



# IEEE AUSTRALIA COUNCIL

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The IEEE Australia Council (AC) provides a forum for Sections in Australia to connect with each other and explore the opportunities for joint or in coordination activities such as IEEE Distinguished Lecturers visits, conferences and workshops. The AC also acts as the sole representative of all IEEE Sections in Australia to negotiate and deal matters at national level with IEEE HQ, Region 10 and other professional bodies in Australia and overseas.

The AC coordinated with seven Australia Sections on a number of national activities and liaised with the Region 10 and IEEE HQ to deal with number of issues surfaced in 2015. The AC also conducted activities for the benefit of student members including Student Paper Competition for PG and UG categories as well a competition for the Best Student Branch in Australia.

In 2015 AC members agreed on a formula for the collection of a levy from all member Sections to support the operation of AC.

Based on the Members Geographic Activities Board (MGAB) guidelines for Councils and Sections, AC Bylaws were updated and a draft document is currently in circulation among the Section volunteers for feedback and is expected to get approval in early 2016.

This report summarized the activities of Australia Council in 2015.



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## From the IEEE Australia Council Chairs



Welcome to IEEE AC activities report of 2015. We had a busy and successful 2015. We had one face to face meeting and five teleconference meetings.

IEEE AC 2014 Student Paper Contest and IEEE AC Outstanding Student Branch Competition 2014 was conducted by the AC. This year AC received a very large number of papers for the student paper contest. Finally with the help of Section Chairs and their nominated judges paper contest was completed and winners were announced for both undergraduate and postgraduate categories as well as for the WIE category. Outstanding Student Branch Competition 2014 was also completed and winners were announced. Congratulations to all winners!

Several important issues were discussed during the 2015 meetings. AC levy issue was finally resolved with the full support of Section Chairs.

ANZSCON rules were comprehensively discussed and hopefully bidding call for 2016 ANZSCON will soon be announced.

A draft of required changes in AC by-laws has been circulated and hopefully a new by-law will be approved in the first quarter of 2016 so that 2017 AC election can be conducted under the new AC by-laws.

Several Section Chairs proposed for a second face to face meeting during the second half of the year. Hopefully this can be also started in 2016.

David Tien (NSW Section Chairs), Adam OSSEIRAN (Wester Australia Section Chairs) and Anthony Gascoigne (Victoria Section Chairs) have left Section Chair positions at the end of 2015. Thanks to David, Adam and Anthony for their outstanding contributions in IEEE Australia. Karu Esselle (NSW Section Chairs), Cesar Ortega-Sanchez (Wester Australia Section Chairs) and Eddie Custovic (Victoria Section Chairs) are joining us in 2016. Welcome Karu, Cesar and Eddie in the IEEE AC.

Look forward to work with you more collaborately in 2016.

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# Digest of IEEE Australia Council Activities in 2015

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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The IEEE Australia Council has 7,882 active members as at November 2015.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Membership</u>
Australia Capital Territory	524
New South Wales	2,734
Northern Australia	167
Queensland	1,164
South Australia	555
Victorian	1,984
Western Australia	754
<b>Total in IEEE Australia Council</b>	<b>7,882</b>

## 2015 AC OFFICE BEARERS

THERE have been a number of changes in key volunteer positions in the Australia Council during 2015. Below is the list of 2015 office bearers and its members:

### AC Executive Committee Members

Chairs	Tapan Saha (QLD)	<a href="mailto:saha@itee.uq.edu.au">saha@itee.uq.edu.au</a>
Vice Chairs	Mohan Jacob (NA)	<a href="mailto:mohan.jacob@jcu.edu.au">mohan.jacob@jcu.edu.au</a>
Secretary	Zia Ahmed (SA)	<a href="mailto:zia.ahmed@ieee.org">zia.ahmed@ieee.org</a>
Treasurer	Martin Leaver (ACT)	<a href="mailto:martinleaver@ieee.org">martinleaver@ieee.org</a>

### Co-opted AC Members

Student Activities Coordinator	Sharon Lim (ACT)	<a href="mailto:sharonlim@ieee.org">sharonlim@ieee.org</a>
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### AC Members

