



Audio Engineering Society Melbourne Section Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – August 12th 2019

Location: Lecture Theatre
SAE Institute
Normanby Rd, South Melbourne

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees: Graeme Huon (Chairman)*, Paolo Menolotto (Vice-Chair)*
Peter Smerdon (Secretary)*, Graham Haynes (Treasurer)*
Greg Segal* Fabio Marraccini* Rod Staples*
Rod Brown * John Smyth* Guillaume Potard*
Lloyd Carrick* Diego Tognola Deb Sloss
Chia-wei Cheng Peter Thorpe Nigel Hooke
James Fongch Conrad Jakob Richard Schurmann
* Voting members

Apologies: David Hudson, Graeme Dennes, Mark Thompson, Jim Barbour

Welcome

The Chairman, Graeme Huon, welcomed all members to the 2019 AGM.

Minutes of Previous meeting

The Chairman indicated that the Minutes of the previous AGM (August 13th 2018) had been circulated in the mailout prior to the meeting.

Rod Staples moved, seconded by *Fabio Marraccini*, that the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Motion was carried on a show of hands.

The Chairman called for any matters arising from the minutes. None were forthcoming from the floor.

Chairman's Report

Our Chairman, Graeme, then presented his report outlining the Section and Committee activities since the last AGM, including Section meetings, the Audio Legends project, the Skills Survey, and the membership statistics.

Graeme Huon moved, seconded by *Graham Haynes*, that the Chairman's Report be accepted. Motion was carried on a show of hands.

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

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Graham Haynes, presented the accounts of the Section for the 2019 Financial Year. (Refer *Appendix 2*)

The Financial Report showed nett assets of \$34,512, being \$512 in a cheque account, and \$34,000 in Term Deposit, with interest income at \$782 and expenditures of \$206 resulting in a surplus for the year of \$576.

Graeme Huon moved, seconded by *Greg Segal*, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. 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

The Chairman then passed the chairing of the meeting to member Rod Brown to conduct the election of committee members and officers.

Rod 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 as Graeme Huon for Chairman, Paolo Menolotto for Vice-Chair, Graham Haynes for Treasurer, and Peter Smerdon for Secretary. Nominations were then called from the floor. In the case of the executive positions (Chairman, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary) there were no further nominations from the floor, so each nominee was declared elected.

For the committee-members, Rod read out the four nominations that he had on hand, Rod Staples, Greg Segal, David Hudson, and Fabio Marraccini. He called for further nominations from the floor of the meeting. There were no further nominations from the floor.

With the total number of nominations (4) being less than the maximum of 6, Rod declared the four nominees duly elected.

The elected committee is:

Chairman -	Graeme Huon
Vice Chair -	Paolo Menolotto
Secretary -	Peter Smerdon
Treasurer -	Graham Haynes

Committee-persons:

Rod Staples
Greg Segal
David Hudson
Fabio Marraccini

Rod then passed the meeting back to the Chairman, Graeme Huon, who called for any other business.

There being no further business, Graeme declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 7:50pm.

Peter Smerdon.

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Appendix 1:

Chairman's Report - 2018/2019
Graeme Huon

Meetings:

In the twelve months since the last AGM, AES Melbourne has been busy on several fronts. The "legends" session on Neville Thiele was completed and made available on the website.

The Audio skills survey was completed and results published (again on the website). The Melbourne AES Section also held six meetings on topics of interest to general and new members alike. These included:

- Last year's AGM in **August** 2018 was followed by a presentation from Dan Jackson, head of audio operations at the major commercial radio network Southern Cross Austereo (SCA), outlining the demands for reliable National broadcast management across time zones with a mix of common and local content and the development and use of their ground-breaking National networking system SCASat.
- In **October, 2018** Vice chairman Paolo Menolotto introduced Phil Georges and outlined his extensive experience in live sound production, television and most recently with live sport. Phil provided an interesting and informative session on audio mixing for modern major sporting events including the challenges of capturing the ambience, managing multiple commentary groups, the need for multiple language support and the use of stereo and surround sound formats.
- In **December** 2018 Steve Spurrier gave a presentation at the SAE meeting room on the challenges of live sound monitoring and production with emphasis on the Genelec product range and the use of DSP processing to tame modern production facility acoustics.
- In **February** 2019, 20 members of AES Melbourne were treated to a tour of the ABC Southbank studios. This facility supports National radio and television broadcast and local orchestral and other performances with production including synchronization of interleaved local advertising and promotional content. The limited number of places for the tour meant that attendance had to be limited to members.
- In **April** 2019, 21 members and guests assembled at the Yamaha Premium Piano Centre in South Melbourne to hear Simon Tait explain the Yamaha AFC3 active field control system and its use for acoustic enhancement and spatial audio. The recently installed (and then yet to be commissioned) system was demonstrated against the critical test of premium live piano and support instruments. An amazing evening.
- In **June** 2019, we discovered that Melbourne is again pre-eminent in audio with a talk and tour of the Melbourne Electronic Sound Studio in North Melbourne conducted by Byron Scullin. This facility houses a world-class collection of working analogue-oriented synthesisers and emphasises a hands-on approach. The MESS is also a hub

for access to a team of world-class dedicated and experts knowledgeable in the field who manage to keep these unique machines in working order.

Meeting reports together with slides and audio recordings can be found on the website AESmelbourne.org.au.

Committee meetings:

Your Section Committee has met three times in the 12 months to deal with the business of running the Section, and planning the upcoming meetings. Identifying suitable meeting topics is always a challenge. If you have any suggestions for guest speakers or topics you'd like discussed, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Membership:

The membership has remained relatively stable, with 65 currently financial members. We also encourage members to renew membership and retain benefits.

As chairman I would like to thank the Committee for their continued effort in keeping Melbourne AES thriving, with particular thanks to our secretary Peter Smerdon for his excellent and continued support and leadership.

The committee would also like to thank Diego Tognola for his valuable contributions whilst on the committee and wish him well for the future. We look forward to seeing him at our monthly presentation meetings.

Graeme Huon
Chairman.

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Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report



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ABN 22 813001 822

Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2019

	This Year <u>2019</u>	Last Year <u>2018</u>
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Investment Term Deposit	34000	34500
Cash at Bank	<u>512</u>	<u>53</u>
Total Current Assets	34512	34553
Non Current Assets		
Net Assets	<u>34512</u>	<u>34553</u>
Equity		
Members Funds	34512	34553
Surplus for Year /Deficit	<u>-576</u>	<u>-316</u>
	<u>33936</u>	<u>34237</u>
Income		
Interest/Income	782	794
Gross Profit	782	794
Expenditure		
AES Web Site Repairs	0	0
Bank Charges / Fees	3	3
AES Dinners	0	0
Meeting Expenses	120	120
Printing / Go Print AES Brochure	0	0
Post Box	0	0
Accounting Charges	0	0
Postage	25	65
Web Hosting/ Domain/Development	0	233
Consumer Affairs Vic	58	57
Equipment Hire	0	0
Storage	0	0
Sundry		
	<u>206</u>	<u>478</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>576</u>	<u>316</u>