



Minutes of Risk Engineering Society NSW Chapter Annual General Meeting Monday 30th August 2010



Engineers Australia 8 Thomas Street Chatswood

1. Welcome & Apologies

Brian Truman (RES National Chairman) opened the meeting.

Apologies were received from :

Ian Ackland

Jean Cross

Phillip Whitehouse

Attendees:

Brian Truman

Lois Wurzer

Brendyn Williams

George Stavron

Ian McLeod

Peter Flanagan

Brendan Rankine

Pedram Daneshmand

John Brett

Ian Burn

Ruben Welschen

Tony Young

2. Minutes of Previous AGM

As there were only 3 attendees there was no official meeting and no minutes taken.

A copy of the 2007 minutes were presented.

3. Reports

Brian Truman thanked Ian Burn for his commitment as Chairman of the Sydney for the past 2 years.

Ian was instrumental in organising several presentations over the past two years. He has moved to Canberra and will no doubt be involved with the Canberra chapter in the future.

Thanks also go to Peter Marshall, Jean Cross and Marlene Kanga for their contributions.

Lois Wurzer explained how the RES bank account operated. There are no chapter bank accounts, all expenses are paid from the National account and job coded for the various chapters, eg. (NSW). All Income from the chapters are job coded the same. A chapter can request a P&L or transaction history for their group by contacting Lois by phone or email. All invoices must be approved by the Chairperson or Treasurer of the chapter before Lois makes the payment.

Brendyn Williams asked for clarification of the naming of the chapter as Brian was referring to it as Sydney. It was confirmed the chapter is currently the NSW chapter covering Newcastle and all other areas at this stage. There may be a Newcastle Chapter formed in the near future.



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4. Election of Office Bearers

The following Office Bearers were elected unopposed:

Chairperson

Ruben Welschen (EA/RES member)

Deputy Chairperson

Brendyn Williams (EA/RES member)

Treasurer

Brendyn Williams (EA/RES member)

Secretary

Brendan Rankine (EA/RES member)

Committee Members

Peter Flanagan (RES member)

Pedram Daneshmand (EA/RES member)

Ian McLeod (RES Member)

Jean Cross (RES Member)

Ian Ackland (EA/RES Member)

5. Other Business

NSW RES Technical Sessions for coming year.

Ruben discussed not setting the bar too high to start with and suggested there would be 4 presentations organised to start with. Depending on their success more may follow as the year progresses.

Ruben suggested the committee look into having joint presentations with other Societies, for example:

Systems Engineering, Cost Engineering, Fire Safety and the Chemical College.

This would give opportunity for cross pollination of views and best practise.

It was discussed and agreed that the committee would try and organise to have meetings spread around Sydney for easier access to all members. It was suggested that Industry businesses be approached to sponsor a meeting in their premises as many other Societies do. Brian Truman discussed the joint meetings held with Melbourne University and said there would be talks with Sydney University to discuss similar events with them.



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- **Update to Website**

The RES Webpages within Engineers Australia are not being kept up to date. There is very little information for potential members. It is hoped that the committee can delegate a specific role of webmaster in the near future. Pedram Daneshmand has shown interest in this area and will be in contact with Lois Wurzer.

The Engineers Australia Website has been upgraded and provides an excellent facility to Societies. It is important that all members of RES start contributing to the content. Any member wishing to add content to the webpage please forward to lwurzer@engineersaustralia.org.au

If you have read a paper, been to a presentation, seminar etc. and have something of interest to report, please do so. Lois will have current contact sheets uploaded to the RES page asap.

- **Other general business**

Brendyn Williams discussed how much he had learned about Technical Societies in preparation for this meeting. He believes with the right administration RES can be instrumental in the Societies taking their rightful place within EA. RES can set themselves as an example of what's possible when a Society is organised and run properly. Brendyn is confident that with a dedicated committee, the right advertising and events RES can double its current membership in NSW.

- **Next Committee Meeting**

The next committee meeting for the NSW Chapter was set for Thursday 16th September at EA Chatswood. A confirmation will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Meeting closed 7.30pm.

