

GAMAA Minutes

AGM

26/08/2020

GAS APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA

ABN: 76 660 439 676

MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

2.00 PM WEDNESDAY 26 AUGUST 2020

ATTENDEES

Ross Jamieson (Chair)	SIT Gas Controls
Gareth Jennings	Rheem Australia
Leon Bogers	Rinnai Australia
Anthony Edwards	A.G & M.J Edwards
Paul Allwood	Seeley International
Paul Bains	Comcater
Peter Faase	Dux Hot Water
Ian Forte	Electrolux Home Products
Brett Murray	Regency Fires
Ibrahim Tas	Global Mark
Chris Blogg	Rinnai Australia
Alan Law	Rheem Australia
Paul Bonsak	IAPMO
Matthew Low	Scandia
David Barnes	SAI Global
Liam Crowe	Bosch
Shaun Li	BSI
Michael Abotomey	Luus
Greg O'Connell	Moffatt
Mitchell Koureas	Barbeques Galore
Billy Tabourlos	AGA
Darren Ford	Glen Dimplex
Chris Wealthy	AGA
Bukhteir Sobhani	SAI Global
Robert Hill	Systems Control

IN ATTENDANCE

Jon Onley	GAMAA Executive Officer
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APOLOGIES

Murray Rekdale	Techrite
Anson Du	IAPMO
Peter Giannuzzi	Concorde
Ben Greeneklee	Electrolux
Sasa Ninkovic	System Controls
Herve Michoux	Global Mark
Chris Burgess	Dux Hot Water
Scott Giannuzzi	Concorde
Cassandra Burgin	Global mark
Scott Rimes	System controls

Tim O'Leary	Climate Technologies
Jake Cassar	Scandia
Matthew McLean	Regency Fires
Graham Wright	Scandia
George Mitreski	Sampford IXL
Marco Rossi	Electrolux
Anubhav Anand	Techrite
Joel Belnick	Jetmaster

Probity Compliance

The Executive Officer confirmed that the meeting had been conducted in accordance with the GAMAA's protocols on Compliance with Part IV of the Trade Practices Act and that the Standing Agenda item on Trade Practices compliance had also been reviewed and its contents observed throughout the meeting by those present. Further that the minutes of this meeting duly record that the activities of the meeting were conducted in accordance with the Protocols and in compliance with the Act.

1. Welcome and Announcements

The Chair Ross Jamieson welcome attendees to the 56th GAMAA AGM 2020

2. Approval of minutes of previous Annual General Meeting – 3 September 2019

The minutes were accepted as true and correct

Moved: Peter Faase Seconded: Gareth Jennings Carried

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

No matters arising

3. Financial Report

The Executive Officer presented the audited financial report for the year to 30 June 2020. The financial report was accepted.

Moved: Anthony Edwards Seconded: Greg O'Connell Carried

4. Appointment of Auditor

The Chair announced that Peter Sutton & Co as the Association's Auditor for financial year to end 30 June 2021.

Moved: Paul Allwood Seconded: Paul Bains Carried

5. Presidents Report

The Chair, Ross Jamieson presented the 2019/20 President's Report.

GAMAA Annual General Meeting

Members of GAMAA, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to provide you with an overview of the activities of GAMAA over the last 12-months, with this year being our 62nd of representing gas appliance and component manufacturers and suppliers.

Over the last 12 months we have seen our membership grow as we continue to represent the interests of our members, our industry generally and consumers utilizing gas appliances, equipment and services.

Your Executive Committee comprising; Gareth Jennings [Rheem], Leon Bogers [Rinnai], Paul Allwood [Seeley International], Anthony Edwards [A.G Edwards & M. J Edwards], Ian Forte [Electrolux Home Products], Peter Faase [Dux Hot Water], and Paul Bains [Comcater], are continuing to provide wide and effective coverage of all aspects and challenges that affect our industry. The enthusiasm and skill provided by each will ensure that we remain strongly and well represented.

Your elected Councillors have all continued to work positively in the wide and various sectors of the domestic and commercial gas industry. The continuity of their tenure over the past 12 months has enabled them to execute their portfolio responsibilities to good effect.

2020 has certainly created some additional challenges as all member organisations have met the needs of the market whilst adapting to the new social norms in response to the COVID-19 situation, it has certainly changed the way we interact with both our members and the wider industry as we have moved from the real world to the virtual world.