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## **2016 New AC Members**

Chairs, New South Wales Section

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Chairs, Victoria Section

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## **2. AC COORDINATED ACTIVITIES IN 2015**

Some noticeable issues dealt and activities conducted in 2015 by IEEE Australia Council are summarised below:

### **2.1 Newly Introduced Policy for the Technical Co-Sponsorship of Conferences**

AC and its members were informed in 2015 that there will a charge for technical co-sponsoring conference that are not owned by IEEE or its technical societies. The information provided by the Region 10 on this new policy was initially very unclear and incorrect. The R10 Conference Coordinator at first informed that it was a “proposed” policy for consideration by the MGA Board in its November meeting. However, further enquires and interactions of AC with India Council Chairs, revealed that the policy was already approved by the IEEE in 2014 and the MGAB will only be deciding the implementation steps in its Nov 2015 meeting. After consultation with its members, the Australia Council Chairs communicated the main concerns about the policy to the R10 Director, especially the detrimental effects of charging Sections for technically co-sponsoring the conferences that are not IEEE conferences. The policy will come into effect from 2017 and conference technically co-sponsored by Sections before 2016 would be exempted from any charges.

In 2015, AC provided Technical Co-Sponsorship to 2017 IEEE International Conference on Mechatronics (ICM), to be held in February 2017, in Churchill, Australia.

### **2.2 Proposed Changes to the IEEE Constitution**

The IEEE Board of Directors in 2015 proposed sweeping changes to the IEEE governing structure to meet the demands of changing business environment and to transform IEEE into a more robust organisation. The Australia Council invited all members to review the proposed changes and provide their feedback. The email discussions and comments from AC members were put together and forwarded to IEEE Office in Singapore, which is tasked to consolidate all the feedback from the region for the R10 Director to present it at the Board of Directors meeting. This is an evolving scheme with far reaching impact on the operation of IEEE worldwide. The AC is expected to be more closely involved in facilitating further discussion among its members and communicate Australian views and concerns to IEEE echelons in one voice.

### **2.3 Registration of IEEE Sections in Australia**

The IEEE embarked three years ago on a process to register all IEEE Sections worldwide under the local laws to obtain a legal status for the Sections in their country. However, the registration of IEEE Sections as an incorporated body would have several legal implications such as account keeping and reporting for tax purpose. David Meza from IEEE HQ, who is leading the registration of IEEE Sections in Australia contacted the AC SAC for an updated list of AC members. This contact was made after a gap of couple of years. AC Chair provided an updated list of AC members to David Meza who then suggested a teleconference with AC members. AC invited members to discuss the proposed Sections’ registration and prepare a list of questions to be asked at the teleconference.

However, so far David Meza has not made any contact to organise the teleconference. AC will continue to pursue the details and liaise with IEEE HQ on the matter.

## **2.4 Future Collaboration with IEEE New Zealand on ANZ Students Congress**

The ANZ Students Congress (ANZSCON) has been a joint venture of IEEE AC and NZC since its inception in 2010. However, to continue with this activity it is necessary that a formal document should be prepared to outline the policies and procedure for the congress. With the help of Victorian Section Chairs a draft document has been prepared and needs to be commented by the colleagues in New Zealand. After several failed attempts to contact NZC Chairs, the AC Chairs wrote to all three Section Chairs in New Zealand inviting them to review the draft ANZSCON document. Finally in August last year a consolidated response from NZ Sections was received indicating their agreement with most of the document except financial arrangements. The response from NZ Sections indicated that NZC would not be in a position to provide financial support for the ANZSCON.

Financial obligation of ANZCON remained with AC and the host Section. No final decision was made in 2015 about the next ANZSCON. Possibilities of holding ANZSCON in 2016 or 2017 was discussed and discussion is in progress and a final decision will be made after the approval of ANZSCON Terms of Reference document.

## **2.5 AC Bylaws**

The AC Bylaws were updated several years ago and during that time the MGA Board has introduced many changes for the operation of Geographical Units (GU) making it necessary for the review of AC Bylaws and appropriate changes to bring them in-line with the MGA guidelines.

