

The Society of Chartered Surveyors

CREATION OF SOCIETY OF CHARTERED SURVEYORS IRELAND - A LANDMARK DEVELOPMENT FOR PROPERTY & CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

Wednesday 2nd June 2010. Members of both the Society of Chartered Surveyors and the Irish Auctioneers and Valuers Institute have voted in favour of the creation of a single professional body to represent the members of both organisations.

The organisation, which will be called the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI), will represent up to 4,000 property and construction professionals. The merger was approved at two separate EGM's in Dublin last evening.

88% of IAVI members voted in favour of the merger and 54% of SCS members voted in favour.

In a statement, the Presidents of the two bodies, Kersten Mehl (IAVI) and Peter Stapleton (SCS) described the vote as a landmark decision.

“The Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) will enhance and advance the profession by combining our existing strengths and promoting the highest professional, ethical and educational standards. SCSI will also be in a position to provide quality research, informed market information and expert advice to Government in the public interest,” they said.

Both said the creation of the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland would;

- enhance the brand of Chartered Surveyors in Ireland
- ensure high and uniform educational standards for the property and construction sectors
- produce a higher and clearer profile for the profession and its members
- enhance and augment services to members through a pooling of resources

Stapleton and Mehl also pointed out that in the current economic climate coming together in one body made even greater sense.

The joint Presidents said they were delighted to be leading their respective organisations into the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland and were looking forward to working together for the remainder of the year to ensure a smooth transition to SCSI.

They also pointed out that SCSI will maintain its strong relationship with RICS, the leading internationally recognised body for professionals in the construction and property sectors. It's expected that SCSI will be based in 38 Merrion Square in Dublin when it becomes operational on the 1st of January 2011.