



## Australian Acoustical Society

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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

# NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society will be held on Wednesday 27 October 2010 commencing at 6:30pm sharp at National Acoustics Laboratory, 126 Greville Street, Chatswood. This will be followed by a technical talk.

Information about the technical talk, the minutes of the 39<sup>th</sup> AGM (2009), and the chairperson's report are attached. The audited accounts and auditor's report will be tabled at the meeting.

## AGENDA

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- 1 Opening
  - 2 Apologies
  - 3 Proxies
  - 4 Minutes of 2009 AGM
  - 5 Business
    - 5.1 Chairman's report
    - 5.2 Treasurer/Registrar's report
    - 5.3 Appointment of Auditor and Remuneration
  - 6 Election of five members to serve on the NSW Division Committee
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### 1. VOTING RIGHTS

Persons holding the grade of Fellow or Member have full voting rights, except they are not permitted to vote at the election of Associate, Subscriber or Student members to the Division Committee.

Persons holding the grade of Associate, Subscriber or Student may only (except as hereinafter provided) vote to elect not more than two of their numbers to the Division Committee. Associates, Subscribers or Student members serving on the Division Committee shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Society or their Division.

Votes may be submitted by Proxy and a Proxy Form is enclosed herewith. Please note the conditions of lodgement. Persons must be financial at the time of the AGM.

### 2. NOTICES OF MOTIONS OR BUSINESS

No motion or business other than the business brought forward by the Division shall come before the meeting unless notice thereof is received in writing at least 21 days beforehand.

### 3. NSW DIVISION COMMITTEE

Committee members who are up for retirement after serving two years are as follows:

Neil Gross**	Federal Councillor, Technical Subcommittee
Najah Ishac**	Technical Subcommittee
Rodney Stevens**	Treasurer
Nicole Kessissoglou**	Chairman, Acoustics Australia Rep
Matthew Harrison**	Co-opted

Committee members whose term will expire in 2011 are as follows:

Tracy Gowen	Vice-Chairman, Federal Councillor
Warwick Williams	Technical Subcommittee
Laura Allison	Secretary, Minutes Secretary
Jeff Parnell	Co-opted

The members tagged \*\* have indicated that they are available for election.

If you wish to nominate somebody for election, please complete the attached Nomination Form and returned it to our Secretary by Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Nominations may also be made at the AGM.

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### NOMINATION FORM 2010

I, .....of Grade.....

Nominate..... of Grade .....

to stand for election as a Committee member for a two year period from November 2010.

The person I am nominating has agreed to stand for election.

Signed.....Date.....

### PROXY FORM 2010

I, .....of.....

being a Fellow/Member of the Australian Acoustical Society, hereby appoint

.....of.....

as my Proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division to be held on Wednesday 27 October 2010 at 6:30 pm and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed .....Date.....

To be valid, Proxy Forms must be forwarded to the Secretary, NSW Division AAS, c/- Laura Allison, AECOM, Level 11, 44 Market Street SYDNEY NSW 2000 [Fax: (02) 8295 7555] by Monday, 25 October 2010. Proxy Forms can also be given to the Secretary or her representative at the meeting place before the commencement of the meeting.

# Chairperson's Report

## 2009 - 2010

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting - 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### 1. Division Committee

In 2010, the NSW Division welcomed two new committee members, Jeff Parnell (NSW Department of Planning) and Matthew Harrison (AECOM Acoustic Group), who were co-opted to fill the positions due to the resignations of Larry Clark and Gayle Greer. The NSW Division is grateful to Larry Clark and Gayle Greer for their involvement on the committee over the past few years.

There are currently 9 members of the committee, which means that there is 1 position vacant to take the committee up to the 10 person maximum.

At present the committee is structured as follows:

- Nicole Kessissoglou            Chairman, Acoustics Australia Rep
- Tracy Gowen                    Vice-Chairman, Federal Councillor
- Laura Allison                 Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Membership Grading
- Neil Gross                      Federal Councillor, Technical Subcommittee
- Rodney Stevens               Treasurer
- Najah Ishac                    Technical Subcommittee
- Warwick Williams             Technical Subcommittee
- Jeff Parnell                     Technical Subcommittee
- Matthew Harrison             Technical Subcommittee

The major work of the committee during this year has been:

- Organising and running the technical program, thanks mainly to Neil Gross and Larry Clark for an excellent program over the last 12 months.
- Regular membership/administration issues.
- Award of the AAS NSW Young Scientist Award (previously called the NSW Student Travel Award) to 10 students to attend the ICA 2010 conference.
- Award of the AAS NSW Acoustics Prize to the best undergraduate student in acoustics course at UNSW, USyd and Macquarie Uni.
- Assisting Marion Burgess and her team in the preparations for the ICA 2010 conference.

## 2. Technical / Social Activities

There were seven technical meetings held in Sydney.

