



**10th EESA NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
22nd AUGUST 2008**

The Minutes of the 10th Annual General Meeting of the **Electric Energy Society of Australia** held on Friday 22nd August 2008 at the Hilton Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane at 8.00am,

Chairman Dr Robert Barr
Minute Secretary Colin Frost

1. Apologies / Welcome

The National President, Dr Robert Barr welcomed EESA members to the meeting. 21 members attended the meeting, with 1 non member observing. Tas Scott representing Electricity Engineers' Association, New Zealand was welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from Peter Berry, Executive Director of Electricity Engineers' Association, New Zealand.

2. Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the **Electric Energy Society of Australia** held on Friday 17th August 2007 at the Hilton Hotel, 192 Wellington Parade, Melbourne.

The Minutes of the 2007 AGM were accepted.

Moved Peter Dulhunty, seconded Bob Smith

3. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Correspondence

Nil.

5. EESA Annual Report 2007/2008 / National President's Address

The President circulated copies of his Annual Report 2008 and spoke to the report. (see Attachment 1)

He briefly summarised the achievements of 2007/2008 as follows,

- Successful year with continued growth of Membership.
- Society has maintained a healthy financial position both Nationally and at the State Chapter level.
- Chapters are the real strength of EESA. Whilst the WA Chapter is currently inactive a renewed Chapter will be led by Shane Duryea.



- E2007 and E2008 Annual Conferences are successful.
- EESA Strategic Direction identifies strategies to build a stronger relationship with all stakeholders.
- The 2009 Conference would be held on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

Questions were invited from the floor – Nil

Bob Smith thanked the President for a job well done.

6. **Financial Statement and Auditor's Report**

The Honorary Treasurer circulated copies of the Treasurer's report and spoke to the report.

Copies of the following reports were circulated,

- Financial Report Year Ended 30 June 2008, (see Attachment 2), and,
- The Independent Audit Report on Financial Statements, (see Attachment 3).

He briefly summarised the Financial Statements for 2007/2008 as follows,

- Income is down from \$101k in 2007 to \$91k in 2008
- Conference Net income down from \$50k to -\$1k
- Income mainly from Subscriptions and E21C Dividend
- Expenditure up from \$50k to \$79k. The major item is Chapter support that is made up of student awards and 20% of membership subscriptions
- Balance sheet at 30 June 2008 is \$268k and:
 - Excludes \$27k 1st Return from subscriptions paid to Engineers Australia to 30 June 2008
 - There were no outstanding GST payments for 2007/2008
 - There is a further \$102k in Chapter Accounts.
 - There was a dividend from E21C in 2007 of \$32k. There will be no income from E21C in 2008
 - There are no outstanding payments
- EESA are registered for GST and submit a quarterly Business Activity Statement (BAS).
- As the National Treasurer prepares BAS for the State Chapters and as we have exceeded the \$100k limit we will continue with quarterly reporting in 2007/2008
- The National Treasurer views Chapter reports. Only the National accounts are audited.
- The National Treasurer reports to Engineers Australia as part of the requirements for Technical Society Guidelines and Regulations.
- EESA pays Engineers Australia for secretarial services, administration, travel.



- Costs associated with mailing the EESA Bulletin are paid to The Meetings Manager
- The National Account is with Westpac NSW
- The NSW Chapter Account is with Westpac
- All other Chapter Accounts are with Commonwealth Bank
- EESA has \$210k in Term Deposits

He sought endorsement:

- The attached accounts to 30th June 2008 be adopted;
- Two Committee members be authorised to sign the return to the NSW Department of Fair Trading; and
- James Murphy and Co. of Goulburn is appointed as the auditor for the forthcoming year 2008/2009.

Larry Meng and Bob Smith are authorised to sign the return to the NSW Department of Fair Trading

Larry Meng advised that the auditor has recommended that EESA keep a receipt book to check that we actually have the money.

Questions were invited from the floor.

Q. Are we registered for GST?
A. Yes

Q. Does BAS Statement include State?
A. Yes. It relies upon the State Treasurers to provide information into the annual reconciliations.

