

# APVI AGM 2015

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*Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, 9th December 2015*

## Attendees

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### Members:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
1. Oliver Woldring	APVI / IT Power
2. Paul Meredith	UQ Solar
3. David Jordan	Australian PV Consulting
4. Simon Troman	IT Power
5. Muriel Watt	Australian PV Consulting
6. Ric Brazzale	Green Energy Trading
7. Olviia Coldrey	Self
8. Michelle Taylor	Ergon
9. Martina Calais	Murdoch
10. Linda Koschier	UNSW
11. Rob Passey	IT Power
12. Renate Egan	UNSW
13. Richard Corkish	UNSW

### Non-members:

None

## Apologies

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Steve Blume  
Ken Guthrie  
Igor Skyrabin  
Nicole Ghiotto  
Emily Mitchell

## Minutes

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**The minutes from the 2014 AGM circulated 22nd November were accepted as a true record.**

(Moved Rob Passey, seconded Ric Brazzale)

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## Matters Arising

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The Chair noted that the editing of the constitution to avoid confusion had not yet been completed, but that the records reflected the intent and that the issue had been discussed with those who raised it. The confusion has been clarified, and the constitution will be amended in due course.

## Chair's Report

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The Chair's report was presented. The report is embedded herein. Following is a summary of additional remarks made by the Chair and some ensuing discussion:

### 2015 ACTIVITIES

#### Projects

- Solar Map (2015)
- IEA representation (through to end 2018)
- COREM (2015-)
- Consumer Advocacy Panel (continuous)
- Solar Research Conference

#### International Energy Agency representation (PV and SHC)

- Analysis and Outreach (2018)
- High Penetration PV (2014)
- Reliability (2015)

#### Submissions on behalf of industry

- Ergon and Energex (January)
- AER on Innovative Business Models (Feb)
- Ergon II (March)
- SAPN (June)
- ARENA on Large Scale Solar (September)
- Victorian Networks (December)

#### Representations

- Renate with Jeanes&Holland
- Oliver w. Aus Institute and J Hewson

#### Presentations

- Energy Globe Award (April)
- ASC Sydney Meet (May)
- AES Workshop (June)
- NSW Renew Energy Agency (June)
- NSW State of Solar (July)
- Task 13 OA meeting (Oct)
- Solar Map Workshop (Dec)
- Solar Research Conference (Dec)



### PVPS Tasks and Research projects

- The PVPS tasks and major research projects being undertaken by APVI were summarized (see list in the Chairs Report) and presentations on summary outcomes were made during the conference
- The Solar Map remains a key project for the APVI and is widely accessed, cited and acknowledged.

### Reports, Submissions and Presentations

- The Chair presented a list of reports, submissions and presentations produced by APVI this year
- APVI has made a number of submissions to the regulator, utilities and government offices on behalf of its members. These submissions can all be found on the APVI website
- The Chair thanked members who have made presentations or attended meetings on APVI's behalf.
- The APVI has entered partnerships with the Energy Storage Alliance and ISES and maintains partnerships with the Clean Energy Council and Australian Solar Council.

### Future Projects

- The following is a summary of existing and planned projects;
- The APVI has just recruited a Program Manager who will be tasked with business development around some of these project proposals.

- Oliver Woldring suggested a strategy discussion be held to formulate priority areas.

## 2016 PROJECTS, SUBMISSIONS, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES

- Australia's representation to IEA on PV and SHC
- Industry representation on policy and tariff reform
- 2016 Workshops – Hosting IEA TASK 1, Strategy and Outreach in Oct 2016
- 2016 Solar Research Conference – November 29-December 1, ANU, Canberra
- Solar in Urban Planning (SHC) (submitted)
- Performance and Reliability (IEA, pending)
- Solar Map Stage 2 (pending)
- Battery and Module recycling, with ABRI (pending)
- High penetration PV ( IEA, pending)
- Building Integrated PV (IEA, pending)
- Wind Load (pending)



### Membership and Funding

- Issues: not being political, we struggle to be seen.
- We have enthusiastic members with lots of ideas, but not the resources to develop ideas and seek funding.
- Memberships are stable, - some losses (or transitions to smaller memberships), some wins due to interest in the map data.
- Some success in 2015 and again in 2016 with the Consumer Advocacy Panel

### Planning Activities

- Last Week Bain&Co provided assistance with strategic planning around the Solar Mapping program via their outreach program
- June Workshop in concert with Energy Storage Conference, Sydney
- June Strategy/Planning Day
- Present at CEC Week July

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**The Chair's report was accepted.**  
(Moved Ric Brazalle, seconded Richard Corkish)

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### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented..  
Following is a summary of remarks made by the Treasurer and ensuing discussion:

#### Current Financial Year

- Financial position much stronger 2015, with a turn-around from three years of loss to a clear profit in 2015.
- This arose from (i) new income from Consumer Advocacy Panel

- Reduced expenditure on CEO role, no media expenditure and in-house website maintenance.
- The bank balance (operational) is around \$50,000.
- Over the last 3 years, the bank balance has decreased from \$80k to \$20k (a loss of about 20k per year for last 3 years), due to membership decreasing and costs of seminars & events increasing

## Projections

- Program Manager charged with EOI proposals to bring in new funds
- Grow the opportunity to create more project work in line with the APVI mission.

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**The Treasurer's report was accepted.**  
(Moved Ric Brazalle, seconded Richard Corkish)

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**WC Accountants were accepted as auditors.**  
(Moved Ric Brazalle, seconded Richard Corkish)

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## Election of Board and Office Bearers

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Directors are in place for 2 years unless they retire.

### ELECTION OF 2015 BOARD AND OFFICE BEARERS

- 2015 Board Meetings in April, June, August
- The current APVI Board consists of
 

Nicole Ghiotto	Lyndon Frearson	Oliver Woldring
Igor Skyrabin	Olivia Coldrey	Renate Egan
- **Retiring:** Lyndon Frearson, Oliver Woldring, Igor Skyrabin, Renate Egan
- **Nominations:** Lyndon Frearson, Oliver Woldring, Igor Skyrabin, Renate Egan
- **Vote:**
- **Chair and Executive Committee positions (current holder indicated in brackets)**

Chair (Renate Egan)	Secretary (Emily Mitchell)
Treasurer (Rob Passey)	Public Officer (Igor Skyrabin)



With four nominations for four board positions, the nominees were all elected unopposed.

The Chair noted that there was interest from one member who did not nominate. That the individual will be approached to see what level of involvement they might be interested in to understand the operation of the APVI.

The executive team was discussed and will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

## Other Business

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Paul Meredith congratulated the team on the Solar Map and commented that it had delivered particular value in QLD

Martina Calais commented that Horizon Power had been using the Monitoring guidelines and provided positive feedback. Horizon Power have been unable to maintain their membership.

Richard asked if the ACAP logo could be displayed on the website. Renate to look at who was paying (SPREE) or ACAP.

**Meeting closed at 5:40**