AC Chairs prepared and circulated a draft document of AC Bylaws based on MGA guidelines for Councils and Sections in May 2015. At the third meeting of the AC on 19 May 2015, it was agreed that all Section Chairs will review the draft of updated AC Bylaws and provide their feedback before the fourth meeting (Action 3-2, Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> AC Meeting). Comments and feedback was not received from all Section in 2015 despite several reminders by the AC Chair. It should be emphasized that AC Bylaws need to be updated in line with MGA guidelines so that AC election in 2016 can be held under the updated AC Bylaws. It usually takes a long time to get new AC Bylaws approved by R10 and MGA and if AC members don't act quickly it may become difficult to hold the AC election in 2016.

## **2.6 Metro Area Workshop**

AC was contacted by the R10 Secretary to find out if Sections in Australia would be interested to hold the R10 funded Metro Area Workshop, which is a multi-disciplinary workshop with a common theme such as Smart Grid or Cyber Security etc. AC contacted the two large Sections, Victorian and NSW, to see if they would be interested. Both NSW and Vic Sections' Chairs expressed interest to hold the workshop and NSW Section formed a team to organise the Metro Area Workshop in Sydney.

## **2.7 Support for R10 Meeting in Gold Coast**

R10 Director approached AC Chair during the R10 annual meeting in Dhaka and enquired if QLD Section would be interested to host the R10 annual meeting in 2016. After returning from Dhaka, AC Chair contacted QLD Section executives and asked if the Section would like to host R10 meeting in 2016. The QLD Section officers responded in affirmation and requested AC Chair to take the lead and interact with R10. A comprehensive proposal with costing for eight hotels in Gold Coast were provided to the R10 Director and IEEE Asia-Pacific Office. On R10 Director Ramakrishna's directives Professor Janina Mazierska visited Brisbane and Gold Coast to check and start discussion on cost structure for possible venues. However, AC Chairs was later informed that R10 Director has

decided to hold the 2016 R10 annual meeting in Bangkok. This was quite disappointing as Australia Council had provided very competitive quotes with a substantial sponsorship from the Gold Coast tourism bureau. The Australia Council has been expressing its discontent to R10 for not responding to its concerns that R10 has not held any major activity in Australia for quite a while. The 2017 Sections Congress is an MGA event and cannot be accepted as an excuse for R10 not to hold its events in Australia. The IEEE Australia Council will continue to pursue R10 to give due consideration to bids from Australia for its flagship events.

## **2.8 Memorandum of Understanding with Engineers Australia**

The previously signed MOU by IEEE and Engineers Australia (EA) expired in 2013. The MOU was signed for both professional bodies to recognise each other's membership for discount and other benefits. The IEEE Australia Council in consultation with IEEE HQ prepared a new draft MOU in 2014 and forwarded it to the Engineers Australia. To expedite the process the AC established a direct contact with EA officials; however despite several reminders there has been no positive response from EA.

## **2.9 2015 IEEE AC 2014 Student Paper Contest**

Throughout an engineer's career, graduates are constantly called upon to communicate ideas to others. Researching, writing, and presenting a paper provides a student with invaluable early experience in expressing ideas related to their professional field. The Australia Council Student Paper Contest's primary function is to improve the engineering student's communicative skills. All IEEE student member in Australia are encouraged to participate in this contest.

In 2015 we were inundated with submissions for which AC would like to thank all Section Chairs and their nominated judges for their continuous supports in evaluating the papers. All submitted papers were highly commendable. The IEEE Australian Council panel of judges were very impressed with the standard of the papers; selecting the winners have been indeed difficult. The results for 2014 AC SPC are given below:

### **2.9.1 Postgraduate Category**

**First Prize of AUD \$500 (+certificate)** – The first prize was given to Nadali Mahmoudi, from the University of Queensland for his paper titled: *Wind Power Offering Strategy in Day-ahead Markets Employing Demand Response in a Two-Stage Plan*.

**Runner up Prize AUD \$200 (+certificate)** – This prize was won by Alireza Jolfaeli who is undertaking research at the Griffith University for his paper: *A 3D Object Encryption Scheme which Maintains Dimensional and Spatial Stability*.

**Women in Engineering (AUD \$300)** – Gao Xiao undertaking research at the Institute of Telecommunications Research, University of South Australia won this special prize with her paper: *Modelling the influence of Insertion Depth on Electrode Place Discrimination in Cochlear Implants*.