Q. What is our Tax Free Status, are we liable for Income Tax?
A. EESA is Tax Free, supported by an interpretation by Engineers Australia lawyers.

Q. What is EESA's Company Status?
A. EESA is Incorporated in NSW. May need to consider doing something in the other States, depending on level of activity outside NSW. May be a requirement under ASIC

Q. Do Chapters have different Accounts?
A. No, all Accounts are set up by National Treasurer. National Treasurer can see all Accounts, but not operate them independently.

Statement from Treasurer: Chapter treasurers should be aware that interest rates on their cheque accounts are minimal, and better rates are available from Term deposits. It is a trade-off with account fees for small account balances.

The Treasurer sought endorsement that the report and proposals be accepted.

Moved Larry Meng, seconded Greg Bartlett, All in Favour

Report received.



7. Election for the Council of the Electric Energy Society of Australia

The following nominations were received by the National Council Secretariat by the due date:

Lawrie Cleary – QLD Chapter Chair

Bob Smith – NSW Chapter Chair

Colin Frost – VICTAS Chapter Chair

Martyn Pearce – SA Chapter Chair

Shane Duryea - WA Chapter Chair

Dr David Sweeting

Chris Dalitz – Past President

Robert Barr

As the number of nominations received was less than the number of allowable elected members (eight) then all were elected.

Election and Appointment of Office Bearers

President – The President of the Council of the Electric Energy Society of Australia is also the Executive Officer of the Society and is elected annually by the incoming Council from its own members.

In accordance with the constitution, the incoming Council will elect the National President and Executive Officer for 2008 at the next National Council meeting, 19 March 2009, Adelaide, SA.

Honorary Treasurer - One nomination was received for the position of Honorary Treasurer. As the nominations received equalled the number of positions available (one) then this nomination was accepted and elected.

Larry Meng nominated as Honorary Treasurer

Moved Robert Barr, seconded Chris Dalitz

Secretary – The Secretary of the Council of the Electric Energy Society of Australia has been outsourced to Engineers Australia who provides secretary services to EESA. Unless otherwise advised by EA, Rachelle Dews (or other EA appointed staff) is expected to continue to be assigned as “our person” for 2008/2009.

Past President – Chris Dalitz

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8. Constitution

PROPOSED CHANGES TO EESA CONSTITUTION

Refer to Attachment No. 4 that details proposed changes to the EESA Constitution.

Each change to be considered and voted as independent changes.

Clause	All in Favour
General	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.2.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23.2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

23 Proxies were received.

The revised Constitution will be available on the EESA National Web Site within 1 month.

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9. Other Business

Call for General Business from the floor.

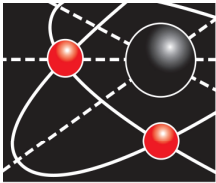
Comment – Proceedings of EESA past conferences are now available on the 80 Year CD.

Comment – Chris Dalitz represents EESA to Congress National Society of all Chairs

10. Next AGM

At Electricity 2009, QLD – 7th August 2009.

Meeting closed at 8:30am.



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Attendance: 22

Larry Meng
Chris Dalitz
Peter Dulhunty
Greg Bartlett
Phillip Cheesman
David Strong
Robert Smith
Lawrie Cleary
Colin Frost
David Sweeting
Robert Barr
Martyn Pearce
Charles Williamson
Milton Foy
Bruce Miller
Ben Prinsloo
Kevin Nuttall
Steve McHardy
Kerry Williams
John Roles
William Halliday

Visitor

Tas Scott (EEANZ)

Apologies:

Peter Berry (EEANZ)

Attachments

1. National President's Annual Report 2007/2008
2. Treasurer's Report, "Financial Report Year Ended 30 June 2008"
3. Auditor's Report, "Special Purpose Financial Reports Year Ended 30th June 2008 Independent Audit Report on Financial Statements", 6 August 2008.
4. Proposed Changes to EESA Constitution 2008