



Australian Acoustical Society

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Minutes of the 45th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society held on Tuesday 10 November 2015, 6:00 pm at The Glenmore Hotel, 96 Cumberland St, The Rocks

Meeting opened with quorum at 6:08 pm

1. Meeting Attendees:

1.1 NSW Divisional Committee members in attendance:

9 members of the NSW Divisional Committee were in attendance at the meeting

NAME	NAME
John Wassermann	Mattia Tabacchi
Jeff Parnell	Tracy Gowen
Laura Allison	Paul Maddock
Angus Leslie	Matthew Harrison
Rodney Stevens	

1.2 Members in attendance:

20 members were in attendance at the meeting

No.	NAME	No.	NAME
1	Angus Leslie	12	Paul Maddock
2	Jeff Parnell	13	Laura Allison
3	John Wassermann	14	Tracy Gowen
4	Daniele Albanese	15	Glen Wheatley
5	Peter Knowland	16	Rodney Stevens
6	Mattia Tabacchi	17	Guy Hopkins
7	Marc Guitart	18	Andrew Parker
8	Rebecca Warren	19	Matthew Harrison
9	Nicole Kessissoglou	20	Michael Allan
10	Duncan McGregor		
11	Colin Tickell		



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1.3 Apologies

We received 5 apologies prior to the meeting

NAME
Larry Clark
Stephan Gauld
Densil Cabrera
Michael Chung
David Eager

1.4 Proxies

5 Proxies were received for the meeting.

2. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was declared open by Chairperson, John Wasserman.

3. Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting 2014

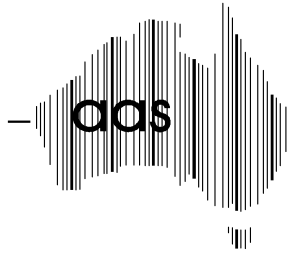
Minutes of the 44th Annual General Meeting 2014 were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by Angus Leslie (Secretary). Chairperson, John Wasserman requested they are proposed and seconded.

MOTION: *That the minutes of the 44th AGM (12/11/2014) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society be confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record.*

NSW Division AGM 2014 Minutes proposed by Colin Tickell

NSW Division AGM 2014 Minutes seconded by Peter Knowland

CARRIED/~~NOT CARRIED~~



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4. Business

4.1 Treasurer's/Registrars' Report

Treasurer's report was distributed at the meeting in hard copy at the AGM by Rodney Stevens (Treasurer) and distributed to all members present. This will also be provided on the website, as it has only just been received from the auditors.

Rodney Stevens (Treasurer) gave a summary of the division finances, noting it was good to have received the report back from the auditors in time this year so it could be provided at the AGM.

The treasurer noted that the up and down nature of the finances this year was mainly due to the conference that was held in the Hunter Valley, and run by the NSW Division. Noting finances appeared low, but he did not want to break the existing term deposit, but had enough for current working funds. The NSW division books are rather healthy.

The treasurer was asked why we had such a large reduction from \$250k in 2014 to \$125k in 2015. The treasurer noted

1. Providing assistance to Federal.
2. Rail conference funding.
3. AAS Conference 2015 funding.
4. Awards.

The report was then put to the meeting -

MOTION: *That the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2015 and the reports of the Auditor for the NSW Division therein be accepted.*

NSW Division Treasurer's report and financial statement proposed by Rodney Stevens

NSW Division Treasurer's report and financial statement seconded by Laura Allison

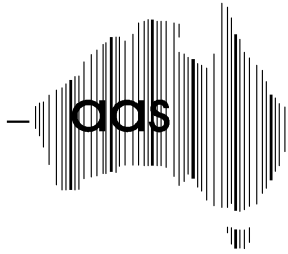
CARRIED/NOT CARRIED

4.2 Appointment of Auditor

Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: *To appoint W L Brown & Associates as Auditor for 2015-2016 at a fee to be decided by the NSW Division.*

Proposed by Rodney Stevens



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Seconded by Matthew Harrison

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED

5. Election of Officers for 2015/2016:

There were 5 available positions on the Committee.

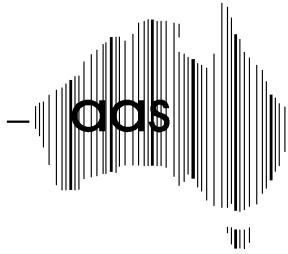
Four existing committee members were standing for re-election/election

1. Tracy Gowen
2. Jeff Parnell
3. John Wassermann
4. Angus Leslie

Additional nominations were then received at the meeting, with two nominations for the one position, and as such all available positions were put to a vote. The vote was undertaken and the following members were elected to the committee –

1. Tracy Gowen
2. Jeff Parnell
3. John Wassermann
4. Angus Leslie
5. Daniele Albanese

Marc Guitart was appointed to assist the committee.



