



Railway Technical Society of Australasia

VICTORIA CHAPTER

MINUTES OF THE TENTH CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Tenth Chapter Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Chapter of the Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA) was held on Wednesday 27 August 2008 at 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, commencing shortly after 5.00 p.m. The meeting followed a refreshments provided at 4.30 p.m.

Commencement

Those present were welcomed by Mr M Baggott, Victoria Chapter Chair. The meeting was attended by 60 people.

Apologies

Apologies for their inability to attend were received in advance from three members.

Attendance

In attendance were seven members of the public who had registered to attend in connection with Engineering Industry Week of Engineers Australia. They were made welcome.

Minutes

The minutes from the Ninth Chapter Annual General Meeting, held on 22 August 2007, had been distributed to all members of the Victoria Chapter by mail following that meeting and a copy was tabled. There were no matters arising.

Motion:

"That the minutes be accepted."

Proposed: Mr D Hayhoe

Seconded: Mr D Anderson

Passed

Correspondence

No correspondence was tabled.

Chapter Annual Report

The Chapter Annual Report of Chapter activities (copy appended hereto) prepared by the Chapter Chair, Mr Baggott, had been distributed to all members of the Victoria Chapter by mail in advance of the meeting.

It was noted that during the past year there had been another successful program of Chapter activities, as evidenced by the continuing strong support of the members. This support is greatly appreciated by the Chapter Committee.

Motion:

"That the report of the Chapter Chair be accepted."

Proposed: Mr L Fouvy

Seconded: Mr G de Bont

Passed

Report of Chapter Treasurer

The report of the Chapter Treasurer, Mr W Milfull, as to Chapter finances was presented by the Chapter Treasurer (copy appended hereto).

Mr Milfull provided an update as to the status of RTSA membership numbers.

There are 1032 RTSA members worldwide (including Corporate Members).

There are 7 Tasmanian members.

There are 253 members in Victoria (two of which are Corporate Members - Transtech Melbourne and Alcoa Fastening Systems - and nine of which are Corporate Nominees).

Motion:

“That the report of the Treasurer be accepted.”

Proposed: Mr D Ferris

Seconded: Mr N Phillips

Passed

Election of Chapter Committee

Nominations for election to membership of the Chapter Committee had been called for, in advance and with due notice, from the membership of the Chapter. One nomination was received for each of the vacant positions of Chapter Chair, Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer. Accordingly, the three positions were filled by the respective nominees.

There were nine nominations for the remaining positions within the Chapter Committee. The meeting considered the interest and willingness shown by the nominees to be most welcome and that they should all be elected.

Motion from the Chair:

“That all nominees for Chapter Committee positions be elected.”

Passed by acclamation

Those elected to the Chapter Committee for the coming year are:

David Anderson (Interfleet Technology);

Martin Baggott (GHD);

Russell Bowey (Institute of Railway Technology);

Damian Brizzi (GHD);

Gerry de Bont (WorleyParsons);

Douglas Hayhoe (Thiess);

Martin Hunt (WorleyParsons);

Wayne Milfull (Wayne Milfull & Associates) – Chapter Treasurer;

John Scott (WorleyParsons) - Chapter Secretary;

Bernard Shepherd (GHD);

Norman Tickner (Parsons Brinckerhoff);

Russell Trevaskis (Connex) – Chapter Chair.

A nomination was received from Mr P Munro of V/Line Regional Network & Access for the position of Special Interest Representative (Young Members) on the Chapter Committee for the forth-coming year. Mr Munro was welcomed by those present.

General Business

Mr Baggott noted the following.

- Appreciation for the significant contributions of both Mr P Dunn and Mr P Metcalf who have retired from membership of the Chapter Committee. Mr Dunn had been a member of the Chapter Committee since the inception of the RTSA. Mr Metcalf has relocated to Great Britain.

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- A Christmas Function and Corporate Presentation would not be held in December 2008 as the attendances in recent years did not provide justification.
 - Recently introduced altered arrangements for the distribution of meeting notices will maximize the use of e-mail but those without registered e-mail addresses will receive notifications by post.
 - There is a desire to see greater input from and general involvement of RTSA members at large to the RTSA newsletter Rail Horizons in the form of submitted articles and correspondence.

The Annual General Meeting ended with a vote of thanks moved by Mr D Ferris in appreciation of the work of Mr M Baggott as Chapter Chair. Mr Baggott has stepped down in order to assume the responsibilities of Executive Chair of the RTSA. The members present expressed their support by acclamation.

Close

The formal proceedings associated with the Annual General Meeting concluded at approximately 5.45 p.m.

Technical Presentation

Following the Chapter AGM, Mr Patrick Kelly, Department of Transport, gave a presentation on Melbourne Public Transport Planning.

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VICTORIA & TASMANIA CHAPTER ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 27th August 2008

ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

I am pleased to present the Chapter Chair's Annual Report for 2008.

We have continued to have an active program and I thank all those involved in the organizing of speakers and venues, nibbles and set up. The members have responded well with some very good attendances.

