



THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS OF NSW** held at 7.30pm, Wednesday 13th November 2014, at The Kirribilli Club - 11 Harbourview Cres, Lavender Bay NSW 2060

PRESENT :

Andrew Simpson, Michael Jaroszewicz, Wayne Costin, Vladimir Josifov, Kevin Berry, Andrey Kandic, Eamonn Madden, Giles Keay, Heidi Crawford, Kevin Leedow, Mike Haysler, Tim Boulton, Bruce Hutchison, Nick Kokolis, Todd Halliday, David Baxter, Peter Standen, Richard Green, John Romanous, Colin Stenning

PRESIDENTS WELCOME	1.	The President, Eamonn Madden welcomed Members, Life Members and Retired Members and thanked them for attending the 78 th AGM.
APOLOGIES	2.	Apologies were received from : Aldis Birzulis, Andrew Derbidge, Bill Jordan, Bruno Fimmano, Bryan King Charles Blunt, Craig Mackay, Damian Hadley, Darren Jeffree, David Templeton Garry Myers, Glen Fowlie, Howard Bersten, Martin Rogers, Kourosh Kayvani Paul Siewert, Philip Butcher, Richard Kell, Richard Baxendale, Robert Mackellar Ross Clarke, Simon Matthews, Stephen Maher, Tim Hoare
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	3.	The motion to accept the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 23 rd October 2013 was moved by Andrew Simpson and seconded by Michael Jaroszewicz.
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	4.	No matters arising.
ANNUAL REPORT	5.	The President presented the 77th Annual Report to Members. A copy of this report is available at :- 2014 AGM - 77th Annual Report
FINANCIAL REPORT	6.	The Treasurer, Andrew Simpson presented the Financial Report as attached within the Annual Report (refer hyperlink in item 5). A motion to accept the 2013/2014 Financial Statements was put forward by Eamonn Madden and seconded by Bruce Hutchison. The Association will embark upon a clean up of membership as some contact details are out of date. Debts will be written off and discarded membership noted. Subscriptions invoiced in 2014 were the same as in 2013. The Board is hoping that debtors will be reduced from last year and the good position re income and expenditure will be maintained.
PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO NEW MEMBERS	7.	New members appointed to the Association during the past year were presented with their membership certificates :- David Baxter - Lucius Pitkin Inc Timothy Bolton - Enstruct Group Pty Ltd Vladimir Josifov - Cardno (NSW) Pty Ltd



<p>ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</p>	<p>8.</p>	<p>Nominations for Director Positions have been approved as follows :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>(A) PRESIDENT</td> <td>Andrew Simpson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(B) VICE PRESIDENT</td> <td>Kevin Berry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(C) HONORARY TREASURER</td> <td>Andrew Simpson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(D) DIRECTORS</td> <td>Tim Hoare (ASIC Company Secretary)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Eamonn Madden</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Andrew Simpson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Michael Jaroszewicz</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rick Pilz</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Simon Matthews</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Andrey Kandic</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Kourosh Kayvani</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Kevin Berry</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Nic Kokolis</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Todd Halliday</td> </tr> </table> <p>With no further nominations from the floor, the Directors and office bearers were duly elected.</p>	(A) PRESIDENT	Andrew Simpson	(B) VICE PRESIDENT	Kevin Berry	(C) HONORARY TREASURER	Andrew Simpson	(D) DIRECTORS	Tim Hoare (ASIC Company Secretary)		Eamonn Madden		Andrew Simpson		Michael Jaroszewicz		Rick Pilz		Simon Matthews		Andrey Kandic		Kourosh Kayvani		Kevin Berry		Nic Kokolis		Todd Halliday
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<p>NEW PRESIDENT</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>Eamonn Madden handed the meeting over to the new President for 2014/2015, Andrew Simpson.</p> <p>Andrew thanked Eamonn Madden and the Board for the hard work over the past year, and also Maddie Petrie and Ginette Priestley of Partridge who have carried out the majority of the administration work.</p> <p>He went on to note that Heidi Crawford had recently come on board to assist with marketing and seeking sponsorship. An administrative assistant was also being sourced.</p> <p>The need for sponsorship was seen as an important way of making ACSE seminars and functions more affordable as attendance at ACSE events had been poor in recent times.</p> <p>Andrew noted that he hoped that ACSE would be a conduit for members to meet their peers on a social and technical basis, and that a forum for this was up for discussion.</p> <p>He also noted that the success of ACSE would be determined by its relevance to its members and the wider structural engineering community, and highlighted that Roget's Thesaurus gave alternatives for the word "association" as "friendship, relationship, connection, involvement, fellowship and link" and stressed that he thought all these terms relevant to the organisation we are trying to promote.</p>																												
<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</p>	<p>10.1</p>	<p>Richard Green from TTW suggested there is a need to engage membership firms to encourage their staff to give lectures at universities.</p> <p>Eamonn Madden stated that this provides a good opportunity for young engineers (7 – 10 years' experience) to prepare and deliver a lecture, but that there have been difficulties in engaging member firms to do this.</p> <p>Andrew Simpson suggested that ACSE needs to engage more with the engineering community.</p> <p>Mike Hasler stated that UNSW is keen to get firms lecturing to their students.</p> <p>Andrew Simpson suggested that there should be a liaison officer for each university, who would need to maintain contact rather than just have one meeting annually.</p>																												
	<p>10.2</p>	<p>Wayne Costin rued the lack of scholarship applications and suggested that the scholarships were not communicated to universities well enough.</p> <p>Michael Jaroszewicz suggested that the ACSE was not sufficiently relevant to students as they are unable to join the organisation for 8 – 10 years after graduation. There should be greater engagement by the ACSE at a student level so that they remain aware of the organisation and become keen to join in the future.</p> <p>Eamonn Madden said that all students were emailed about the scholarship but only 3 students applied. Universities were not committed to encouraging and supporting the sponsorship and perhaps the scholarship funding should be used to engage with young practising engineers instead.</p>																												



	10.3	Kevin Leedow took the floor to maintain the tradition of a long standing member relating humorous anecdotes to close the 'open floor'.
FINAL ADDRESS	11	Andrew Simpson brought the meeting to a close.

Signed:

Andrew Simpson, President
Dated: 15th November 2014