

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



**MAY 2011 - QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER (following 10 May 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 Strategic Plan and Actions 2011 - 2015	1. The API Board approved the Strategic Plan and Actions for 2011-2015 and the Detailed Budget/statement of Financial Performance for \$3,309,000 of expenditure in 2011/12.  The API Strategic plan and Actions can be found at <a href="http://www.api.edu.au/planning">www.api.edu.au/planning</a> .	
2. API Power Engineering Summer School (Residential) 2012	1. The Board endorsed the proposal for the API 2012 Summer School to be held in Victoria – Macedon Ranges area within 40 minutes of Melbourne airport. A Steering Group was established of API Member representatives in Victoria to guide the Theme and Program for the 2012 Summer School	CE will arrange meetings of API 2012 Steering Group in May and end July to finalise preliminary program and promotional brochure for Summer School.
3. API Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) Bid.	1. The Board endorsed the API CRC Bid in accordance with the proposed Terms (Industry Cash contribution of \$1.5M p.a. + Industry In Kind contribution of \$1.0M p.a.) and the Board delegated to the API Board CRC Subcommittee the review of final CRC Submission documentation and the decision to submit the CRC Bid by the due date of 30 June, 2011	1. The API CRC Steering Group will work with CRC Bid Management Team to finalise documentation required for the CRC Bid. 2.CE to write a follow up letter to all API Member CEO’s/MD’s advising of progress and proposed details as outlined in CRC Terms document and seek to obtain further member interest in funding the CRC.
4. API Request for Proposals from Universities for Funding in 2011/12 Financial Year.	1. The Board approved 16 Projects totalling \$675,780 with 12 universities across Australia.	1. CE to obtain project agreement from all successful universities. 2. CE to run a university partners workshop focussed on communicating resources available to be used by other universities in their teaching and learning (i.e. to maximise collaboration)

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5.API Support of Science and Technology Education Leveraging Relevance (STELR) Project in 2011/12	1. The Board approved a donation of \$75,000 to the ATSE – STELR Project in 2011/12	
6. Next meeting	<b>2 AUGUST 2011 – RMIT Melbourne.</b>	

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