Audio Engineering Society
Melbourne Section Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – August 11th 2014

Location: Lecture Theatre
SAE Institute
Normanby Rd, South Melbourne

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees: Mark Edwards (Chairman)*
Peter Smerdon (Secretary)*
Graham Haynes (Treasurer)*
Graeme Huon (Vice-Chair)*

Julian Driscoll *	Lloyd Carrick*	Rod Staples*
Rod Brown*	Diego Tognola*	Paolo Menolotto*
Mark Hanson*	Chris Ludowyk*	Michail Barabasz*
Bryan Cox*	John Smyth*	Graeme Dennes
Bavan Kanagarahmam		Deb Sloss
Ian McPhail	Richard Barac	Lee Gray
Greg Eva	Suraj Varma	

* Voting members

Apologies: Norm Broner, Nigel Frayne, Mark Thompson,
Ray Cologon, Rob Wanless, Jim Barbour, Fredric Botte.

Welcome
The Chairman, Mark Edwards welcomed all members.

Minutes of Previous meeting
Mark indicated that the Minutes of the previous AGM (Aug 5th 2013) had been circulated in the mailout prior to the meeting, and called for any matters arising. There being no matters arising, *Mark Edwards* moved, seconded by *Rod Staples*, that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Motion carried on a show of hands.

Chairman's Report
Mark then presented the Chairman's report.

He reported that Jim Barbour's retirement from Swinburne in the past year had made finding a suitable venue for each meeting a challenge. He thanked Jim for the service he has rendered in arranging the Swinburne venue over the years, and thanked Aust College of the Arts, SIAL at RMIT, and the School of Audio Engineering (SAE) for providing meeting facilities this year. He spoke of the potential of using the SAE facilities for meetings on an ongoing basis, and the potential this provides for interaction with their student body.

Mark then outlined the Committee activities around past and future Section meetings, the Audio Legends/History project, and social media activities.

(For the full Chairman's Report text refer to *Appendix 1*)

Treasurer's Report
Treasurer, Graham Haynes, presented the accounts of the Section for the 2014 Financial Year.
(Refer *Appendix 2*)

The Financial Report showed total assets of $36,795 - comprised of $36,500 in Term Deposit and $295 in the cheque account.
Graham Haynes moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, seconded by *Greg Segal*. Motion carried on a show of hands.

The Treasurer indicated that he had copies of the full financial statement available for perusal by any members who so desired.

Election of Officers
Mark then passed the chairing of the meeting to Greg Segal for the purposes of the election of officers.
Greg declared all positions vacant and proceeded with the election.
There were nominations to hand for one person for each executive position, plus four ordinary committee-members. It was also indicated that nominations could be accepted from the floor of the meeting during the election process.

Nominations for each executive position were read out, and nominations called from the floor. In each case there were no further nominations from the floor, so each nominee was duly declared elected.

For the committee-members, Greg read out the four nominations that he had on hand, and called for further nominations from the floor of the meeting.
There were no further nominations.
With the total number of nominations (4) being less than the maximum of 6, Greg declared the four nominees duly elected.

The elected committee is:

Chairman -	Mark Edwards
Secretary -	Peter Smerdon
Treasurer -	Graham Haynes
Vice Chair -	Graeme Huon

Committee-persons:
        Rod Staples
        Michail Barabasz
        Paolo Menolotto
        Julian Driscoll

Greg then passed the meeting back to Mark Edwards.

At this time, Mark commented that the committee was still seeking somebody to serve as a liaison to Student Members, as it was felt that this is still an outstanding area where the AES could be more active. He called for anyone interested in this role to contact the committee.

Mark then called for any Other Business. None was forthcoming from the floor.

There being no further business, Mark declared the Annual General Meeting closed.

The AGM section of the meeting finished at 7:45pm.

Following the AGM, Mark Doehmann presented a talk on High End Turntable Design.

The meeting finished at 10:00pm.

Peter Smerdon.
15th August 2014.

Chairman's Report 2014 AGM

- Welcome
  - **Welcome** -
    - to all AES members and guests
    - to our presenter **Mark Doehmann** for what I am sure will be a fascinating presentation.
    - We'll crack on with the AGM part of this meeting so we can get to the interesting bit as soon as possible!

