



QUEENSLAND SECTION

THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS INC.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2016

Venue: Terrace Room, Sir Llew Edwards Building, UQ

SKYPE video conference call ID: [ieeee.qld](https://www.ieee.org/queensland)

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Attendance:

	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
1	Reza	Akbarzadeh Sohi	26	Ghassem	Mokhtari
2	Amra	Alibegovic-Memisevic	27	Nazanin	Nadian
3	Moe	Amanzadeh	28	Afsaneh	Narimani
4	Juliana	Barbosa Nunes	29	Leslie	Overs
5	Malcolm	Barrett	30	Vibhor	Pandey
6	Konstanty	Bialkowski	31	Kourosh	Parsa
7	James	Bird	32	Reuben	Peterkin
8	Aidan	Carey	33	Alexandra	Posoldova
9	Bryan	Cheetham	34	David	Russell
10	Vaughan	Clarkson	35	Tapan	Saha
11	Amit	Dhoke	36	Tony	Sahama
12	John	Edwards	37	Jason	Shepherd
13	Daniel	Eghbal	38	Marie-Luise	Wille
14	Garry	Einicke	39	Han	Zhang
15	Simon	ELLIS	40	Celeste	de Mezieres
16	Ben	John	41	Jared	Grallaty
17	Robert	Kennedy	42	Amin	Gharipour
18	Waaail	Lafta	43	Jaroslav	Krata
19	John	Lee	44	Mohammad Hossain	Etesami
20	Andrew	Lewis	45	Qing	Zhang
21	Dennis	Longstaff	46	David	Batterham
22	Rob	Makaremi	47	Olav	Krause
23	Kylie	McKenzie	48	Domagoj	LesKarac
24	Rizah	Memisevic	49	Hannah	McCabe
25	Nilesh	Modi	50	Jan	McSweeney

Apologies:

	First Name	Last Name		First Name	Last Name
1	Murray	Cooper	6	Mohanraj	Karunanithi
2	Navinda	Kottege	7	Negareh	Ghasemi
3	Keith	Callaghan	8	Ghavam	Nourbakhsh
4	Evan	Gray	9	Kalum	Udagepola
5	Chandima	Ekanayake			



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	Chair: Garry Einicke opened the meeting and welcomed the members.		
1.0	Attendance and apologies.	David Russell took the minutes of the meeting as the Secretary was not present. The attendance and apologies are as listed on the first page of these minutes.	Secretary
2.0	Confirmation of agenda.	Moved by chair, Seconded by Tapan Saha.	Vice-Chair
3.0	Acceptance of minutes of the last meeting (2015 AGM held on 2 December 2015 at St Leos, University of Queensland).	Moved by Konstanty Bialkowski and seconded by Nilesh Modi.	No objections from the members, passed unanimously
4.0	Business arising from the last meeting (2015 AGM).	No items were reported.	Chair
5.0	Committee Coordination – Section Chair.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The 2016 AGM Report has been uploaded to the IEEE QLD website and copies were available at the meeting.• The AGM Report details the activity of the section through the 2016 year.• The QLD Section held 70 events including seminars, conferences, lectures and workshops.• The Section finances are in good shape and will be discussed in greater detail by the Treasurer.• Garry thanked Tapan Saha for representing us on the Australia Council and his continued contribution to the QLD Section.• Garry thanked Mike Robinson for the tremendous job he has done over the past few years particularly as Treasurer and Webmaster.• Further details can be found in the AGM Report.	Chair