### **2.9.2 Undergraduate Category**

The IEEE Australia Council combined the first and second undergraduate prizes and announced the 2014 joint-winners of the undergraduate category of the paper competition. The winner of a cash prize of \$200 and a certificate each were Sebastian Forsyth, The University of Queensland, and Adam Rains, James Cook University,

Sebastian Forsyth's paper was titled: *Optimization of Static Wind Power Investment in the Australian National Electricity Market*, and Adam Rains presented a paper titled: *Microwave Characterisation*

*of NdBaCuO High Temperature Superconductivity Thin Films and Comparison of Measurement Techniques in terms of Uncertainty in Quality, Factor and Surface Resistance.*

The Australia Council would like to take this opportunity to encourage all IEEE student members to continue working towards their future goals and research interests. Keep up the good work!

Thank you also to all the judges, student counsellors and supervisors for their time and assistance in the whole process. It would not have been possible without all their kind assistance. Congratulations to the 2014 prize winners!

### **2.10 IEEE AC Student Paper Contest 2015**

The IEEE Australia Council Student Paper Contest 2015 for postgraduate and undergraduate students is now open. The Student Paper Contest offers an opportunity for IEEE Student Members to exercise and improve both written and verbal communication skills.

The contest will be conducted for two separate categories: undergraduate students and postgraduate students. To promote the engineering profession among female students, the contest also offers prizes in both categories to members of the IEEE Women in Engineering Affinity Group.

### **2.11 IEEE Australia Council Outstanding Student Branch Competition**

The IEEE Australia Council Student Branch Awards recognise outstanding Student Branch achievements by student members engaged in activities conforming to IEEE objectives and purposes. These include, for example:

- Significantly improving the vitality of each student branch with regard to activities, membership, or finances
- Effective interaction of each student branch with the local Section or Region, or IEEE technical societies, through seminars, conferences etc.
- Community involvement that benefits local schools and/or the community, the IEEE's image, and the image of engineering in general.

**Winners:** For 2014, the first prize of \$700 plus certificates was won by La Trobe University. The runner up was Macquarie University and was give \$300 plus certificates.

### **2.12 IEEE Australia Council Outstanding Student Branch Awards 2015**

The IEEE Australia Council Students Branch award for 2015 is now open. All IEEE Student Branches in Australia are eligible to enter the competition. Australia Council will provide a cash prize of \$1,000 for the competition. The prizes will be for a winner and a runner-up.

For information on how to enter, the entry requirements and entry form, please email your enquiries to the IEEE Australia Council Student Activities Coordinator: [sharonlim@ieee.org](mailto:sharonlim@ieee.org)

## **3. Summary of AC Meetings**

In 2015 the IEEE Australia Council held one face to face meeting and five teleconference meetings to discuss IEEE matter of interest to all Sections in Australia and share information about upcoming technical, professional and social activities organised by Sections, Chapters, Affinity Groups and Student Branches. Key points from 2015 meetings are summarised below:

**First AC Meeting:** The first IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015 was held via teleconference at 7:00 PM (AEST) 17 Feb, 2015 prior to the Region 10 (R10) annual meeting in

Dhaka, Bangladesh on 5 – 6 March 2015. The meeting was attended by all AC officers and Section Chairs (or their representatives). This meeting particularly discussed the planning issues related to R10 meeting and finalized an agenda for the AC meeting in Dhaka. The AC treasurer also updated the members about the financial position at the start of the year.

Based on discussion in this meeting, Sharon Lim was contacted to see her availability as the AC Education Activities Coordinator. She gladly accepted the position. Mike Robinson's name was proposed by AC Chairs to invite him to join as the web master of AC.

**Second AC Meeting (Face-to-Face):** The Region 10 annual meeting provides the only opportunity for all Australia Section Chairs to meet each other. Taking advantage of this gathering, the Australia Council organises a face-to-face meeting of its members each year prior to the R10 meeting.

