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Minutes of the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS OF NSW** held at 6pm, Wednesday 21st October 2015, at The Kirribilli Club - 11 Harbourview Cres, Lavender Bay NSW 2060

PRESENT :

Tim Hoare, Andrew Simpson, Wayne Costin, Kevin Berry, Andrey Kandic, Eamonn Madden, Heidi Crawford, Kevin Leedow, Tim Boulton, Bruce Hutchison, Todd Halliday, Colin Gurley, Rick Piltz, Trudy Myers, Geoff Hopkins, Matthew Harding, Nick Joannides, Rob O'Reilly, Zlatko Gasti, Simon Matthews, Les Millist, Bruce Hutchinson, Lorenzo Marengo

PRESIDENTS WELCOME	1.	The President, Andrew Simpson welcomed Members, Life Members and Retired Members and thanked them for attending the 79 th AGM.
APOLOGIES	2.	Apologies were received from : Bill Jordan, Richard Kell, Graeme Roberts, Darren Jeffree, Colin Stenning, Ray Fakhoury, Stephen Giblett, Pravell Prasad, Kouroush Kayvani, Michael Jarowznicz, Mike Haysler, Richard Green, Peter Standen, Andrew Derbidge.
MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING	3.	The motion to accept the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 13th November 2014 was moved by Andrew Simpson and seconded by Eamonn Madden
MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	4.	No matters arising.
ANNUAL REPORT	5.	The President presented the 78th Annual Report to Members. A copy of this report is available at :- http://www.acse.org.au/docs/annual-report
FINANCIAL REPORT	6.	The Treasurer, Tim Hoare presented the Financial Report as attached within the Annual Report (refer hyperlink in item 5). A motion to accept the 2014/2015 Financial Statements was put forward by Todd Halliday and seconded by Simon Matthews. The financial position for the ACSE is strong at present, this is partly due to sponsorship that Heidi Crawford sourced. These include Constructive, Bosfa, Ultrafloor, The Construction store and A2K.
PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES TO NEW MEMBERS	7.	Those new members who were appointed to the Association during the past year (who could attend) were presented with their membership certificates :- Nishmin Hallam - TTW Geoff Hopkins - Geoff Hopkins and Associates Praveel Prasad - Cardno Matt Harding - Robert Bird Group Colin Gurley - Retired Member Lorenzo Marengo - Bonacci Rob O'Reilly - Partridge Structural Trudy Myers - Arcadis Steve Giblett - Mott Macdonald



<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>Kevin Berry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(B) VICE PRESIDENT</td> <td>Todd Halliday</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(C) HONORARY TREASURER</td> <td>Tim Hoare</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>Trudy Myers</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Stephen Giblett</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Nick 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	Kevin Berry	(B) VICE PRESIDENT	Todd Halliday	(C) HONORARY TREASURER	Tim Hoare	(D) DIRECTORS	Tim Hoare (ASIC Company Secretary)		Eamonn Madden		Andrew Simpson		Michael Jaroszewicz		Rick Pilz		Simon Matthews		Andrey Kandic		Trudy Myers		Stephen Giblett		Nick Kokolis		Todd Halliday
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<p>NEW PRESIDENT</p>	<p>9.</p>	<p>Andrew Simpson handed the meeting over to the new President for 2015/2016 Kevin Berry.</p> <p>Kevin started his address by thanking Andrew and the board for their amazing efforts over the past 12 months.</p> <p>Presidential Address</p> <p>As you know, the board is voluntary position, and the positive direction of the organization is in large part due to the efforts of the board over the past few years.</p> <p>This year we have seen the latest steps in the reinvigoration of our organization with the monthly seminars, university lectures and the reintroduction of additional social events for our members.</p> <p>This has resulted in a significant uplift in attendance at our events over the past 12 months. The events have been developed with a view to making the organisation reflect better some of the requirements of our members and the feedback we have received.</p> <p>Under the guidance of Andrew and the board, we have seen growth in members, sponsors and addition to our sphere of influence in the industry. What's going to define the next year is reviewing our relevance to our members as an organization and continuing in our evolution to improve our operation, services and advice that we provide.</p> <p>Our relevance as an organization is changing in my own and the boards view and like any progressive organization. It's fair to expect that that the requirements of our members today differs somewhat from those of 1933, we need to move with the times. Our purpose as an organization since its inception has always been to;</p> <p><i>'promote the profession of structural engineering to the general public, promoting structural engineering as a career and to provide members with opportunities for interaction with industry leaders, networking with fellow professionals and professional development'</i></p> <p>To allow us to critically evaluate this, we break this down to a key number of areas. Our key areas of influence and concentration are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership • Learning • Events • Advocacy <p>We are developing our membership through the continued expansion of our current member base which has 5 membership grades of which 3 are currently utilized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation members • Honorary members • Ordinary members • Life members 																												



