

**“People and skills powering Australia’s future”**



**NOVEMBER 2013 - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (following 20 November, 2013 meeting of Board)**

To enhance communication with API members and Partner Universities this Quarterly Newsletter is prepared immediately following API Board meetings to advise of the key decisions and actions taken at Board meetings and to advise of planned actions to address the skills shortage in power engineering.

TOPIC/ISSUE	NOTES/OUTCOMES/DECISION
<p>1.API Board Membership Development Strategy</p>	<p>The API Board approved the proposal for a “API Supporter” Class of Membership for 2014 calendar year and that a letter be sent to identified potential members inviting them to become “Supporter Members”.</p> <p>Key elements of the Supporter Member Class are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• . Participation in API 2014 Bursary activities including a commitment to take at least 1 API Bursary recipient for vacation employment during the summer vacation in 2014/15</li> <li>• Participation in API Member Networking activities on a State by State basis during 2014 which aims to bring existing members together with potential members to discuss the API Value proposition and answer their questions (possibly over a lunch hosted by API).</li> <li>• Participation and inclusion in API Workforce Planning Survey Report for 2013</li> <li>• Member discount for API Summer School and CPD activities does not apply</li> <li>• Promotion of Company logos etc on API Website and material does not apply</li> <li>• No membership fee applies for 2014 however companies are requested to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Give a decision re becoming a member of API by December, 2014</li> <li>○ If the company decides to become a member a 6 month membership fee will apply for financial year 2014/15 (i.e. at 50% discount).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>2.API Career Development Program – “Excellence in Power Engineering Program” : Progress with Pilot in Victoria</p>	<p>The API Board noted progress with the API Career Development – Members Participation Program : Victorian Pilot and noted the following participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SP-AusNet: 3</li> <li>▪ AEMO: 2</li> <li>▪ Wilson Transformers: 4</li> <li>▪ United Energy: 2</li> <li>▪ GDF SUEZ Australia: 2</li> <li>▪ Aurecon: 2</li> <li>▪ (a Total of 15 participants)</li> </ul> <p>The Program’s objectives are to facilitate an increased pipeline of future Principal/Senior/Experienced Professional Engineers for the Power Industry.</p> <p>Meetings have been arranged with all API Member organisation participants and their supervisors/managers to undertake a Development/training Needs Assessment Analysis for each participant.</p> <p>Key development activities over the 3 years (nominal) of the program are:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work exchanges between participating organisations</li> <li>• Attendance at 1 API Summer School</li> <li>• Program Technical Workshops: 2 days, 2 p.a. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ (The first Technical Workshop is planned for 29 &amp; 30 November, 2013)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Following a review of the Victorian Pilot in February 2014 it is planned to consider the implementation of this program in other States in Australia.</p>
<p>3. Progress with API National Bursary Program 2013 and API Bursary Holder Vacation Placements in 2013/14 Summer Vacation</p>	<p>The Board noted the following bursary recipients on a State by State basis for 2013 (based on a maximum total of 40):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QLD: 10 (3 females) ; NSW: 10 (3 females) ; VIC: 7 (2 females) ; TAS: 1 ; SA: 2 (1 female) ; WA: 6 (1 female)</li> </ul> <p>Applications for 2013 API Bursary were received from 293 students.</p> <p>The API 2013 Bursary Award ceremonies were held in each State from 25 September to 6 November, 2013 with good attendance from students and API Member representatives.</p> <p>The API Graduating Bursary holders completed a feedback survey on their university learning/education experience and experience with API Bursary Program.</p>
<p><b>4. API 2014 Summer School</b></p>	<p>The API 2014 Summer School will be held from SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY to FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 2014 on SUNSHINE COAST , QLD.</p> <p>All members are requested to finalise registrations from their organisation by 14 December, 2013.</p> <p><b>Registration is through Engineering Education Australia (EEA) via the following link:</b> <a href="http://www.eeaust.com.au/API-Power-Engineering-Summer-School">http://www.eeaust.com.au/API-Power-Engineering-Summer-School</a></p>
<p>6. Next meeting of API Board.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2014 – Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre, Sunshine Coast (in conjunction with API 2014 Summer School).</b></p>

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