



**ENGINEERS
AUSTRALIA**

Ordinary Meeting Minutes

**Ordinary Committee Meeting of 16th February, 2011 held at All Settlers
Motor Inn, Tamworth commencing 6:00 pm**

1. Meeting open 6:05pm
2. Present:
Rex Glencross-Grant, John Moore, Robert Patterson, Alan Coates, Gerry Griffiths, Neal Albert, Ian Pedersen, Peter Rodrigues and Graham Chase.
3. Apologies:
Emma Garraway, Richard Jane, Brian Turner, Robert Cork, Anthony Rintala, Dave Stellar, David Butcher, David Howley, James McPherson, Rob Cork, Ron Wright and Saeed Mahini.
4. Previous Minutes
Motion to accept the previous meetings minutes.
Moved: G Griffiths Seconded: R Glencross-Grant Motion Passed
5. Correspondence:
 - a) Correspondence regarding Eminent Speaker series opportunities. Discuss under general business.
 - b) Nil other
6. Treasurers Report:
 - a) YTD Monies Allocated from Division: \$3000
 - b) YTD Balance – \$2,091.00
 - c) Allocation for 2012-12 funding - \$3000 for CPD.
 - d) Science and Engineering Challenge Funding to be followed up.
7. Issues arising from previous minutes:
 - a) Nil
8. General Business:
 - a) Coffs Coast Trip and Eminent Speaker Series - 26th March – Dianne Boddy (Mech Eng).
 - i) To be organised in conjunction with Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast Group.
 - ii) Change of dates due to clash of dates.

- iii) To be arranged in conjunction with one day field trip leaving Tamworth by bus and passing through Armidale. Return Sunday Morning.
 - iv) Accommodation to be arranged by members with a recommendation of 3 motels to be provided.
 - v) Noted that 26th of March is the date of the State election, so attendees are recommended to arrange for absentee/postal votes or other alternative arrangements.
- b) 7th May – Paul Grundy (TBA)
- i) A second eminent speaker series did not have support due to the travel required and proximity to other events.
 - ii) Recommended that Eminent Speakers be rotated through the three areas (Armidale/Tamworth, Grafton and Port Macquarie) so that each region has one speaker close by.
 - iii) G Chase to discuss with other groups.
- c) 2011 - Regional Convention – Update
- i) Convention planning is progressing well with Gold Silver and Bronze sponsors secured. Some availability for sponsorship is available.
 - ii) Abstracts Due 28th February
 - iii) Convention is planned for 16th to 18th of September 2011 with a social function on Friday the 16th, Conference and Conference Dinner on Saturday and optional site visit on Sunday 18th.
 - iv) Possible Presenters to be sought. Suggestions included David Wolfenden, Alan Coates, David Stellar and Steve O'Rourke.
- d) UNE BBQ
- i) Suggested to time UNE BBQ with Residential School as 75% of students are external but cannot normally make meetings/presentations.
 - ii) R Glencross-Grant to forward Residential School dates to G Chase.
- 1) Other Business
- a) Electronic Event Registration
 - i) E-registration was reported to not work well with difficulties encountered with payments.
 - ii) Members noted they were not comfortable with electronic registration.
 - iii) Resolved to have members pay their own way in future.
 - iv) Invites to include not that if people who RSVP fail to show, they may have to pay for organised events.
 - b) Dinner costs to be reviewed with \$45 considered to expensive for a meeting. Resolved to identify cheaper venues for future events.
 - c) Tamworth Council holding Floodplain Management Association (FMA) Conference new week from Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th of February in Tamworth.
9. Schedule Next Meeting (Ordinary Meeting) -UNE BBQ -Date subsequently confirmed for Tuesday 12th April 2011.

10. Close 7:00 pm