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6.0	Reports from the Section Committee		
6.1	Vice-chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel outlined the arrangement for the evening (AGM and dinner function). • Daniel thanked all the volunteers who have contributed their time and experience to the QLD Section this year. • Further details can be found in the Vice-Chair report section in the 2016 AGM Report. • Daniel announced the 2017 committee members (the results of the section election which was held earlier in 2016). A full list of 2017 elected committee members can be found at the back of the minutes and on the website. 	
6.2	Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghavam was absent from the meeting so attendees were referred to the detail in the AGM report. 	
6.3	Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob advised the meeting that details of the finances could be found in the AGM Report. • Electronic banking has been set up for the bank accounts. The accounts require two people to authorise a transaction. Currently Daniel Eghbal (incoming Chair) and Rob Kennedy (Treasurer) can authorise transactions. The meeting unanimously agreed that Nilesh Modi (incoming Vice-chair) and Tapan Saha should also be able to authorise transactions to cover times when people are on leave, sick, etc. • Some items highlighted by Rob included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The opening balance of the Access Account was \$13,040.06 on 1 December 2015, and the closing balance was \$6,849.01 on 11 November 2016. ○ A new \$10,000 term deposit account was opened in 2016, bringing the total value of term deposits to over \$120,000. ○ The main expense items were the same as last year with student activities, AGM, meeting catering and student prizes. ○ Chapter expenses were a little more than last year at just over \$7,200. • Rob is in communication with Jianguo Huang (R10 Professional Activities Coordinator) re paying for an event organised by Dian Tjondronegoro. 	



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6.4	Awards & Recognition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Vice-chair gave a brief report on section awards and recognitions. The awards are detailed in the AGM Report. • A total of 16 Recognition of Service awards were presented by the IEEE Queensland Section in 2016. • Nine Outstanding Contribution awards were awarded by the Queensland Section in 2016. • A vote was taken by members of the IEEE Queensland Section committee and Konstanty Bialkowski was elected Volunteer of the Year. • The annual PES Outstanding Engineer Award recognises outstanding technical, professional, and society contribution on behalf of the power and energy profession. The 2016 winner is Professor Peter Wolfs from Central Queensland University. • The awards were presented to those present at the meeting. 	
6.5	Professional Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
6.6	Student Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
6.7	Membership Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
6.8	Educational Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
6.9	Newsletter Editor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
6.10	Webmaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghassem highlighted that he had started work to convert the website to a new modern look website. This work is still in progress and it is hoped it will be substantially complete by the end of the calendar year. • In addition, new “social” pages have been added and there is a calendar feature that details upcoming events. • Detailed webmaster report can be found in the AGM Report. 	
6.11	TISP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan McSweeney is the incoming TISP Chair and introduced herself to the meeting. Jan outlined her background and how she intends to transfer her previous skills into the TISP role. 	
7.0	Student Chapter Activities		
7.1	UQ Student Branch UQ/PES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
7.2	QUT Student Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	



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7.3	GU (Nathan) Student Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
7.4	GU (Gold Coast) Student Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
7.5	CQU (Brisbane) Student Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
8.0	Chapter and Affinity Groups		
8.1	Aerospace & Electronics Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. An additional event has been held last week with 43 people attending a GBAS lecture. 	
8.2	Computational Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chapter had a successful year with the details in the AGM Report. 	
8.3	Computer Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. Garry highlighted that although university Information Technology courses are very popular, it continues to be difficult to recruit Computer Society Student Branches and Committee Members. It would be worthwhile to conduct targeted membership drives in 2017. 	
8.4	Control Systems/Robotics & Automation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
8.5	Engineering in Medicine & Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
8.6	Microwave Theory & Techniques/Antennas & Propagation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
8.7	Power & Energy/DEIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. The PES chapter was recognised as one of the Runners-up for the Outstanding Large Chapter award for the 2015 program year. Queensland was in 5th place in the overall list of winning chapters. This is the sixth consecutive year that the PES Queensland chapter has won this award. 	
8.8	Signal Processing/Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. Vaughan highlighted the chapter had held 12 events and eight First Tuesday Journal Club sessions. 	
8.9	Social Implications of Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed in the AGM Report. 	



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8.9	Young Professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. • Alexandra highlighted the group had organized six events, with the second half of them dedicated to start-up related topics. Young Professionals were successful in winning two support grants from R10 Young Professionals and R10 Power Engineering Society 	
8.10	Women In Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report • Marie-Luise highlighted the group had organized five events including lunch-bag events through the year and were successful in obtaining an R10 grant to support their activities. • Next year Marie-Luise intends to work closely with Celeste de Mezieres who attended the AGM and is the secretary of Women in Engineering at Griffith University. 	
8.11	AOEC (Australian Oceanic Engineering Chapter)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed in the AGM Report. 	
9.0	Other business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moe Amanzadeh discussed the upcoming OFSIS2017 conference which is the 2nd International Conference on Fibre-optic and Photonic Sensors for Industrial and Safety Applications. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 120 delegates are expected to attend. ○ Financial support from the QLD Section is not required. ○ It is anticipated a limited number of students may be able to attend at no or limited cost. ○ Garry suggested Moe work closely with Signal Processing so the event could be advertised through the Signal Processing Chapter. 	
10.0	Next meeting	The next AGM will be held during November or December 2017.	