Second IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015, the AC Annual Face-to-Face meeting, was held at 2:30 PM on March 6, 2015 at Hotel Sarina, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The meeting was attended by the following AC officers, members and representatives:

Tapa Saha (AC Chairs), Zia Ahmed (AC Secretary), Fouad Karouta (Chairs, ACT Section), Bruce Poon (Representing NSW Section), Mathew Whelan (Chairs, NA Section), Daniel Eghbal (Representing QLD Section), Sherry Randhawa (Representing SA Section), Anthony Gascoigne (Chairs, Vic Section).

All Section Chairs/their representatives provided comprehensive reports about their 2014 activities and plans for 2015. IEEE AC Students Paper Contest issue was one of the major activity discussed at the meeting.



Australian and New Zealand delegates at the 2015 Region 10 Annual Meeting in Dhaka.

Front row (L to R) Ms Sherry Randhawa (SA), Fouad Karouta (ACT), Bruce Poon (NSW), Mathew Whelan (NA), Back Row (L to R) Terence Bethlehem (NZ Central), Adam Osseiran (WA), Tapan Saha (AC Chair), Sharmalee Spalding (NZ South), Anthony E. Gascoigne (VIC) and Aigou Patrick Hu (NZ North).

**Third AC Meeting:** Third IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015 was held via teleconference on 19 May, 2015. Discussion took place regarding Metro Area Workshop proposal from R10. Joint Information Theory Chapter issue was also raised during the meeting and AC was requested to contact MGA to find out the status of the Joint IT Chapter.

**Fourth AC Meeting:** Fourth IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015 was held on July 21 2015. Issues discussed includes Student's paper award, Joint IT Chapter and AC levy.

AC Secretary reported that the Joint IT Chapter was active according to MGA records and it was suggested that the SA Section Chairs should contact the founding Chapter Dr Alex Grant at University of SA and discuss options for the future of the IT Chapter.

Tapan informed that he received an email from David Meza suggesting a teleconference with all members of Australia Council. AC Chairs consulted members to establish what information they wanted to have prior and/or at the proposed teleconference.

**Fifth AC Meeting:** Fifth IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015 was held via teleconference on 15 Sept 2015. The main outcome of the meeting was that after a lengthy discussion spreading over several AC meetings all AC member agreed on the operating account threshold of \$10k to trigger the collection of the levy and authorized AC to collect a levy of 50c per member from Sections in 2015 based on membership figures on 31 December 2014.

At the meeting AC Chairs explained the new IEEE policy for Technical Co-Sponsorship of conference according to which Section would have to pay USD1000 plus \$15 per paper to IEEE for TCS of a conference if the conference is not an IEEE conference or financially sponsored by a society. The policy will be implemented from 2016. The local IEEE Organizational Unit (OU) can pass charges to the conference organizers and will be responsible to pay the MGA. MGA may reimburse \$500 to OU as a bonus. AC Chairs warned Sections to be aware of the new policy and carefully consider the TCS before agreeing for it.

All Section Chairs were asked to provide information about their Student Branches to AC webmaster and check AC website for correctness of information about their Sections on the AC website, especially the Chapters' Matrix. The lack of response from Sections resulted in AC webmaster resigning from his post a website out of date.

**Sixth AC Meeting:** Sixth IEEE Australia Council (AC) meeting for 2015 was held on October 20 2015 via teleconference. The meeting covered the routine matters such as updates from Sections about their activities and presentation of the AC finance reporting. AC Chairs reminded members that the draft AC Bylaws along with copies of current AC and MGA Bylaws were circulated to all members several months ago and also resent by AC secretary with the meeting agenda. It was emphasized that AC Bylaws need to be updated in line with MGA guidelines so that AC election in 2016 can be held under the updated AC Bylaws. It was pointed out by AC Chairs that it may take significant time to get the new AC Bylaws approved by R10 and MGA and if members don't respond quickly it may become difficult to hold the AC election in 2016 under the updated Bylaws.

The meeting attendees were informed that Mike Robinson, AC webmaster did some good work for the IEEE AC Website, but resigned from the web master position due to lack of support from the AC members.

#### **4. International Awards for the Australian IEEE Volunteers**

##### **4.1 2015 R10 Outstanding Volunteer Awards**

On behalf of 2015 IEEE Australia Council, we would like to congratulate 2015 R10 Outstanding Volunteer Award winners' for their outstanding contributions to IEEE. We are very glad to see that

three of the nine 2015 R10 Outstanding Volunteer Awards are won by the Australian IEEE Volunteers. Well done!