We have experimented with a number of new approaches this year and continued to offer a full range of learning and interesting opportunities. However, two meetings have not provided the high level of attendance and participation we had hoped. The joint Young Engineers meeting was not well attended and we will need to move that meeting, if we are to have it again, to later in the year when sufficient notice can be given to YEA. Our other disappointing attendance was for the Incident Investigation meeting presented by Mark Stallbaum of the ATSB. The committee has investigated that poor attendance and is considering possible improved methods for the distribution of meeting notifications.

Nevertheless, we have learned from those issues and will continue with energy to provide service to our members.

We had a very successful dinner, with more registrants than ever before. Even though I reported that same comment last year, the evidence is that the industry is revitalized and shows great promise in terms of activity. My special thanks to Doug Hayhoe and Gerry de Bont who organized and motivated many to be present. Guest speaker Denis Cliché was entertaining and frank, providing a great vision for a very vibrant light rail sector in Melbourne.

Our program has been good and will continue at full pace for the rest of the year.

The highlights since the AGM last year were:

- Progress of Level Crossing Project for Regional Victoria, Geoff Walker, VicTrack;
- Public Transport Safety in Victoria, an Update, October 2007;
- ARTC Southern Alliance Works, Andrew Cole ARTC;
- Christmas Function and Presentation by GHD;
- YEA Joint function, Glenda Graham of EA on the RTSA Professional Development Assessment Program;
- Public Transport in Melbourne by Graham Currie, Monash University;
- Railway Industry Safety and Standards Board (RISSB) by Kevin Taylor;
- Joint IRSE meeting on ERTMS overview and operation;
- Incident Investigation by ATSB.

I am also proud to announce that our membership has increased over the year. Continuing to provide a program of relevant and varied activities is the main way in which we can continue to generate enthusiasm.

The Committee is currently seeking ideas for the program next year.

John Scott has done a marvelous job of coordinating all of the agendas, correspondence and organization for these matters and I thank him for managing the Committee. I also thank Wayne Milfull who continues to steer our finances, as Treasurer. I thank all of the members of the Committee for their contributions.

The Chapter AGM this year will be my last as Chair as I will be moving to the position of RTSA Executive Chair at CORE2008, in September. I will continue as a Victoria Chapter Committee member and look forward to active involvement in Victoria. I welcome the new Chair for Victoria and the new committee and wish them every success.

Martin Baggott, Chapter Chair

RTSA VICTORIA CHAPTER TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2007-08

DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	Expenditure 2007-08		
22-Aug-07	Annual General Meeting and Presentation - Level Crossings by G.Walker	\$175.90	
17-Oct-07	Chapter Meeting and Presentation - Role of the Regulator in Today's Railway	\$137.90	
14-Nov-07	Chapter Meeting and Presentation - Southern Improvement Alliance	\$132.00	
30-Jan-08	Chapter Committee Meeting	\$63.00	
12-Mar-08	Professional Development Presentation	\$571.80	
09-Apr-08	Chapter Meeting and Presentation - Melbourne Tram System Improvement Plans	\$237.10	
11-Jun-08	Chapter Committee Meeting	\$56.00	
18-Jun-08	IRSE/RTSA Chapter Meeting and Presentation on ETRMS - Speakers Gifts	\$31.40	
09-Jul-08	Chapter Meeting and Presentation - ATSB Incident Investigation	\$147.00	
	Sub Total		\$1,552.10
15-Jan-08	Deposit for RTSA Annual Dinner Meeting	\$2,000.00	
23-May-08	Chapter Annual Dinner Meeting Presentation by D.Cliche CEO Yarra Trams	\$8,421.00	
23-May-08	Chapter Annual Dinner Meeting Presentation - Speakers Gifts	\$38.00	
23-May-08	Chapter Annual Dinner Meeting Presentation - Guest Speaker Sponsored	\$190.00	
23-May-08	Chapter Annual Dinner Meeting Presentation - Associated costs	\$37.96	
	Sub Total		\$10,686.96
	Total Expenditure		\$12,239.06

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DATE	ITEM	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	<i>Income 2007-2008</i>		
	Allocation by RTSA to Vic Chapter	\$4,000.00	
	Allocation by RTSA to Vic Chapter for Dinner Meeting	\$4,500.00	
	Dinner Meeting Payments Received	\$11,715.00	
	<i>Total Income</i>		\$20,215.00
	<i>Surplus 2007-2008</i>		
	Surplus against Budget Allocation	\$2,447.90	
	Surplus for Dinner Meeting	\$1,028.04	
	Unused allocation for Dinner Meeting	\$4,500.00	
	<i>Total Surplus</i>		\$7,975.94
	<i>Budget Allocation 2008-2009</i>		
	Allocation by RTSA to Vic Chapter for General Expenditure (Stationery, Postage, Light Refreshments, etc.)	\$4,000.00	
	Allocation by RTSA to Vic Chapter for Dinner Meeting	\$5,000.00	
	<i>Total Budget 2008/2009</i>		\$9,000.00
	<i>RTSA Membership as at 31 Julyt 2008</i>	At 30June 07	At 12 May 08
	<i>Victoria Chapter</i>	248	254
	<i>Tasmania Chapter</i>	7	7
	<i>Total All Chapters</i>	957	979