

“People and skills powering Australia’s future”

NOVEMBER, 2010 - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (following 3 November 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. Progress with API National Bursary program and Review of Bursary Eligibility Criteria	<p>1. The Board discussed the Bursary Program eligibility criteria and agreed on the following :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding availability of API Bursary Program to students in years 1,2 and 3 of study • Preparation of a proforma template for API Members to scope vacation work for API students prior to taking up vacation work (so that students have clear tasks/projects) • Consider implementing the IEEE PES Careers on line service 	<p>1. CE to seek input from State Coordination Groups and Australian Power Academy and prepare a report with recommendations for changes to November Board meeting.</p> <p>2. API Bursary Awards ceremonies successfully held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSW: 31 August • QLD: 8 September • VIC: 28 September • SA: 1 October • TAS: 5 October • WA: 15 October
2. API Power Engineering Summer School (Residential) 2011	<p>1. The Board endorsed the program of presentations, site visits and syndicate topics for the 2011 Summer School in the <u>Hunter Valley/Newcastle region (NSW) from Sunday 20 Feb to Friday 4 March, 2011</u></p>	<p>1. Promotion of the 2011 Summer School to API members advising of theme, aims and benefits. <u>Theme is “Delivering Community Value through Optimised Power System Performance”</u></p> <p>Closing Date for Registrations: 5 November, 2010.</p>
3. API/Australian Power Academy Amalgamation.	<p>1. The Board received the progress report from CE on the amalgamation of API with APA</p> <p>2. The agreed effective date for amalgamation is 1 January, 2011.</p> <p>3. The API Constitution changes to incorporate agreed new Board representational arrangements were approved at the AGM.</p>	<p>1. CE to arrange for filling of 2 Board positions from General Industry sector.</p>

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4. API Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Bid.	1. The Board endorsed the API CRC Paradigm Shift Objectives which will drive the development of breakthrough projects/themes to be scoped for the CRC Bid.	1. CE will approach API Member companies to seek “in principle” support for the CRC Bid and an indication of the level of monetary and in-kind support available (final commitments will not be required until finalisation of the CRC Business Plan/Case). A copy of Draft CRC Business Plan will be included with the letter to API Member CEO/MD’s.
5. API Request for Proposals from Universities for Funding in 2011/12 Financial Year.	1. The Board approved the “Request for Funding Proposals” to an amended maximum funding limit of \$600,000	1. CE to distribute “Request for Funding Proposals” document to all universities with a commitment to power engineering education. University proposals to be received by 4 February, 2011
6. Next meeting (to be run in conjunction with 2011 API Summer School).	3 MARCH, 2011 – Potters Hotel Brewery Resort, Hunter Valley, NSW.	

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