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QLD Section 2017 Office Bearers as announced by Daniel Eghbal

Office	2017
Chair	Daniel Eghbal
Vice Chair	Nilesh Modi
Secretary	Ghavam Nourbakhsh
Treasurer	Robert Kennedy
Immediate Past Chair	Garry Einicke
Newsletter Editor	David Russel
Webmaster	Ghassem Mokhtari
Professional Activities	Reza Akbarzadeh
Membership Development chair	Vacant
Awards & Recognition	Vacant
Student Activities Chair	Mojtaba Moghimi
Student Activities Assistant Chair	Vacant
Educational Activities Chair	Jayaseelan Marimuthu
Engineers Australia Liaison	Tapan Saha
TISP	Jan McSweeney
Women in Engineering (Chair)	Marie-Luise Wille
Women in Engineering (Vice chair)	Alexandra Posoldova
Women in Engineering (Secretary)	Vacant
Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter (Chair)	Robert Kennedy
Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter (VC)	Ken Morris
Aerospace and Electronic Systems Chapter (Sec)	Vacant
Computational Intelligence Chapter (Chair)	Amin Gharipour
Computational Intelligence Chapter (VC)	Andrew Lewis
Computational Intelligence Chapter (Sec)	Zahra Jadidi
Computational Intelligence Chapter (Treasurer)	Alan Liew
Computer Chapter (Chair)	Tomasz Bednarz
Computer Chapter (VC)	Ruslan Puscasu
Computer Chapter (Sec)	Rui Zeng
Computer Chapter (Treasurer)	
Control Sys/Robotics & Auto Chapter (Chair)	Kouros Parsa
Control Sys/ Robotics & Auto Chapter (VC)	Navinda Kottege
Control Sys/ Robotics & Auto Chapter (Sec)	Luis Mejias Alvarez
Engineering in Medicine & Biology Chapter (Chair)	Vacant
Engineering in Med & Biology Chapter (VC)	Vacant
Engineering in Med. & Biology Chapter (Sec)	Ghassem Mokhtari
MTT/AP Chapter (Chair)	Konstanty Bialkowski
MTT/AP Chapter (VC)	Morteza Shahpari
MTT/AP Chapter (Secretary)	Vacant



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Power & Energy Chapter (Chair)	Chandima Ekanayake
Power & Energy Chapter (VC)	David Batterham
Power & Energy Chapter (Secretary)	Nazanin Nadian
Power and Energy Chapter (treasurer)	Mohammadhossein Etesami
Signal Pro & Comms Chapter (Chair)	Nasir Hussain
Signal Pro & Comms Chapter (VC)	Greg Hislop
Signal Pro & Comms Chapter (Sec)	Muhammad Mohtasim
Young Professionals Affinity Group (Chair)	Sohrab (Rob) Makaremi
Young Professionals Affinity Group (VC)	Alexandra Posoldova
Young Professionals Affinity Group (Sec)	Reuben Peterkin
Young Professionals Affinity Group (Treasurer)	Hamid Amini Moghadam
Student Counsellor QUT	Mark Broadmeadow
Student Counsellor UQ	Rahul Sharma
Student Counsellor GU-GC	Stephen So
Student Counsellor GU-Nathan	Sascha Stegen
Student Counsellor USQ	Vacant
Student Counsellor CQU – Brisbane	Sangeetha Kutty
Student Counsellor CQU – Rockhampton	Ed Palmer
UQ Student Branch Chair	Jeremy Taylor
UQ Student Branch Treasurer	Vacant
GU-GS Student Branch Chair	Vacant
Australian Oceanic Engineering Chapter	Navinda Kottege
Power and Energy Chapter (student rep chair)	Hanxiao Zhang
Power and Energy Chapter (student rep vice-chair)	Lakshitha Naranpanawe
Power and Energy Chapter (student rep secretary)	Xinren Marcus Jiang
IEEE HKN Chair	