Cornelis Jan (Keith) Kikkert (South Australia Section)

Lance Fung (Western Australia Section)

Stefan Mozar (New South Wales Section)

#### **4.2 2015 IEEE ComSoc Student Competition winners**

On behalf of IEEE Australia Council, we would like to congratulate Muhammad Yasir, and his academic supervisors for their project "*Indoor Navigation System Using Visible Light*" being cited in Honorary Mention in the results of ComSoc Student Competition. Well done!

### **5. Financial Report**

The Australia Council budget and results are shown in the table below. The year started without an agreement on collecting a levy. The levy was last collected in 2012 based on the 31 December 2011 membership numbers in each Section. In 2015 it was agreed to issue an annual levy whenever the AC operating account balance falls below \$10,000. The levy raised \$3829 with \$267.50 still to be received from the ACT Section, giving a total of about \$4200. This amount would grow with IEEE membership but will not necessarily be paid every year. Bank interest provides about \$300 per year, with term deposit rates trending downwards at the moment.

The expenditure was less than budgeted, with many detailed changes. The Australian Distinguished Lecture Program (DLP) again did not occur. The Australian-New Zealand Student Congress is scheduled for 2016. In previous years this has been funded with \$3000 from the Australia Council. The undergraduate student prizes were reduced from previous years to \$200 each for the joint prize winners. This resulted in a \$600 saving. None of the undergraduate or postgraduate prize cheques have been cashed as of 2 February 2016, so \$1400 remain in the accounts payable Section. The Region 10 meeting costs were slightly greater than budgeted. The Sections Congress Expense was a refund of the venue hire and catering cost for a face-to-face discussion in Amsterdam in 2014 as this was paid by the AC treasurer on his credit card to the IEEE HQ. The administrative costs were significantly greater than budgeted as the AC meetings were conducted using a teleconference facility rather than Skype as had been the case for 2013 and 2014 with significant difficulties.

The Australia Council also received a rebate of \$369.91 for the Oceanic Engineering Society. The main bank account for the OES is currently held by the Northern Australia Section.

The financial table also includes the IEEE Reserve Allocation Expense. This amount is included in the Australia Council's Netsuite financial reporting by Finance Solutions section of IEEE Headquarters. The reserve allocation levy was identified as a way to cover the unfunded defined benefit superannuation liability that exists with the IEEE's United States-based staff. Accounts with reported balances greater than \$20,000 were identified as a means of covering the superannuation liability in 2011. This amount has not previously been included in the Australia Council's financial accounts. In 2015 it increased by approximately \$1240 to \$5141.18. This is a significant amount compared to the current financial assets, and would significantly impact the Australia Council's ability to fund activities and prizes if the reserve allocation was called upon. It is not clear how the amount was calculated, and therefore whether the charge is appropriate based on the sections providing the AC's funding via a levy, rather than the AC being funded by MGA.

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>
<b>AC Levy (2014 50c/member)</b>		\$3,829.00
Bank Interest	\$300.00	\$323.95
Accounts Receivable from 2012 paid		\$1,345.80
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$5498.85</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Australian DLP	\$500.00	
ANZSCON	\$0.00	
Outstanding Student Branch	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Student Paper Prize Postgraduate	\$700.00	
Student Paper Prize Undergraduate	\$1,000.00	
WIE	\$300.00	
R'10 Meeting	\$1,000.00	\$1,131.95
2014 Sections Congress expenses (paid in 2015)	\$797.94	\$797.94
Administrative Costs	\$100.00	\$507.02
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$5,397.94</b>	<b>\$3,436.91</b>
<b>Financial Summary</b>	31 Dec 2015 Budget projection	31 Dec 2015 Actual
Cheque Account	\$3,853.61	\$11,383.30
Term Deposit	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Accounts Receivable	\$1,345.80	\$267.50
Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$1,400.00
Reserve Allocation Expense		<b>\$5,141.18</b>
<b>Total Financial Assets</b>	<b>\$15,199.41</b>	<b>\$20,250.80</b>