- Venue:
  - **Thanks** - to Paul Edwards, Andrew Broadhead and the SAE for welcoming the AES to their fine venue.
  - **Swinburne** - With Jim Barbour's retirement from Swinburne at the end of last year, the Section lost access to their excellent Lecture Theatre venues.
    - **Thanks** - I'd like to record a vote of thanks to Jim for the service he rendered to us in arranging this venue over the years.
  - Since then we have held meetings at several new venues, in fact we have dished up a new venue for each meeting so far in 2014.
    - **Thanks** - So thanks must go to:
      - **Australian College of the Arts**,
      - **Spatial Information Architecture Laboratory** at RMIT, and the
      - **School of Audio Engineering**
    - for providing meeting facilities this year.
  - I have long held the view that one of the primary purposes of the AES Melbourne Section should be to facilitate connections between industry and students. Fortunately, the School of Audio Engineering - who are an AES Sustaining Member - have indicated that they are willing to provide facilities to us on an ongoing basis.
  - This is a very encouraging development for us and provides a fantastic opportunity for the AES to build some solid relationships with the student body in Melbourne - both here at SAE and other educational establishments. We are looking forward to a mutually beneficial partnership and hope that through these open meetings and seminars many students will be encouraged to further their knowledge and industry connections. We see this as a mutually beneficial partnership and again - thanks to Paul, Andrew and SAE for welcoming the AES section.

- Committee:
  - Your Committee has met 3 times since the last AGM to plan the Section meetings, and other Section business
  - **Thanks** - I thank all Committee Members for the commitment they have shown in assisting with the running of the Section. Participation levels have been very high, and everyone's contributions have been significant.

- Past Section Meetings:
  - Your Committee has worked hard to maintain the meeting schedule for 2013/2014, with six meetings held in each calendar year. In the past year the range of topics has been diverse, and attendances excellent.
  - **Popular topic -** The "Audio 101" themed meeting series for the past year was "Microphones" and proved very popular.

- For a recap on all previous meetings, I commend to you the Meeting Reports on our website at http://www.aesmelbourne.org.au where details on all past meetings can be found, usually together with an audio recording, and other resources on the topic presented.

- Future Section Meetings
  - **2014/2015 -** The meeting calendar for the rest of 2014 is in place, with another themed series planned on Audio Amplifiers.
  - The incoming Committee will be meeting soon to start the planning for the 2015 Meeting Calendar. If any of you have any topics you'd like us to cover, presenters you'd like to hear, or facilities you'd like us to visit, please let us know. All suggestions regarding meetings are welcome.

- Audio Legends / History:
  - The "Legends of Audio" piece on Graham Thirkell has been completed and published on our website and post production on the Bill Armstrong video is in the final stages

- Social Media:
  - Our Facebook page continues to generate interest, having recently broken the 100 barrier of people "liking" the page. We would welcome interaction from all members and friends who frequent Facebook.
  - The Section also maintains a presence on Twitter, with over 80 followers, where Section activities and other AES and general audio news is tweeted.

- Special note of thanks…
  - **Graham Haynes** our section treasurer for managing the section accounts and financial matters, and
  - **Peter Smerdon**, our section secretary, has been a tower of strength, consistency and reliability - and manages without fail to keep the chairman focussed and on track.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2014

	This Year		Last Year	
	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	$		$	
Current Assets				
Investment Term Deposit	**36500**		**36000**	
Cash at Bank	<u>**295**</u>		<u>**240**</u>	
Total Current Assets		36795		36240
Non Current Assets				
Net Assets		<u>36795</u>		<u>36240</u>
Equity				
Members Funds	36795		36240	
Surplus for Year /Deficit	<u>-805</u>		<u>-196</u>	
		35990		<u>36044</u>
Income				
Interest/Income	**1343**		**1555**	
Gross Profit		1343		1555
Expenditure				
Bank Charges / Fees	**132**		**135**	
AES Dinners	**0**		**0**	
Meeting Expenses	**0**		**328**	
Printing / Copying	**20**		**0**	
Post Box	79		151	
Accounting Charges	**0**		**0**	
Postage	**36**		**44**	

Web Hosting/ Development	**167**		
Consumer Affairs Vic	**104**		**120**
Equipment Hire			**581**
Storage			
Sundry			
		538	**1359**
Net Surplus (Deficit)		**805**	**196**