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RTSA - WA CHAPTER.
COMMITTEE MEETING – 18th March, 2010

1 OPENING.

The was opened by Chairman J Goodall at 5:10pm.

2 PRESENT

J Goodall, Qian Zheng, J Syers, B Keay,, G Holden, H Smith, A Tang

3 APOLOGIES

B Greening, R Taylor, J Henderson, B Moore, J Wager, R Taylor, R Marks,

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 11th February, 2010 were tabled and confirmed

5 2010 PROGRAM

The program for the year ahead was reviewed as follows:

- Dinner meeting planned for 15th April (discussed below).
- 27th May – Mark Pullen has agreed to present a paper associated with patents of engineering initiatives. The Secretary is to confirm the arrangement.
- The site visit planned for Speno (New pts and crossings grinder) on 26th June is to be confirmed with Ben Lombardo (Secretary to arrange).
- Raymond Marks has indicated he may be able to present a paper outlining the developments at Kewdale as long as the project is sufficiently advanced at the time.
- Although scheduled for 26th August, a presentation on the automatic train operation currentlygh Smith will follow up.
- The Eminent Speaker planned as part of CORE 2010 is planned for an evening meeting on Tuesday 28th September.

6 DINNER

Registrations for the dinner are now being invited on line. An update of the arrangements is a follows:

- A total of 12 sponsors have agreed to support the dinner. The target is 15 and this now seems to be achievable with the possibility of being over subscribed.
- Although only 16 registrations have been received to date it is too early to assess the response. Some industry groups have indicated interest in attending. An to follow up interest in Worley Parsons as a sponsor. Other sponsors to be also followed up.
- Music – to be arranged through EventEdge for the evening to 11:00pm
- Complementary attendance. It was suggested some form of support could be considered for future dinners to accommodate students/recent graduates who were selected as the result of a competition or similar innovation.
- Official Table. Some discussion took place regarding the placements of selected sponsor representatives and others for the official top table.

7 EXECUTIVE MEETING – Auckland

The key outcomes from the meeting held last week in Auckland are as follows:

- Executive meetings will be conducted at 3 monthly intervals in the future

- A Program Manager (Mr Peter Bishop) has been appointed as the RTSA Program Manager. Engaged for 2 - 3 days per week, the appointment will supplement the EAust Secretariat to manage the action items determined by the Executive.
- The current National Chairman, Mr Martin Baggott will step down from his position at the AGM in Wellington during CORE 2010. He will be replaced by Mr Simon Wood (AECOM NZ). The deputy Chairman will be the NSW Chairman, Ms Catarina Gertisman.
- The Executive identified the need for more market research into the image and identity of RTSA. This will form the subject of a special subcommittee to be active in the future with Simon Wood as Chairman and including John Goodall as a member.
- Web Site – The current web site will be redeveloped to suit usability and take consideration of the new features of Twitter and Facebook.
- Rail Horizons – The publication is considered as being outdated and in need of revamping. Some aspects of the previous issues were deemed to be unsuitable.
- CORE 2010. The sponsorship and allocation of exhibitor space are all proceeding well. Only two of the 45 booths are available. All main sponsor requests have been fulfilled. A total of 224 abstracts for technical papers have been received with 72 being accepted. Others are on a provisional list for consideration.
- CORE 2012 will be held in Brisbane.
- A knowledge bank of rail is being promoted by CRC to provide on line access to technical publications and RTSA have indicated support to the proposal.
- Financially the RTSA has good financial reserves. There is a need to develop marketing strategies to get the best outcomes for the finances available.
- A proposal to arrange more STORE type tours locally to benefit younger engineers and graduates was mooted.
- A Professional Development program with a session based on the recently conducted “Meet the Engineer” in Victoria was considered to be a success. A similar program in Perth could be explored within the railway industry promote career paths for Students and Graduates. Bruce Keay agreed to follow up.
- A Technical Investigations sub committee is being developed.

8 STRATEGIC PLAN

Further discussion will take place at the Executive level at a workshop in Sydney on July 23rd. It was considered a formal session locally in Perth and managed by Workshop Facilitator would be desirable as a sound preparation for the Sydney session.

Next Committee Meeting to be advised.

Meeting closed at 6:20 pm.

J Syers
Secretary