Rowan Ross retires from National Council

Rowan Ross has been a stalwart of the Institute for almost all of his working life but now he intends to take life a little bit easier.

A
fter more than two and a half decades of service, Rowan Ross has resigned from the National Council of the Securities Institute. Completing the Institute's graduate diploma course in 1971, he began lecturing in 1976. He has been a NSW councillor since 1978, became president of the NSW division in April 1992 and in May 1993 was elected national president, a position he retained until 1996.

In March 2001 the National Council resolved unanimously to appoint Ross a Life Member of the Institute in recognition of his contribution. Advising Ross of his distinction, former national president Michael Willis wrote:

“You have given great guidance to the Institute during its period of strongest growth, where it has developed to its current strong position of leadership in the securities markets...”

He headed the distance education subcommittee from 1990 to 1993 and during 1990 he chaired the due diligence subcommittee. He chaired the demutualisation subcommittee in 1995 and at the time of his resignation was chairman of the IT strategic planning committee and chairman of the audit committee. From 1998 to 2000 he chaired the structural review steering committee.

Over the years, Rowan Ross has squeezed his work for the Securities Institute into a crowded and pressurised working week that routinely includes 12-hour days and often overflows into weekends. As a senior corporate finance executive, from 1972 to 1999 with Bankers Trust, then as executive director, first of the corporate finance group and subsequently of the investment banking group, Macquarie Bank, Ross's work has involved large takeovers and merger deals.

Ross has succeeded in maintaining outside interests to balance the pressure of working life. As well as his high-level involvement with the Securities Institute, he has been a director, then chairman, of the Sydney Dance Company, and chairman and director of the Australian Major Performing Arts Group. He is a director and former chairman of Insurance Australia Group Limited (formerly NRMA Insurance Group Limited) and current chairman of Sydney IVF Limited.

The Institute owes a great debt to Rowan Ross for his loyal years of dedicated service.

NEW MEMBERS

The Securities Institute extends a warm welcome to all new members admitted to membership in 2003, and congratulates all those elevated to a higher membership level throughout the year.

Listings of new members can be found on the Institute’s website at: www.securities.edu.au/members/ in a downloadable format.