**MESSAGE FROM THE APLS PRESIDENT –** November 2019

Dear Members of the APLS Community

I am very happy to announce the Board’s appointment of our new APLS Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Rod Wealands.

Rod had accepted the interim position 11 weeks ago and has already made significant inroads into introducing new technology and making operational efficiencies. For those of you who have already met Rod, you will understand that he is very much a “people person”. He is approachable, dedicated and a demonstrates all the values of APLS. His leadership style has been very well received by the APLS staff and everyone with whom he has worked.

Following an extensive national search conducted by a specialist recruitment agency, 23 applications were received. We shortlisted 4 excellent candidates for interview and the selection panel was unanimous in recommending Rod for this substantive role.

Rod’s academic credentials include a Bachelor of Business (Accounting) from Deakin University and a Master’s degree (MBA) from Monash University. Rod has worked in our sector for 25 years in higher education (Monash University), Health (Monash Medical Centre) and for not-for-profits (Hudson Institute and Guide Dogs Victoria). He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (MAICD), Fellow of the Institute of Managers and Leaders (FIML) and has held several board positions.

Rod’s skills, experience and character are a perfect fit for APLS at this stage in our development. We look forward to working closely with Rod to guide APLS to an even brighter future.

Please feel free to make yourself known to him when you are in Melbourne or email him/drop him a line on 03 8672 2800.

On behalf of the Board and the whole APLS Community: *Welcome to the team, Rod!*

Regards

**Jason Acworth**

**President & Board Chair**

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