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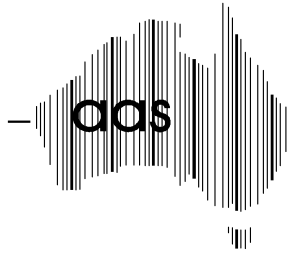
6. Chairperson's Report Address

The Chairperson, John Wassermann, then presented Chairperson's report (See attached)

6. Meeting Close

Meeting closed at 6:41 pm

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Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report 2014 – 2015

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting - 10th November 2015.

1. Division Committee

There are currently 9 members of the committee, which means that there is one position available. We are always keen to have other enthusiastic AAS members join us to bring in new ideas and enthusiasm to the committee.

At present the committee is structured as follows:

- John Wassermann Chairperson
- Laura Allison Vice-Chairperson
- Angus Leslie Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Membership Grading
- Rodney Stevens Treasurer
- Tracy Gowen Technical Convenor / AAS Federal President
- Paul Maddock Technical Meetings/Awards
- Mattia Tabacchi Technical Meetings
- Jeff Parnell Technical Subcommittee/2015 Conference Chair
- Matt Harrison Technical Subcommittee / Federal Council

2. Technical / Social Activities

The major work of the committee during this year has been organising and running the technical program. Mattai and Paul many thanks for organising an excellent program over the last 12 months.

There were seven technical meetings (including the End of Year Breakfast) held in Sydney over the last 12 months. These talks are described below:

Date	Description	Presenter	Location
12-Feb-15	Roads and Maritimes new noise guidelines: customer focused criteria and mitigation	Dr Simon Kean	Chatswood Community Centre
25-Mar-15	Misinterpreting Part F5 of the NCC (Building Code)	Peter Knowland & Joel Parry-Jones	Hearing Hub
12-May-15	AS 2021 and aircraft noise in Australia	Dr Rob Bullen	UNSW
25-Jun-15	Industrial tech talk: Ortech	Steve Layfield & Andrew Ritchie	Neutral Bay Club
12-Aug-15	Acoustic Laboratory Performance	Peter Knowland	Hearing Hub
27-Oct-15	Draft Industrial Noise Guideline	Gordon Downey	UNSW

The committee is always looking for presenters and topics for the technical talks. If you have any feedback on the technical talks, or any ideas for new topics and more importantly presenters, please let the committee know.

3. Membership

The NSW Division Membership numbers for September 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 are given in the following table, and show that member numbers are up from last year. The growth in membership has been largely as a result of a mixture of student members gaining full Membership status and new members.

	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013	September 2012	September 2011
Fellows/Life Members	11	11	12	10	10
Members	227	201	198	196	177
Graduates	13	9	9	7	4
Associates	9	11	11	12	13
Subscribers	12	12	13	8	8
Students	13	17	17	13	7
TOTAL	285	265	260	249	219

4. Acoustics Australia

I would like to thank Marion Burgess and Truda King for their hard work over the year. The move to an e-version ONLY journal has been very successful. This move has saved the Society a significant amount of money in printing and postage.

Acoustics Australia continues to request articles and technical notes to be submitted by the membership for inclusion in the journal. If members have worked on an interesting project, please consider writing it up for publication as a technical note. The projects you work on may appear routine to you, but to others working in different areas they could be very interesting!

5. Awards and Grants

In 2015, the NSW Division awarded NSW Division Travel Awards to six AAS members to attend the Acoustics Hunter Valley 2015 conference. The amount of each award and the recipient are shown below:

MAAS

- Marshall Hall (\$1,000)

ECR

- Sebastian Oberst (\$1,000)

Research Student

- Mahmoud Karimi (\$750)
- Zhi Zhang (\$750)
- Samaneh Fard (\$750)
- Kiri Mealings (\$750)

The award is to be spent on conference registration fees, travel to and from the conference venue, and accommodation. The successful awardees will provide a short report (200 to 500 words) on their experiences at the Conference to be included in Acoustics Australia journal.

It is important to encourage Student Membership through initiatives such as the AAS NSW Acoustics Prize to the best undergraduate students in acoustics. AAS NSW Division provide university awards in acoustic to the University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University, Sydney University and University of NSW. Each award consists of a cash prize of \$250 and one year's subscription to the Australian Acoustical Society. The objectives of this education prize are to encourage undergraduate students into the field of acoustics and provide exposure for the Society at the university prize giving ceremonies.