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retired members <p>As can be seen from the presentation of certificates this evening, we are starting to attract a consistent stream of new high calibre members to the organization and the board.</p> <p>I am keen that we explore finding ways of formally including younger engineers within our organization. This will help us to identify our new members and greatly increase awareness of our organization in the wider engineering community.</p> <p>With the addition of a membership for the gap between university and full membership, we will start to develop the next generation of members into our organization. It's vital that we continue to nurture and develop the next generation of members so we can ensure our organization continues to grow under their stewardship.</p> <p>The board also plans to explore the opportunities or company or corporate membership to encourage more companies to have their senior staff as members of ACSE. This has largely stemmed from the demographic attending our monthly 'down the pub' events.</p> <p>Education has always been a key value the ACSE. This year has seen the university scholarship adjourned whilst we develop strategies to better encourage this initiative.</p> <p>As mentioned earlier, I see one key of developing a better link to our younger members is to provide additional membership offerings. Our university lecturing program has developed well this year with the lecturing extended across to UNSW and Sydney University.</p> <p>Our monthly seminars have offered the opportunity to provide further education and learning opportunities to our members and members of their respective organizations. We are continuing to provide events of both technical and commercial nature to our members and are trying to be flexible to meet demands and suggestions where made.</p> <p>Events have been developed well by the board over the past year. The association has expanded on its successful mix of social and technical interaction with the Golf Day, Whisky tasting and the monthly seminars all being successfully run events.</p> <p>Over the course of the next year, the board will be aiming to run some targeted events for members only on subjects such as interviewing, insurance, safety in design and more commercial aspects of engineering consultancies.</p> <p>Advocacy is something that hasn't been as targeted in the past few years for a number of reasons, the most notable being the reduced membership numbers and our separation from Consult Australia who worked well as a lobby for our industry.</p> <p>We are working to build stronger links with likeminded organizations such as our State partners and international structural engineering institutions. Additionally, the board will be looking to improve its representation on the code committees through our strong membership base.</p> <p>Something that I am also keen to develop this year is providing some commentary on the developments our profession is seeing particularly in regards to Insurance, The Building Code of Australia and the ever changing world of Structural Certification.</p> <p>I think that's probably plenty of things to aim for in a year which promises to be a busy one in the construction industry in NSW.</p> <p>On behalf of the board, I thank you all for your continued support, your feedback, advice and direction on how we can improve our organization for its longevity and for the benefit of our members. I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a successful 2016.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<p>MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION</p>	<p>10.1</p>	<p>*Andrew Simpson said that some of the younger engineers suggested using ACSE after their names.</p> <p>*Andrew Simpson also mentioned that we need ideas of getting new members to join.</p> <p>* Todd Halliday raised we need to know what the current members want as they don't attend many of the events. He also suggested that members should encourage their staff to attend the events even if they personally don't want to go.</p>



		<p>*Todd also suggested a corporate membership is worth looking at as that may be an option.</p> <p>*Kevin Leedow mentioned that general business should be put back on the agenda.</p> <p>*Wayne Costin mentioned that when writing reports, over the years he has previously had discussions with other engineers to determine what happened before writing a report. This will be giving the benefit of the doubt to the engineer before writing the report. The ACSE could give advice on what they should talk to each other about before writing the report. Kevin Berry mentioned that this goes against engineer's Australia code of conduct. There was no resolution to this.</p> <p>*Kevin Berry mentioned that a reason to join the ACSE was to meet each other and to get to know other engineers. Wayne Costin suggested it should only be engineers allowed to the down the pub seminars, Colin Gurley disagreed.</p> <p>*Kevin Berry also mentioned we should ask members if there was anything else we could do for them as they don't attend the monthly seminars.</p> <p>*It was suggested we should have a breakfast rather than a dinner and a date of 12th November at 7.30am was put in the diary.</p> <p>*Simon Matthews suggested we should have a wine tasting evening.</p>
	10.2	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	Kevin Berry brought the meeting to a close at 7.38pm

Signed:

Kevin Berry, President

Dated: