Sustainable Engineering Society
Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27 November 2014 at 12:30pm

Clarendon Room C
Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, Melbourne

Approved MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Alice Howe (Chair)
Stuart Barwick
Graham Davies
Daniela De Los Rios La Rosa
Fraser Gibson
Lara Harland
Rachael Lindup
Erik Maranik
Amy Martin
Graham Moore
Adrian Piani
Sandra Stewart
Kunenthiram Sureshan

Visitor

Rachel Miller*

Apologies

Michael Hassett
Andrew King

**Non-Voting Position*

Item	No	Agenda Item	Participant
1.0	**WELCOME AND BOARD MATTERS**		
	1.1	**Welcome and Apologies** The Chair, Alice Howe, opened the meeting at 12:55 and welcomed all those in attendance. She noted the apologies as per above.	
	1.2	**Minutes to the Previous Meeting** The Minutes to the previous AGM held on the 19 September 2014 were accepted a true and accurate record. Sandra Stewart moved, Shan Sureshan seconded – all in favour. Carried	
	1.3	**Chairman's Report** The Chair spoke to the presentation that is attached to these minutes.	
	1.4	**Treasurer's Report** The Treasurer (Sandra Stewart) spoke to the report that was attached to the Notice of AGM. Once the Audited Financial Reports have been received they will be available on the SENG website.	
	1.5	**Membership Report** The Chair briefed the Members on the Membership Report that was attached	

		to the Notice of AGM highlighting that the current membership of SENG is 710 which is a 7.07% decrease on the previous year. Question about Environmental College and targeting those members to become members of SENG.	
2.0	**OTHER BUSINESS**		
	2.1	The Chair briefed the Members on the Sustainability and Climate Change Policies that have been approved by Congress. She advised that the 2014 Board will return for 2015.	
3.0	**MEETING CLOSE**		
	3.1	Meeting closed by the Chair at 13:07.	

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SENG exists to promote information transfer regarding environmental issues of relevance to the environmental engineering profession and other environmental practitioners, and is closely aligned with the College of Environmental Engineers.

SENG has branches in Canberra, Sydney, Newcastle, Queensland, Northern Territory, West Australia, South Australia and Victoria. These branches deliver a wide range of continuing professional development to members.

SENG presents an annual sustainability award for final year engineering students. In 2014, the winners were Anthony Liew, Harrison Evans, Mark Padovan and Michael Watchman, from South Australia, for their final year project titled *Solar thermal/UV water treatment for humanitarian use*. A representative of the South Australian team will present their award-winning project at the 2015 SENG conference, to be held in Adelaide.

SENG has increased its focus on policy and media. In the last financial year, it collaborated with Engineers Australia on nine policy submissions regarding clean energy legislation, renewable energy target, Queensland mining lease notifications, emissions reduction fund, energy white paper, Environmental Defenders Office funding, Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act amendments, and Australian Renewable Energy Agency funding. SENG also assisted EA to draft four media releases related to these policy submissions.

SENG has been heavily involved in the organisation of the Practical Responses to Climate Change conference, to be held as part of the November 2014 Engineers Australia Convention.

SENG has also been working closely with the Environmental College and Deputy President, David Cruickshanks-Boyd, to revise EA's policy positions on sustainability and climate change.

More detail about SENG is available at www.seng.org.au.

Dr Alice Howe MIEAust
Chair, Sustainable Engineering Society