2020 Annual General Meeting

Questions asked

1. It's great to see an overall 5% increase in non-student membership. Given the sad decline in the number of regional groups since the 2012 YoRET, would you please advise regarding the growth of rurual and regional EA membership?

2. As an EA member we are not having much activities in Perth so what is EA doing to improve it for 2021 and also can we have a Lunch club like eastern states?

3. Given the financials are so strong, do you intend to lower the member subscription fees. How do you expect subscription costs to change over the future years?

4. Has the increase EEA income been driven, at least in part, by the COVID lock-down reducing the ability to attend face-to-face training? If so, is the same level of revenue anticipated for the future?

5. With the current revenue from Education at 27%, do you trend this to increase due to the move towards the online platform delivery (mostly driven by CoVID) - or is this independent of the 2020 impacts?

6. What is being done to reduce the annual membership fees considering that these are very high?

7. How does EA see the impact on assessment services demand due to upcoming Vic and NSW registration regulations. Availability of assessors and turnaround time in particular.

8. I have a question about STRATEGY the Profession 1. Future Ready. Can you elaborate what this means given the EA has been absent in having a strong voice on sovereign capabiliy projects and large infrastructure projects. Can you elaborate please.

9. Engineers in general do not seem motivated to join EA...what is being done for this

10. Is it possible to see membership statistics based on college affiliation?

11. Would you please provide an update on the Cameron Ralph & Khoury review as volunteers who were interviewed have not heard anything since September?

12. Is WebEx presentations going to continue or return to in office CPD presentations? If so how do technical societies and regional groups get their events and CPD and special interest small groups get space on the online system for their members?

13. Selection criteria/selections for various committees seem to be impacted by networking ...Is EA board aware of it?

14. What's the progress on advocacy and action on responding to climate change challenges?

15. With the great increase in webinars and remote meetings, is there any particular strategy towards overseas members. Previously working overseas has been difficult to be part of the EA program.

16. Is engineers Australia working with education institutions at all around integration of industry 4.0 into the current undergraduate degree structures? For example; through dedicated courses, assessments, a topic in a particular course etc.

17. Follow up question: It is not good enough given there is an oversupply of Engineers and yet EA keep accepting foreign engineers as a revenue raising. We don't have shortage of engineers, we have shortage of jobs and opportunities. What EA is doing?

18. It is interesting that the CEO's report assessed state registration regulation to be a measure of success. Most other professions are regulated by their peak professional bodies so this would seem to be a failure on the part of EA? Is there an EA strategy?

19. How did EA arrive at pushing the Climate change issue without seeking the inputs of its very experienced and knowledgeable membership? How was this decision taken and on what engineering basis?

20. Watching on EA on Demand platform doesn't entitle the viewer to receive a Certificate of Attendance, can you explain why that is? and will this change to those who enrolled to watch but missed the actual event for some reason?

Late questions

1. Thank you for today - it was very informative and with the remote platform, any thoughts on a quarterly roundtable with members rather than a yearly AGM?