

AGM 2020

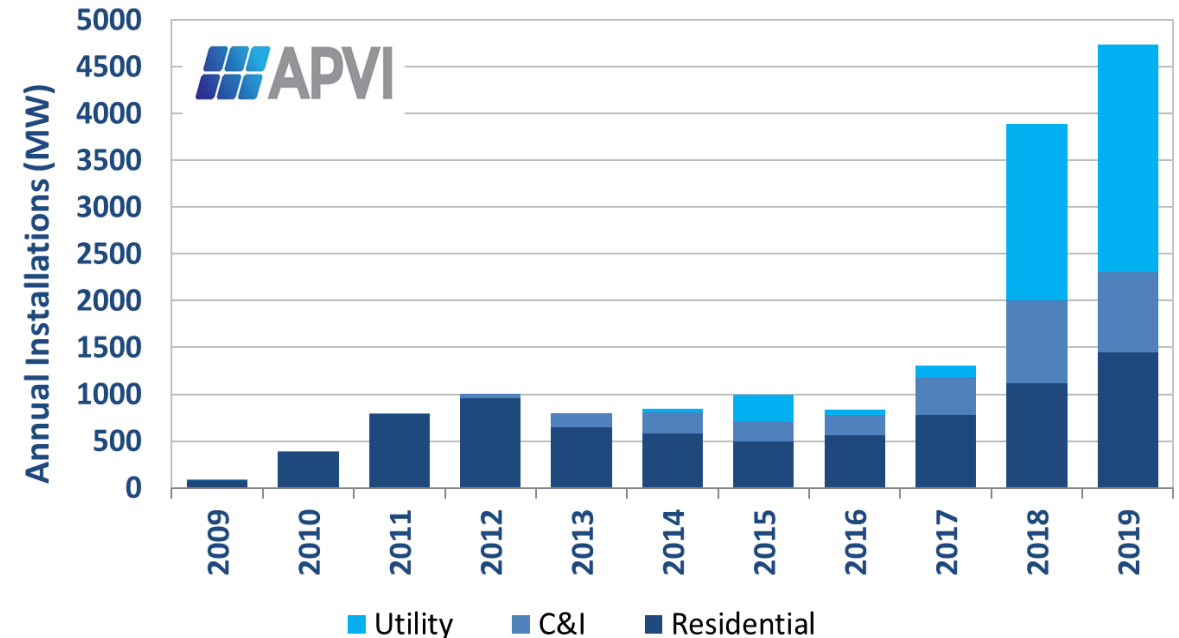
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Agenda:

1. Welcome, confirm quorum (3), apologies and minute taker
2. Confirm participant approval for recording of meeting (replaces sign-on process)
3. Review 2019 AGM minutes and confirm
4. Chair's report – Chris Fell
5. Treasurer's report – Rob Passey
6. Appointment of auditor
7. Elections of replacements for retiring board members (Chris Fell & Annie Ngo)
8. Resolution to replace the existing constitution with a new version – Chris Fell
9. Vote on constitution resolution by poll
10. Other business
11. Overviews of major activities 2020 (time permitting):
 - IEA activities – Ken Guthrie
 - PV in Australia report – Linda Koschier
 - APSRC – (Roger Dargaville)
 - Sunspot – Mike Roberts



Annual PV Installations by Sector (MW)



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Chair's Report

- On the role of Chair in APVI
- Board meetings this year (6): 3 Feb, 9 June, 22 June, 6 July, 20 July, 23 Nov
- My personal goals for my first year as Chair of APVI (with self-assessment scores):
 1. Understand the Constitution – (9/10)
 2. Spread the workload – (7/10)
 3. Get the board working like a board (fiduciary oversight, risk prevention etc) – (5/10)
 4. Improve the (visual) image of APVI – (10/10)
 5. Identifying and communicating our value to members e.g. networking, policy submissions – (2/10)
- Goals for 2021 (if re-elected)
 1. Improve on #2, #3 and #5 above
 2. Implement some internal governance structures, e.g. delegations of authority etc

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Activities in 2020

APVI core activities

- Coordinating participation in International Energy Agency Tasks (incl. *PV in Australia* report)
- Asia-Pacific Solar Research Conference
- Solar maps (SunSpot)

Image enhancement

- New website
- Refreshed newsletters (March/April, May/June, July/Aug, Sept/Oct) – do members think these are worthwhile?
- Social media (Great results – please share our LinkedIn page)

New constitution (including refreshed Principal Purposes)

- Voting today (to be discussed later)

Event partnerships

- Energy Storage World Forum
- EU PVSEC
- ISES 50th Solar World Congress

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Activities in 2020

Support for Australian projects

- 5 projects, e.g. BOM
- 1 letter of reference

Board internal structure

- Subcommittees for: Audit/Risk, Policy, Member Value, Communications

Efficiency improvements

- Reviewed how we use; cleaned up mailing lists; added hashtags

Compliance improvements

- One member, one vote

Hosting old ANZES conference proceedings (thanks Trevor Lee)

- Underway

Strategic planning

- Explored some options

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Why are we replacing the APVI Constitution?

Simplify, clarify, modernise.

- (1) There are some parts of the old constitution that the present board simply couldn't interpret, either because they are very complex in their language, or are clear in language but ambiguous in intent. We wanted to clarify these so that present and future boards don't have to keep getting legal interpretation;
- (2) There are some parts of the old constitution that are unnecessarily prescriptive about things that don't need to be in a constitution, e.g. very specific titles and roles for the Executive. We'd prefer to optimise these roles to suit APVI's circumstances as they evolve;
- (3) We wanted to review the language around our Principal Purposes, which would have required a change to the constitution at the AGM anyway.
- (4) We wanted to allow previous directors back onto the board (after an appropriate hiatus)

After starting down the path of modifying the old document, we were introduced to the template constitution provided by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. This was easier to understand, more flexible, less prescriptive and we felt more likely to be in line with the latest edition of the Corporations Act. Some of the changes we were making (to the old document) were becoming complex and requiring significant legal advice. At a point it became clear that a move to the new template would be a lower cost option and would also have long-term benefits. So we simply mapped the way we've always been operating across to the new template.

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New Principal Purposes

The Principal Purposes for which the **company** is established are:

- I. Support the development and uptake of solar photovoltaics and related technologies with research, analysis and information;
- II. Help define regulatory and policy parameters for long-term, sustainable and cost-effective photovoltaics markets in Australia;
- III. Provide reliable and objective data on trends and opportunities in photovoltaics;
- IV. Coordinate and carry out collaborative activities that support the development and growth of photovoltaics in Australia;
- V. Provide a recognised, high-quality expertise network supporting the sustainable deployment of photovoltaics in Australia;
- VI. Develop guidelines and practices for state-of-the-art photovoltaics applications to meet the needs of Australian consumers.