS on the Council of their IS.
- Represent the Australian members of their IS on the National Stakeholders Group (NSG) of the AGS.
- Assist the IS Regional Vice-President on matters relating to Australia.
- Advocate on behalf of their IS within Australia.
- To assist the AGS awards committee on awards relating to their IS.
- Liaising with the AGS Board and Chapters on the annual International Invited Speaker for their IS.
- Assist Chapters with matters relating to the IS.
- Lead the organising committee of the IS's quadrennial Australian Conference.
- To liaise with, or act on, the organising committee of the quadrennial ANZ Geomechanics conference when it is held in Australia.
- To prepare two reports per year on the IS's activities for publication in the AGS Journal, typically in June and December.
- Prepare an annual report for the IS Council on activities and issues in Australia.

## Authority and Responsibility

The ISAR acts under the Authority of the AGS Constitution and has responsibility to:

- Vote on behalf of the AGS at IS Council meetings.
- Voting on behalf of the Australian members of their IS at the AGS National Stakeholders' Group.

## Tenure

The ISAR is elected for a single three-year term in staggered rotation, and each term will start and finish post-AGM (around April annually) of the Australian Geomechanics Society.

The first ISAR elected in 2025 for each of the three IS under the 2024 AGS Constitution will establish the staggered rotation:

- ISAR for ISRM - initial/transition term until AGM 2027
- ISAR for IAEG - initial/transition term until AGM 2028
- ISAR for ISSMGE - initial/transition term until AGM 2029

These initial/transition terms may be interchangeable by mutual agreement amongst those three individuals elected to these roles. This agreement must be in writing to the AGS Operations Manager no later than the start of the AGS National Stakeholders' Group meeting on 31 October 2025 in Sydney.

## Eligibility

The ISAR must be a current financial member – prior to their nomination - of both AGS and the IS for which they are nominating.

## Ineligibility – Conflicts of Interest

The ISAR is intended as a standalone role with agency and voting rights within AGS and National Stakeholders' Group. Accordingly, the ISAR may not simultaneously hold a position on the:

1. AGS Board;
2. National Stakeholders' Group; or
3. the respective international society's executive committee/board.

## Administration

- The ISAR will attend at least two AGS NSG meetings annually – typically October and April annually.
- The expenses incurred while attending these meetings will be paid by the AGS.
- The ISAR will attend all IS Council meetings on behalf of the AGS as our National Group representative, usually once per year. Attendance at this meeting will generally be online. Attendance in person is optional and by mutual prior agreement with the AGS Chair.
- Any expenses for attending Council in person must be agreed and approved by the AGS board in advance.