

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF DEFENCE ENGINEERING (ASDE)
NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER
MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 30th JUNE 2011
AT RUSI LIBRARY 20th FLOOR DEFENCE PLAZA SYDNEY

The Meeting commenced at 1100 hours.

Apologies and Attendance

Attendees were John Brett (JB), John Elliott (JE), Tom Fink (TF), and Doug Roser (DR) Chair. Apology – Chris Skinner (CS)

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Chairman's Report

No separate Chairman's Report was tabled.

Business Arising from Last Meeting not covered in Agenda

Naval Engineering Review DR advised that the Rizzo Review had been established to address engineering in the Navy and that it would be inappropriate to write to Chief of Navy while this Review was in progress. Therefore ASDE should await the Rizzo Review Report before taking any further action.

Action: ASDE decide action after Rizzo Review Report.

Navy Engineering Bulletin DR advised that wider distribution of Naval Engineering Bulletin had been arranged with the ASDE Administrator.

DMO DIET Conference 3 August 2011

DR and Denton Bocking have been involved in the discussions and planning for this Defence and Industry Engineering Team (DIET) Day and agreement has been reached for Engineers Australia Sydney Division and ASDE to support this event. It will be incorporated into the ISSEC Conference (DMO sponsored) and will be held on Wednesday 3rd August – as supporters, members of EA Sydney Division and ASDE will pay the reduced fee of \$250. EA Sydney and ASDE will advertise the event and DR has been asked to Chair the event.

Action: Chair to arrange publicity and Chair the event.

Year of Humanitarian Engineering – NSW ASDE Participation

As a sponsor of Engineering Week the ASDE logo has been included in the publicity and Captain Bradley Willis from the Australian Army has been included in the Harrick's Address to be held 1st August in the AGL Theatre, Museum of Sydney.

Action: ASDE Committee Members to attend Harrick's Address, if possible.

Submarine Conference in Adelaide 10 November 2011

CS has advised that as at COB 28 June, confirmation has been received that 30 papers will be submitted, plus a further 10 still possible. The deadline for papers has been extended until 29th July at the request of two authors but this will still provide sufficient time for reviewing and preparation for publication. Assistance may be required for the review of the papers and TF agreed that he may be able to help in this process. The meeting agreed to advise CS of this offer and that he and TF should liaise directly on this matter.

Action: CS/TF to liaise regarding review of papers.

Event Program for 2011/2012.

DR reported that he had received advice of new procedures to be used for Events which attract CPD credits. A copy is attached. It was agreed that we should ask at the beginning of our meetings for all attendees to complete the Attendance List and pass it around. The arrangements for the completion of the other information are to be developed.

Action: Chair of events to ensure Attendance Sheet is completed as well as other details.

DR reported that the next presentation would be by Mark Egglar on the Bushmaster Project. The meeting noted the report from Navy sources that November was probably a little too soon for a presentation on Seaworthiness incorporating Technical Seaworthiness and that we should delay this talk to February next year. JB suggested a presentation on corrosion in ships which would be of interest to military and civilian audiences. It was agreed that we should try to arrange this with the Marine Engineering Group. Another event suggested was a visit to the School of Military Engineering and also to the Australian Energy Research Institute at the University of New South Wales. It was agreed that JB ascertain details of the arrangements for a visit to the Australian Energy Research Institute and then the Committee will contact members and other EA groups on their interest. DR is to contact SME to find out if a visit can be arranged and if so, when. The Meeting also decided not to have a presentation in November but to have a Networking Event at Victoria Barracks towards the end of November/early December for members and invited guests. JE to investigate availability of Victoria Barracks and DR to develop Guest List.

Actions:

1. CS/TF to arrange Seaworthiness Talk for February 2012.
2. DR/TF to seek interest of other Groups for talk on Corrosion of Sea Vessels.
3. JB to find out arrangements for visit on Energy Research and DR to then issue note to understand interest.
4. DR to contact SME re visit.

5. JE to find our availability of Victoria Barracks for Networking Event late November/early December and DR to develop Guest List.

Treasurer's Report. No report was tabled.

National Newsletter

No report was tabled but Newsletter was issued following last National Committee Meeting.

Study of State of Australia's Defence Engineering

DR advised that he has carriage of this at the National level and his intention was to link it to the EA Policy Statement, Engineering for Defence, the recent submissions to Navy and concerns expressed by AIDN. JB tabled background on James Trevelyan from the University of Western Australia who has ceased his research into anti-personal landmines as the emphasis is now on IED's and this is currently an operational issue for ADF operations in Afghanistan. However, JB pointed out that his handout indicates that his main area of research in engineering practice and that ASDE may be able to obtain an input from his work for our position paper or in arranging our talks.

Action:

1. DR to develop approach for ASDE Position Paper on Defence Engineering.
2. JB to follow up James Trevelyan interest in understanding engineering practices.

Other business without notice.

None raised

Next meeting of Committee.

The Chair agreed to advise a date for the next meeting, soon after the next National Committee Meeting scheduled for 17 August 2011.

Action: Chair to advise date of next meeting.

DR also agreed to seek advice on the date for the Conference in Melbourne in November/December with which the National Committee intends to hold its fact to face Committee Meeting

Action: DR to determine date of November/December National Committee Meeting

The meeting closed at 1210 hours.

Doug Roser
Chairman

3rd July 2011