

“People and skills powering Australia’s future”

AUGUST 2012 - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (following 30 April, 2012 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	FUTURE ACTION
1. API Coordinated Concerted Research Initiative	The API Board approved: (a) Suspending its research initiative until the business environment in the energy industry improves and for CE to notify the potential 2 Research Hub participants of this decision and (b) The API commence preparation of a government and regulatory submission for an Innovation Funding Incentive Scheme to allow resumption of the research initiative programs in (a) above and (c) Considered if API should participate in the CSIRO Future Grid Forum as a bronze participant at \$20,000 and decided not to participate at this stage.	
2. Response to Senate Inquiry Report into Shortage of Engineering and Related Employment Skills	The API Board approved accepting the invitation to partner with ANET in responding to the Government on the Senate inquiry report and that the API Chair and CE separately respond to the relevant Federal Government Departments to influence the Government response to the Senate Report in accordance with the API Submission recommendations.	
3. API 2012 Report Card on Achievements – API Funded Projects to Improve Power Engineering Teaching and Learning ; providing sustainable industry skills	The API Board endorsed the API Report Card document as capturing the achievements of API funding of universities to improve power engineering teaching and learning over the last 5 years. It was suggested that the Summary of API projects with individual universities as listed on the API website be included as an appendix to the document.	CE is to have the document printed and distributed to API Member CEO’s/MD’s and representatives and include access to the document on API website.
4. API Strategy Paper: A Vision and Approach for the Future of Power	The Board discussed and reviewed the draft vision paper including the proposed KPI’s and measures for the organisation.	The CE is to continue preparation of the paper seeking input/feedback

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Engineering Education and Research in Australia	<p>The Board reaffirmed the vision statement for API i.e. <i>“to deliver a sustainable supply of highly skilled power engineering professionals working effectively to meet the challenges of creating Australia’s new energy future and underpin the technical and commercial success of member companies in the energy sector”</i>.</p> <p>The Board then discussed and developed further Strategy Options to be considered to achieve the API vision before making a decision regarding these options at the November API Board meeting.</p>	from the API Board and members, including overseas experience during the CE visit to UK and CIGRE Conference.
5. API 2013 Summer School Adelaide SA February/March 2013	<p>The Board noted the progress with the API 2013 Summer School to be held at Mt Lofty House, Adelaide Hills and the support of the local API member organisations in the technical program, site visits and syndicates.</p> <p>It was also bought to API Board members notice that there were limited spaces of 35 delegates in 2013 and that they should secure registrations a.s.a.p. to ensure places at the Summer School (and receive the early bird discount if registered by 28 September, 2012)</p>	Presenters and Syndicates/ Facilitators to be secured by December, 2012
6. Progress with API National Bursary Program 2012	<p>The API Board members undertook to assist in taking as many API Bursary recipients as possible in their organizations and also assist in identifying/influencing other potential organizations to take API Bursary recipients in their State.</p> <p>The Board also approved an accommodation/transport allowance of \$150 per week for API Bursary students to take vacation employment in regional member organisations (particularly in NSW).</p> <p>The API Board approved funding of 2 positions at \$2,000 each for each of the EWB Leadership Program – Dialogues on Development to India and Cambodia, for API Bursary Holders who are selected by EWB. The successful API Bursary Holders are to provide a report and give a presentation on their involvement in the program.</p>	API 2012 Bursary Award functions to be organised through October and November 2012 in each State.
7. Next meeting	<p>THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER, 2012 MELBOURNE (Venue to be advised) 8AM -1PM (prior to CIGRE ANC meetings).</p>	

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