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Minutes of Annual General Meeting May 28th 2015

1. Opening Prayer
President invited Vice President and ordained pastor Vui Sebastian Mariner to open the meeting with a prayer
2. Welcome Remarks
President welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. Mentioned that IPES has difficulties in meeting quorums but put it to the body to move a motion to continue or not.
Toluono - Moved that the meeting continue
Tuiaopo – Seconded the motion
President stated that members were still arriving so the meeting will progress as planned
3. Minutes of 2014 Meeting
Muaausa – Moved to approve minutes from 2014
Seconded by Fonoti
4. Matters arising from minutes
 - Matamu – wanted to know some details on Item No 6 on the Minutes which stated that IPES was involved in a negotiation between Samoan government and OPUS International from New Zealand in regards to opportunities for young engineers
Registrar responded that IPES awaits the outcome of MFAT's negotiations with OPUS. MFAT has a few issues to iron out before finalising the deal
 - Muaausa – Refers to Item 10 in the report in regards to EPC vs GMA. Has there been a response from AMSA.
President – Replies that there has been no official response from AMSA but Vice President Vui has agreed to take on the mediation role in the case
 - Tuiaaopo wanted to know if IPES is getting any benefits from being a member of the South Pacific Engineers Association. The cost for annual membership is expensive and IPES does not have enough funds.
Leiataua – Responds that SPEA has not fully moved out on its own and will no longer be under the umbrella of IPENZ. Fiji is currently the president of SPEA and the headquarters for SPEA has now been moved to Fiji
Fonoti – SPEA is important for global mobility when IPES members want to move to other islands for work. It provides IPES with information and assistance on that matter. Samoa and PNG are carrying SPEA at the moment, it should look at bringing other members more into the fore and encourage them to be more pro active
Tuiaopo – The IPES representative to SPEA should provide more information for IPES. Members are in the dark on what is going on with SPEA, it is the reason why they are questioning why we should be a member.

5. Treasurer's Report

Tuiaopo – Report is a bit depressing as IPES did not raise enough funds in 2014. Scholarships for NUS dropped from 60 to 50 after an original target of 100. Fundraising committee should increase their efforts this year and there should be less expenditure on advertisement. Use the website, Facebook and email for advertisements.

Titi – Fundraising committee needs more people in it. Only a few people were involved the previous year but this is the most important committee in IPES.

Muaausa – Recommends that IPES spending should match revenue. Lets not overspend when we have little money coming in.

President – Scholarship committee will have a review of the scheme and recommend a better way of doing it.

Muaausa – Moved motion to pass the report. Seconded by Leiataua

6. Election of Officers

New Executive for the years 2015 – 2016

- President – Tupai Mau Simanu
- Vice President – Taatialeoititi Tutuvalu Schwalger
- Registrar/Secretary – Faina Ah Liki
- Treasurer – Leuluai Faufata Levi

New Council for the years 2015 – 2016

- Tuiaopo Faamausili Andrew Ah Liki
- Fonoti Afamasaga Perelini Perelini
- Leiataua Tom Tinai
- Tologata GLT Tuimalealiifano
- Vui Sebastian Mariner
- Seugamaalii Jammie Saena
- Seagaitumua Philip Wendt
- Faumui Iese Toimoana
- Muaausa Joseph Walter

Outgoing president Tologata thanked IPES for the past two years. And in particular he thanked his executive and council for the support. He wished the executive all the best.

New president Tupai thanked IPES for having the confidence in him and his team. Also paid tribute to the great work done by Tologata and his team

7. Election of SPEA Representative

Vui Sebastian Mariner was elected as the new IPES representative to SPEA. He replaces Leiataua Tom Tinai. Vui was reminded of his duties as IPES member to report back on activities that SPEA is undertaking

8. General Matters

- Tuiaopo suggest that IPES closes down the office at Vaitele because no one is using it and to cut spending. President replies that there is a contract between IPES and the landlord so this will be discussed in the next Council meeting
- President reiterated that there are too many members with pending status in the registry. This is because their applications are incomplete; members need to submit proper application forms so that Council can decide on their memberships. It is not fair that employers are paying memberships and members are not doing their part