



Audio Engineering Society

Melbourne Section Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting – September 14th 2015

Location: Lecture Theatre
SAE Institute
Normanby Rd, South Melbourne

Time: 7:30pm

Attendees: Peter Smerdon (Secretary)*
Graham Haynes (Treasurer)*
Julian Driscoll * Lloyd Carrick* Rod Staples*
Paolo Menolotto* Bryan Cox* John Smyth*
Mark Hanson* Chris Ludowyk* Michail Barabasz*
Greg Segal* Alec Graham* Jim Barbour
Greg Eva Brian Condon Kirk Dawborn
Edward Dingle Geoff Murray Richard Schurmann
Bob Bennett Phil Lawson Hugh Dean
James Fenech John Whittingham

* Voting members

Apologies:

Mark Edwards (Chairman), Graeme Huon (Vice-Chair), Norm Broner, Nigel Frayne, Mark Thompson, Rod Brown, Diego Tognola.

Welcome

The Secretary, Peter Smerdon, welcomed all members, and explained that both the Chairman, and the Vice-Chair were unavailable due to both being overseas, and that he would chair the meeting.

Minutes of Previous meeting

Peter indicated that the Minutes of the previous AGM (Aug 11th 2014) had been circulated in the mailout prior to the meeting, and called for any matters arising. There being no matters arising, *Peter Smerdon* 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

Our Chairman, Mark, had provided the Chairman's report in advance to the Secretary. Peter read out the text of Mark's Report outlining the Section and Committee activities since the last AGM, including Section meetings, the Audio Legends/History project, and social media activities.

Mark then indicated that he would not be renominating for the Chairman position, due to the pressure of work commitments, and went on to thank all Committee Members over the years for their help – singling out Graeme Huon, Graham Haynes, and Peter Smerdon for special mention.

Peter Smerdon moved, seconded by *Jim Barbour*, that the Chairman's Report be accepted. Motion carried.

(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 2015 Financial Year.

(Refer *Appendix 2*)

The Financial Report showed total assets of \$36,279 - comprised of \$36,000 in Term Deposit and \$279 in the cheque account.

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

The Treasurer then took the opportunity to thank the Secretary, Peter Smerdon, for his efforts on behalf of the Section; citing the amount of his personal time the Secretary puts into the Section's organization. Applause from the meeting reinforced Graham's comments.

Election of Officers

Peter then passed the chairing of the meeting to member Jim Barbour to conduct the election of officers.

Jim 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, Jim 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, Jim 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:

Mark Edwards
Rod Staples
Michail Barabasz
Julian Driscoll

Jim then passed the meeting back to the incoming Vice-Chair Paolo Menolotto.

Paolo then called for any Other Business.

At this point the Secretary, Peter Smerdon, took the floor and moved a vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman, Mark Edwards.

Peter stated that, beyond Mark holding the Chairman's position for six years, he was also the person primarily responsible for the reactivation of the Section in 2009 by gathering like-minded AES members at his home and kick-starting the process. The vote of thanks to Mark was approved by acclamation.

Paolo then called for any more Other Business, and none was forthcoming.

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

The AGM section of the meeting finished at 7:50pm.

Following the AGM, Michail Barabasz presented a talk on Anatomy of a Loudspeaker Driver.

The meeting finished at 10:00pm.

Peter Smerdon.

16th September 2015.

Chairman's Report - AGM 2015

- **Meeting activity** - this we have managed to achieve our goal of six meetings per year, and with the slightly later than usual AGM there have been seven meetings since my last report.

Last year ended with some strongly theory-based sessions on digital audio basics and sampling theory and the new year started with a site visit to Roger Savage's Soundfirm facility which was a great success. The presentation on Dolby Atmos proved most illuminating, as was the insight into the technology and techniques of modern video post-production.

In April we were privileged to hear about Audio-over-IP virtually from the horse's mouth when Aidan Williams co-founder of Audinate travelled from Sydney to present for us on their world-beating Dante technology.

The June and August meetings were given over to amplifier topics, with the legendary Ed Cherry giving us his thoughts on amplifier design and feedback theory in June and Hugh Dean providing some food for thought on amplifier distortion in August.

All in all another strong lineup of meeting topics, with attendances indicating the interest in the topics.

- **Committee activities** - your Committee has been meeting regularly to plan the Section's activities with three committee meetings held in the past twelve months. As well as planning the regular bi-monthly meeting calendar the Committee has worked on:
 - Promoting the Section - we now have a localized version of the AES membership promotion brochure, which we have had printed and are distributing both at meetings, and at other likely sites.
If anyone wants extra copies of the brochure for distributing please let the secretary know.
 - Continued work on the historical Audio Legends series - the Bill Armstrong video should be ready for release "real soon now". We also have a long list of other worthy nominees to be featured.
 - If anyone is interested in the Audio History project, and wishes to become involved in any way, let us know.
- **Web and Social Media presence** - we have continued to fine-tune our website, Facebook page, and Twitter account to improve the Section's web presence. One interesting development is that we are working towards having more valuable informational content available on the website.

Our Vice-Chair Graeme Huon was able to negotiate the exclusive publication on our website of the late Neville Thiele's final paper on "Power Limitations in High Quality Sound Reproduction" on our website. We hope to be able to source further publications to make the website a useful destination for educational and informational material on audio engineering.

- **Finally**, I have to advise you all that I will not be standing for re-election as Chairman this time around. Work commitments make it impossible to give this role the time and attention that it needs and it is high time that the role had a fresh pair of legs.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to every single member of the committee for their support and ongoing efforts over the past few years - particularly those of Graham Haynes - Treasurer, and Peter Smerdon - Secretary, without whose dedication and enthusiasm we simply wouldn't have a section at all.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank Graeme Huon who has been an incredibly enthusiastic and supportive vice-president and gracious in accepting my nomination to be the new chairman of the section.

I would like to offer my thanks to you all for your ongoing support of the section and I sincerely hope that the section will continue to go from strength to strength.

Mark Edwards.
29 August 2015.

Appendix 2: Treasurer's Report



Audio Engineering Society Melbourne Section Inc.

ABN 22 813001 822

Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2015

	This Year <u>2015</u> \$	Last Year <u>2014</u> \$
Current Assets		
Investment Term Deposit	36000	36500
Cash at Bank	<u>279</u>	<u>295</u>
Total Current Assets	36279	36795
Non Current Assets		
Net Assets	<u>36279</u>	<u>36795</u>
Equity		
Members Funds	36795	36795
Surplus for Year /Deficit	<u>-670</u>	<u>-805</u>
	<u>36125</u>	<u>35990</u>
Income		
Interest/Income	1209	1343
Gross Profit	1209	1343
Expenditure		
Bank Charges / Fees	132	132
AES Dinners	0	0
Meeting Expenses	0	0
Printing / Go Print AES Brochure	299	20
Post Box	89	79
Accounting Charges	0	0
Postage	64	36
Web Hosting/ Development	167	167
Consumer Affairs Vic	54	104
Equipment Hire	0	0
Storage		
Sundry		
	<u>539</u>	<u>538</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)	<u>670</u>	<u>805</u>