- 11 November 2009 LEED and Acoustics in Sustainable Design. Ken Roy gave an overview of the LEED rating system used in the USA for green buildings. The presentation reviewed Ken's recent experiences with green buildings in the USA and field IEQ survey results based on surveys conducted by the Centre for the Built Environment (UC Berkeley).
- 11 December 2009 The Right Way, the Wrong Way and the Railway. A Christmas breakfast seminar. Dave Anderson presented an overview of recent rail noise and vibration progress at RailCorp including projects, issues (wheel squeal), research and development, standards and policies and RailCorp's new structure and future directions.
- 17 February 2010 Risk in Acoustic Design and Construction. Renzo Tonin provided an overview of the risks involved in acoustic design and the need to educate project stakeholders in these risks focusing on the balance needed between cost and risk.
- 24 March 2010 Modelling Soundscapes. Dr Rob Bullen, Director, Wilkinson Murray gave an overview of the use of Soundscape modelling software developed to provide a reasonable simulation of the sound of a space to help provide individuals with to understand the effects of constructions and noise sources on the "sound" of a space.
- 8 June 2010 The Effects of the Atmosphere on Noise Propagation and How to Deal with it in Environmental Assessments. Dr Nigel Holmes gave an overview of how acoustic measurements can be affected by atmospheric conditions and an acoustic tool that can be used to process meteorological data to determine whether wind is a factor that needs to be considered in an acoustic assessment.
- 21 July 2010 DECCW Draft Road Noise Policy. Mark Latal from the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW) presented the major changes between the current Environmental Criteria for Road Traffic Noise (ECRTN) with the Draft Road Noise Policy which will replace it.
- 19 August 2010 Concert Hall Acoustics. Dr Leo Beranek briefly covered the history of Western music and concert halls, the background to the physical determination of the behaviour of sound in rooms, the principal acoustical attributes of concert halls as well as look at some famous older concert halls.

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 since September 2010 and for proceedings years are given in the following table, and show that member numbers are slightly up on last year.

	September 2010	September 2009	September 2008
Fellows	10	10	9
Members	165	158	159
Graduates	3	5	6
Associates	12	11	11
Subscribers	8	8	9
Students	15	4	4

### 4. Acoustics Australia

There has been a change of editors of the Acoustics Australia journal. After 5 years, Joe Wolfe and his team (Joe Wolfe, John Smith, Marion Burgess, Emery Schubert) have hung up their laurels and passed the journal on to Nicole Kessissoglou (editor), Tracy Gowen (treasurer) and Marion Burgess is still assisting as news editor. The new team and the AAS NSW Division would like to thank the previous editorial team for their excellent and hard work in presenting the journal over the last five years.

Acoustics Australia continues to request for 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. In addition, the presenters of the technical talks are encouraged to write up their presentation as a technical note for publication in the journal.

### 5. Awards and Grants

In 2010, the NSW Division awarded the AAS NSW Young Scientist Award (previously called the NSW Travel Award) to 11 students to attend the ICA 2010 conference. Three rounds of the award were advertised in order to encourage as many applicants as possible and to provide an opportunity for students in the field of acoustics to attend an international conference in Sydney. The award covers the cost of the conference registration. The recipients of the award represent four universities in NSW and ACT.

The AAS NSW Division Acoustics Prize was awarded to the best undergraduate student in the following three courses in 2009:

- MECH9325 Fundamentals of Noise course, University of New South Wales
- DESC9133 Architectural Acoustics Practice course, University of Sydney
- CAUD803 Theoretical Bases of Audiology course, Macquarie University

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. The NSW Division Secretary, Laura Allison, presented the award to the best student from the University of New South Wales and the University of Sydney. The recipient of the 2009 Acoustics Prize for the course MECH9325 has started his professional career in the field of acoustics and has joined the Society as a graduate member. The recipient of the DESC9133 prize has joined the Society as a student member.

## 6. Report on ICA 2010 conference

The ICA 2010 conference was held from the 23-27 August 2010 at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre. The executive committee comprised Marion Burgess (chair), David Anderson (secretary), Chris Schulten (treasurer) and Norm Broner (technical exhibition manager). The technical program comprised of 10 parallel sessions over 5 days. 750 papers were given as verbal presentations and 150 papers were given as poster presentations. There were 5 plenary speakers and 8 distinguished speakers. There were 1036 participants at ICA, of which approximately were 820 registered delegates of which 33% were students/retired persons. There were 39 countries represented in the delegate listing. The exhibition comprised of 34 booths. Sponsorship was obtained from industry with two gold sponsors, one silver and one bronze sponsor. The ICA 2010 conference was a great success and provided an excellent opportunity for AAS NSW Division members to attend a major international conference in Sydney.

## 7. ACT Division Activities 2009-2010

The 81<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the ACT Division was held on 12 May 2010.

12 May 2010            Draft ACT Noise Measurement Manual. Rodney Dix and Jacqui Arthur from Environment ACT first introduced the basis for the draft measurement manual and sought comments in particular from the consultants who undertake such measurements. The AAS appreciates the opportunity to discuss these matters in an informal manner and it was pleasing to see how receptive both Jacqui and Rod were to our comments so we came away from the meeting feeling that it had been a worthwhile exercise.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their involvement in the AAS NSW Division in 2010, in particular to the presenters of the technical meetings and to the NSW Division committee members for their tireless efforts over the last year. Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to Marion Burgess, Dave Anderson and Chris Schulten for organizing an excellent ICA 2010 conference.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the AGM on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

Best regards,

Nicole Kessissoglou  
Chairperson  
NSW Division - Australian Acoustical Society