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**9th EESA NATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17th AUGUST 2007**

The Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting of the **Electric Energy Society of Australia** held on Friday 17th August 2006 at the Hilton Hotel, 192 Wellington Parade, Melbourne 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. 14 members attended the meeting. Peter Berry, Executive Director of Electricity Engineers' Association, New Zealand, was also welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received and accepted from David Sweating, Martyn Pearce and Ian Nichols.

2. Minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 8th Annual General Meeting of the **Electric Energy Society of Australia** held on Friday 18th August 2006 at the RACV Club, Henley Room, in Melbourne at 8.00am

The Minutes of the 2006 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 / National President's Address

The President circulated copies of his Annual Report 2007 and spoke to the report.
(see Attachment 2)

He briefly summarised the achievements of 2006/2007 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
- E2006 Annual Conference, was financially successful.



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- EESA Strategic Plan identifies strategies to build a stronger relationship with all stakeholders.
- The 2008 Conference would be held in Brisbane, Queensland.

Questions were invited from the floor - Nil

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 2007, (see Attachment 3), and,
- The Independent Audit Report on Financial Statements, (see Attachment 4).

He briefly summarised the Financial Statements for 2006/2007 as follows,

- Income is up from \$86k in 2006 to \$101k in 2007
- Conference Net income up from \$10k to \$50k
- Income mainly from Subscriptions
- Expenditure up marginally from \$40k to \$50k. The major item is Chapter support that is made up of student awards and 20% of membership subscriptions
- Balance sheet at 30 June 2007 is \$257k and:
 - Excludes \$27k 1st Return from subscriptions
 - There was no GST payable in 2006/2007
 - There is a further \$95k in Chapter Accounts
 - There was no dividend from E21C in 2006. However we will expect income from E21C in 2007
 - There are no outstanding payments
- EESA are registered for GST on either an annual or quarterly statement.
- As the National treasurer reports for the State Chapters and we have exceeded the \$100k limit we will be back to 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 EA for secretarial services, administration, travel and costs associated with mailing the EESA Bulletin

He sought endorsement:

- The attached accounts to 30th June 2007 be adopted;



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- Two Committee members be authorised to sign the return to the NSW Department of Fair Trading; and
- James Murphy and Co. of Goulburn be appointed as the auditor for the forthcoming year 2006/2007.

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. What happened to the TIF Fund?

A. The Technical Initiative Fund, which included profits from E21C was inherited by EESA. To get these funds we had to apply to Engineers Australia and declare what we would do with it. EESA advised that the funds would be used to:

- Set up a Bursary
- Student Awards Program
- Investigation into Shortage of Engineers

The profits from E21C now go directly to EESA

Q. Does BAS Statement include State?

A. Yes. It relies upon the State Treasurers to provide information into the annual reconciliations.

Q. Is whole of EESA subject to GST?

A. Yes. EESA acts as one body.

Q. Does EESA have exposure to E21C?

A. When ENA came to the scene then they wanted profit to go down. EESA want profit to go up.

Q. Why is EESA as a 'Not for Profit' organisation keen to make profit.

A. EESA is 'Not for Loss'. We have funds to ensure sustainability for 3 – 5 Years. The profit on an income of \$93k against an expense of \$93k is not seen as excessive.

Q. Should funding for Student Awards and other promotional ideas be increased?

A. This matter will be referred to National Council. EESA has not yet come to grips with a program and financial plan to put back into its membership.

Q. What insurances are held by EESA?

A. EESA has a Business Pack that includes Directors and Officers.

Other Items:

As a result of an enquiry from Engineers Australia, Larry Meng to check our Tax Status, and to check that we are not liable for Income Tax on our income. If so then Larry Meng to restructure so that our income is Tax free.

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



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Moved Larry Meng, seconded Greg Bartlett

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:

Laurie Cleary – QLD Chapter Chair

Bob Smith – NSW Chapter Chair

Colin Frost – VICTAS Chapter Chair

Martyn Pearce – SA Chapter Chair

Nil - 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. (Contact sheet appears at Attachment 1)

The WA Chapter Chair is declared Vacant

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, 20th February 2008.

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 Laurie Cleary, seconded Greg Bartlett

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, Julie Armstrong (or other EA appointed staff) is expected to continue to be assigned as “our person” for 2008.

Past President – Chris Dalitz

8. Constitution



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PROPOSED CHANGES TO EESA CONSTITUTION

Nil

The Constitution is available on the EESA National Web Site.

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9. Other Business

Call for General Business from the floor.

Nil

10. Next AGM

At Electricity 2008, QLD – 22nd August 2008.
Meeting closed at 8:30am.



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Attendance: 15

Larry Meng
Peter Dulhunty
Greg Bartlett
Phillip Cheeseman
David Strong
David Willcock
Roland Gautier
Robert Smith
Lawrie Cleary
Colin Frost
Matthew Vocale
Bruce Cutler
Nyssa Muir
Robert Barr

Visitor Peter Berry (EEANZ)

Apologies:

Martyn Pearce
David Sweeting
Ian Nichols

Attachments

1. Electric Energy Society of Australia Contact Sheet
2. National President's Annual Report "Presidents Annual Report 2007"
3. Treasurer's Report, "Financial Report Year Ended 30 June 2007"
4. Auditor's Report, "Special Purpose Financial Reports Year Ended 30th June 2007 Independent Audit Report on Financial Statements"