The last 12 months have seen increased activity as gas is challenged as being a viable fuel of choice for Australian consumers and as a part of the solution to address the challenge of climate change whilst maintaining energy reliability and security and economic competitiveness. You can be assured we are engaging with every level of Government to ensure our pro-active gas voice is being heard.

We have increased our ongoing work in conjunction with other gas focused associations and organisations to maintain our important position as a fuel of choice. These include:

- Australian Gas Networks (AGN)
- Energy Networks Australia (ENA)
- Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT)
- Gas Energy Australia (GEA)
- Australian Industry Group
- Standards Australia
- Gas Technical Regulators Committee (GTRC)
- Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)
- Australia Building Codes Board (ABCB)
- Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC)
- Housing Industry Association (HIA)
- Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association (CESA)
- Plumbing Products Industry Group (PPIG)
- Australian Water Heating Forum (AWHF)
- Lighting Council of Australia
- Future Fuels CRC, and:
- Numerous Federal and State Government departments

As you would be aware through our updates in our weekly industry newsletter Gas Connections, GAMAA has made a major commitment to participate as a key partner in the Future Fuels Co-operative Research Centre (CRC).

The Future Fuels CRC is undertaking research and development to transition Australia's energy infrastructure to a low-carbon economy using fuels such as hydrogen and biogas. Collaborating with over 60 companies, 6 universities, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) and 2 Regulating Authorities (with more on the way we are told), the CRC will develop solutions for current infrastructure

and equipment to use these new fuels today and well into the future. Future low-carbon fuels offer the potential to store and deliver reliable, clean, and affordable energy through both new and repurposed distribution networks and equipment.

This time last year we were expecting the results of the Future Fuels CRC testing of 17 different Type A appliances to see what effect an increase in hydrogen may have on their operation. This work has been more significant than expected for the direction of Future Fuels CRC with the final results only communicated yesterday.

COVID-19 has had an impact on a number of industry events that have either been cancelled or postponed, GAMAA would normally encourage members to send participants to Gas Speak funded by Australian Gas Industry Trust (AGIT). Other industry events such as Gas Energy Australia's (GEA) National Forum and the Energy Networks Australia (ENA) Conference and Exhibition have all been postponed to 2021.

Without the support of our GAMAA representatives who represent our industry on numerous Standards Australia Committees, the Standards that are developed would not actually reflect reality and currency within the markets we all serve. In achieving this outcome, we must thank the support and generosity of the employers of these individuals which allows this important work to continue. I would like to take the opportunity to thank both Chris Blogg and Dr Alan Law for their outstanding support of the Standards process and wish them both well as they transition into retirement, noting that both are continuing to represent GAMAA on key committees.

All GAMAA Councillors and members recognise and appreciate the exceptional guidance and assistance provided by Ai Group's Membership Manager and our Executive Officer Jon Onley. Jon's attention to detail and the engagement with other Association executives provides us all with additional reach across government and industry. Our grateful thanks are extended to Jon and his staff.

I personally thank all who have contributed to GAMAA's success again this year in being recognised as the foremost gas appliance association in Australia. I would also like to thank all members, the executive and Vice Presidents Leon Bogers and Gareth Jennings for their support and guidance to me personally. I especially want to thank our members for their contributions and active promotion of our ideals and for supporting your industry.

Ross Jamieson
GAMAA President

6. Election of Councillors

Nominations for the GAMAA Council have been received and as the number did not exceed the number allocated therefore no election is required and all current Executive Councillors have been re-elected to the GAMAA Executive.

One new Nomination was received and given there was a vacant Executive Council position the nomination from Barbeques Galore was accepted.

The Executive Officer presented the following list of Executive Councillors who have been elected to the GAMAA Executive Council:

President

Member Ross Jamieson, SITGas Controls

Vice President

Member Gareth Jennings, Rheem Australia

Member Leon Bogers, Rinnai Australia

Executive Council

Member	Ian Forte, Electrolux Home Products
Member	Paul Allwood, Seeley International
Member	Peter Faase, DUX Hot Water
Member	Anthony Edwards, AG & MJ Edwards
Member	Paul Bains, Comcater
Member	Mitchell Koureas, Barbeques Galore

Also noted- in line with the Constitution were the appointments for Treasurer and Secretary:

Treasurer - Anthony Edwards

Secretary - Peter Faase

The motion was put that the positions as nominated be accepted.

Moved: Anthony Edwards

Seconded: Paul Bains

Carried

8. Other Business

No other business received

9. Adjournment

As there was no other business, Ross Jamieson closed the meeting at 1.20 pm