



Society for Sustainability & Environmental Engineering

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Date	Thursday 25 th October 2012		
Time	5:30pm for a 6:00pm start		
Location	Engineers Australia Newcastle Division Office, 122 Parry Street, Newcastle NSW		
Agenda	Welcome and Apologies		
	Confirmation of the Minutes of the SSEE 2011 Annual General Meeting		
	Chairman’s Report	Attachment A	
	Treasurers Report	To be tabled at the Meeting	
	Membership Report	Attachment B	
	Other Business		

The AGM will be followed by a Technical Seminar hosted by Newcastle Division – National President, Adj Professor David Hood: "Sustainability - It's your Business" – further details can be found at <http://www.ssee.org.au/node/427>

To register for the technical seminar online please refer to the EA Website <http://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division/events>

If you are unable to attend the AGM you may put your views in writing (email, fax or letter) to:

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This correspondence must be received by 19th October 2012.

Society for Sustainability and Environmental Engineering 2012

SSEE has had an active and productive year, with many technical sessions held by our chapters. At a national level, we have achieved many of our goals for 2012 including:

- The SSEE 2011 International Conference was held in Brisbane from 26-26 October. The event was very successful with some very high profile keynote speakers such as Annie Leonard and Paul Gilding. A call to action for Engineers was also developed and agreed to by all delegates at the conference. Our next conference will be held in Canberra in September 2013, to coincide with Floriade and the Canberra Centenary Celebrations.
- A stand and technical stream at the 2012 Ecoforum, which was held in Sydney from 7-9 March 2012. SSEE intends to participate in Ecoforum again in 2013.
- A sustainability survey was sent to all members of Engineers Australia and associated societies. We are very happy to have received 3484 responses from a wide range of EA members. Most respondents were not members of SSEE. Respondents overwhelmingly believe that climate change is occurring (75%), with 65% considering it human-induced. We are in the process of having a report prepared to summarise the results, which will be published in our magazine.
- The winner of our 2012 National Student Award was Daniel Harrington from the University of Southern Queensland for his project on *Coal seam gas water as a medium to grow marine microalgae for biofuel production*. Daniel will present his paper on this topic at the SSEE 2013 conference in Canberra in next year.
- A special general meeting was held on line to vote on a name change so that it is more manageable and suited to our needs. Voting is now complete, and the result is The **Sustainable Engineering Society**; however, we still need to gain approval from Engineers Australia Council. We anticipate that Council will consider the name-change favourably, given the transparency of the process adopted by the SSEE Board.

I see SSEE as a great vehicle for assisting change in many different ways, and encourage you all to become active members so we can network and support each other. I look forward to working with the Board and our members to achieve our goals in the coming year.

Lara Harland

SSEE National Board Chair

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SSEE National Membership Report - AGM 26 October 2012

Note: The following statistics were reported on the 21st September 2012.

Current membership of SSEE is 1008 nationally, including 36 overseas members. Membership has increased by 30 (3.1%) since the 2011 AGM 12 months ago.

The largest two chapters are Queensland and Victoria with 26% and 23% of the membership respectively. They are followed by Sydney and Western Australia with 16% and 14% respectively. Smaller Chapters exist in South Australia, Newcastle, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

SSEE welcomes membership of environmental and sustainability professionals who are not engineers. This is evidenced by the fact that approximately 20% of SSEE members are not members of Engineers Australia (2% higher than a year ago).

We're also happy to report that 26% of our membership (259 people) is made up of student members.

Membership statistics are shown on the attached for your information.

ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA - SOCIETY FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING (SSEE) - SEPTEMBER 2012

	ACT	N'Castle	NSW	Overseas	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL	ACT	N'Castle	NSW	Overseas	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTAL
Membership Numbers											Percentages per Division									
Total no. members	38	45	165	36	265	67	15	231	146	1008	4%	4%	16%	4%	26%	7%	1%	23%	14%	100%
Grade											Percentage per Division									
Member	27	32	134	25	196	52	15	151	92	724	16%	89%	51%	37%	1307%	23%	10%	15%	63%	72%
Student	9	13	28	10	65	13	0	70	51	259	5%	36%	11%	15%	433%	6%	0%	7%	35%	26%
Retired	2	0	3	1	4	2	0	10	3	25	1%	0%	1%	1%	27%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%
Gender Split																				
Male	786	78%																		
Female	222	22%																		
EA Member/Non-member Split																				
NON-IEAust members	205	20%																		
IEAust members	802	80%																		

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Membership Growth since Last Report (October 2011-September 2012)										
September 2012	38	45	165	36	265	67	15	231	146	1008
October 2011	34	47	160	37	245	63	14	227	151	978
Change in Member No's	4	-2	5	-1	20	4	1	4	-5	30
Percentage Change	11.8%	-4.3%	3.1%	-2.7%	8.2%	6.3%	7.1%	1.8%	-3.3%	3.1%
Membership Growth Across Grades										
Member	0	-3	-1	-3	10	5	1	-5	-7	-3
Retired	-1	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	-1	1	-2
Student	5	1	6	1	11	0	0	10	1	35
TOTAL	4	-2	5	-1	20	4	1	4	-5	30