6. ACT Division Activities for 2014-2015 - Meetings

The ACT has had a three technical meetings this year, namely:

- The 91st meeting was held on 18 March 2015. It was attended by a small (8) but keen group of AAS members. Jamie Hladky from SLR consulting lead a discussion on acoustic considerations and theater seating based on experiences with the replacement seating for the Canberra Playhouse. The following group discussion extended beyond theatres to other issues of concern regarding the approach to planning and noise control in the ACT.
- The 92nd meeting was held on 16 April 2015. It was attended by a small (8) but keen group of AAS members and guests. Mark Latimore from Airservices Australia explained the role of Airservices in the area of noise. This included the current noise and flight path monitoring system, the updated standards and guidelines, NASAG and some current Airservices projects. We were all impressed by the graphic representations that are now developed and used to better understand the impact of aircraft noise and in the community consultation. An outcome from this meeting is that the ACT Branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society invited Mark and

colleagues from Air Services to present a similar session to one of their branch meetings. This is a particularly active group and the attendance at their meetings is usually around 40.

- The 93rd meeting was held on 15 October 2015. It was attended by a small (7) but keen group of AAS members and guest. Adams Hall is a major raked floor meeting space for 1200 (which can be divided 800/400) with large foyer and smaller break out rooms, which has recently been completed on the ADFA campus. Jeremy Lofts from Rudds was involved with controlling the building services noise and Tim Kuschel from GuzBox was involved with aspects of the audio system. We first met at the venue for a walk around and to see some of the key features. The group reconvened in a separate meeting room and Jeremy and Tim explained the challenges they faced. Both had been called in after design and the construction had commenced. Controlling the services from the plant room under the seating area required substantial additional construction. He also pointed out that a 'whispering gallery' has been created by the curved foyer at the upper level. Tim explained the final selection of suitable microphones and install for the delegate system used in the 400 seat configuration. This system provides a separate microphone at every seat and combined with the presenter software control allows for discussion between the audience and those on stage

Marion Burgess
Convenor, ACT Group of NSW Division
22 October 2015

7. Acoustics Hunter Valley 2015 Conference

In 2015 NSW Division is hosting the AAS conference in the Hunter Valley. It will be at the Cypress Lakes Resort in the spectacular Hunter Valley. The technical program is of great interest to all-comers, covering a full range of topics from active noise control through to musical acoustics and bio-acoustics as well as the regular areas such as transportation and environmental noise. In recognition of the role that the coal industry has played in making Australia the world leader in managing noise and vibration generated on mining sites, there will be a dedicated session on mining noise and a chance to visit an open cut coal mine.

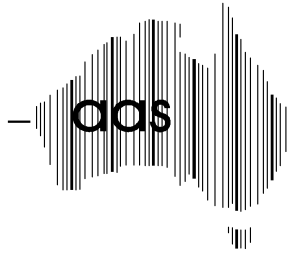
The entire NSW Divisional Committee has been working hard to make this conference successful. However, I would particularly like to thank Jeff Parnell the conference chair, Nicole Kessissoglou and Con Doolan for all their hard work.

8. Conclusion

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a special thank you to all members of the NSW Committee who continue to offer their valuable personal time in running the NSW Division of the Society.

Best regards,

John Wassermann
Chairman
NSW Division - Australian Acoustical Society



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Treasurer's Report/ Financial statement 2014/15

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

OF

AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY

N.S.W DIVISION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2015

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**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY
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**STATEMENT OF OPERATING PROFIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
AAS Subs Refund	-	-
Interest Received	4,446	6,020
	<u>4,446</u>	<u>6,020</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit	1,100	-
Bank Charges	120	120
Conference, Meeting & AGM Expenses	10,693	11,029
Federal Council Levy	16,828	-
Prizes & Awards	7,000	-
Video Production	5,595	-
	<u>41,336</u>	<u>11,149</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(36,890)</u>	<u>(5,129)</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(36,890)	(5,129)
Surplus / (Deficit) brought forward	163,419	168,548
Retained Surplus	<u>126,529</u>	<u>163,419</u>

**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY
N.S.W. DIVISION**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	2015 \$	2014 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	1	99,249	163,419
Prepayments	2	27,280	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>126,529</u>	<u>163,419</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>126,529</u>	<u>163,419</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>126,529</u>	<u>163,419</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Retained Surplus		126,529	163,419
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>126,529</u>	<u>163,419</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
1. CASH		
Cash at Bank	14,130	11,351
CBA Term Deposit - 2246 5014 0059	-	70,000
CBA Term Deposit - 2246 5014 0040	85,119	82,068
	<u>99,249</u>	<u>163,419</u>
2. PREPAYMENTS		
Conference prepayments	27,280	-
	<u>27,280</u>	<u>-</u>