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Draft Minutes of 12 AEC, 2004 Annual General Meeting

Held at Conrad Jupiters Hotel, Gold Coast, at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday 6 July, 2004.

Present:

Richard John (chair), Sam Adeloju, Alison Downard, Paul Duckworth, Trevor Lewis, Justin Gooding, Mike Horne, Matthew Jeffrey, Michael McNally, Bruce Verity, Vicky Vicente-Beckett, Gordon Wallace, Frank Walsh.

1. Apologies

Reto Broger, Will Price, Russell Taylor, Danny Wong.

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Moved Trevor Lewis, seconded Paul Duckworth that the minutes of the 11AEC meeting (December 13, 2000) be accepted as a true record. **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

The rationalisation of the RACI discussed at the 11AEC meeting anticipated that the Electrochemistry Division would be merged with another Division of the RACI. The impetus for this evaporated shortly after and there is currently no prospect of the Division being merged; the current President is in fact interested in creating more Divisions.

The Division is still receiving 2% of the subscriptions of RACI members who select EDRACI as their first preference (however, this amounts to only \$400 per year).

4. Chairman s Report

The major activity of the Division continues to be organising conferences. The 4-year gap between conferences means we lose momentum, however we have made a loss on recent conferences whereas other Divisions make profits on their conferences. An aim for the next committee should be to start to break even on conferences, then

gradually move to make a small profit on them. One way to both run conferences more frequently and make a profit is to continue our involvement with the Interact conferences. The next Interact conference is tentatively planned for 2006 in Perth.

The next conference in which the Division will be involved is Connect 2005 in Sydney in July 2005 (this is the RACI National Convention).

5. Treasurer s Report

At the time of the AGM, the bank balance of the Division was approximately \$1,800; a float of \$5,000 used for Interact should be returned so that our effective balance is \$6,800. In addition, we expect to make a small profit from Interact 2004.

Money from the Breyer fund was not used for this conference; it was discussed whether the cost of the Breyer medallist (approx. \$3,000) should be drawn from the fund to improve the financial status of the Division. It was noted that the current Breyer fund of approximately \$9,000 will only support 3 more medallists. After discussion, it was left to the new committee to check the rate at which interest is being received in the fund and decide what action to take.

Prof. Robin Stokes recently donated \$2,200 to establish an account for support of the Stokes medal; Prof. Stokes was thanked for this generous donation.

6. Forthcoming Conferences

Discussed above.

7. Other Business

Richard John was thanked for his work in organising an excellent conference at Interact 2004.

Bruce Verity was thanked for his years of service as Secretary of the Division.

The preliminary work of Trevor Lewis in arranging speakers for 12AEC before it was merged with Interact 2004 was noted with thanks.

It was reported that copies of Electrochemistry Experiments in Australia and New Zealand are still available from Bruce Verity.

Frank Walsh suggested that EDRACI could run an electrochemistry summer school similar to that run in the UK — this is a profit-making exercise, but there are a significant number of attendees from industry.

8. Elections

All committee positions were declared vacant and nominations sought from the floor.

8.1 Chair

Matthew Jeffrey (Vic) was nominated by Richard John, seconded by Paul Duckworth. Nomination accepted. As there were no other nominations, Matthew was declared elected.

8.2 Secretary

Paul Duckworth (NSW) was nominated by Bruce Verity, seconded by Sam Adeloju. Nomination accepted. As there were no other nominations, Paul was declared elected.

8.3 Treasurer

Trevor Lewis (Tas) was nominated by Matthew Jeffrey, seconded by Gordon Wallace. Nomination accepted. As there were no other nominations, Trevor was declared elected.

8.4 Committee Members

<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Nominator</i>	<i>Seconded</i>	<i>Accepted?</i>
Richard John (Qld)	(Past Chair)	-	-
Justin Gooding (NSW)	Richard John	Matthew Jeffrey	Y
Mike Horne (Vic)	Trevor Lewis	Sam Adeloju	Y
Vicky Vicente-Beckett (Qld)	Richard John	Matthew Jeffrey	Y
Danny Wong (NSW)	Michael McNally	Bruce Verity	Y
Reto Broger (NSW)	Bruce Verity	Danny Wong	Y
Murray Baker (WA)	(co-opted subsequent to meeting)		Y

8.5 Student Representative

Nathan Newman (Tas)	Trevor Lewis	Bruce Verity	Y
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8.6 NZIC Liason

Alison Downard agreed to continue in this capacity.

8.7 International Relations Co-ordinator

Alan Bond has agreed to continue in this capacity.

9. Close

The meeting was closed at 6:30 p.m.