AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF STEEL DETAILERS (VIC/TAS) INC.

Minutes from the Extraordinary Meeting
28th September 2011 at Holmesglen Conference Centre

Meeting delayed and relocated to secondary lecture room due to wide spread power failure across Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne.

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Attendees – 33 financial members
Apologies – no apologies received

Peter Cocciardi provided a general welcome and introduced the Committee and outlined some of the items that the committee had been involved in over the past months and some items on the future agenda – Capability matrix, job listing facility / changes to membership listing etc.

Peter also reported on National ASI Forum held at Canberra 11th –13th September 2011. Peter advised the meeting that Clayton Roxborough had resigned as chairman and that Peter Cocciardi had accepted the nomination and had been appointed as Chairman to the AISD National Committee.

Peter Cocciardi spoke to main points for discussion at the EGM. Poor documentation and the impact of foreign drafting companies into Victoria.

Discussion point 1.

The impact that poor documentation is having on the adoption of structural steel within Australian Construction Industry.

A general discussion followed with the following items raised:

Structural Steel v Reinforced Concrete
Structural Steel documentation and increasing number of RFI's
Higher percentage of Structural Steel used in England and USA compared to Australia.
Early involvement of steelwork detailers in design process.
BIM and its impact on building documentation

It was agreed the committee should investigate the opportunity for AISD members to be involved in project documentation at an early stage and provide connection "design" to streamline project progress.

It was noted that connection design was the norm in England and USA and "design" was referring to handbooks and standards for steelwork connection specification with non standard connections still requiring Engineer input.

The following motion was put to the members and passed unanimously.

The committee of the AISD Vic / Tas is hereby authorized to consult with industry the proposition that shop detailers take on the responsibility for connection design.

The committee has the ability to investigate the ramification of this change in the design process in order to ascertain its possible impact on the Australian steel detailing industry.

Discussion Point 2.

The impact that overseas drafting and fabrication is having on the Australian Steel Fabrication Industry.

A general discussion then took place about steelwork detailing for Victorian Projects being done overseas at reduced rates on pirated software.

The discussion ultimately centered on Victoria members being required to be Victorian based with majority of their workforce being Victorian based residents as well as possible software audits. It was felt that an AISD operational compliance certificate or declaration could be developed.

A vote was taken on what would be accepted as a member in the AISD Vic / Tas and the unanimous vote was that 51% of the companies staff must be Victorian based. It was recognized that in reference to larger multinational drafting companies a different membership may be required and this would be investigated by the committee and presented back to the members.

The following motion was put to the members and passed unanimously.

The committee of the AISD Vic / Tas is hereby authorized to investigate the development of a Certificate of Operational Compliance.

It was generally accepted that the Certificate would require a self declaration and possibly in time some form of Audit or independent check to ensure that the parties making the declaration, especially in reference to software. were being accurate.

It was also broadly understood that any change to the membership criteria may require a change to the constitution and would most likely require acceptance by all states and then implemented nationally.

General Business

A suggestion was raised from the meeting that the committee sends a letter of thanks to Clayton Roxborough for his work over the past 10 years. It was generally recognized that without Claytons input the National committee may never have gotten of the ground. All members present agreed and the committee will draft a letter of thanks and sign it off at the next general committee meeting.

Peter Cocciardi indicated that the committee of AISD (Vic/Tas) consisted of four members and there was need to increase this number if the committee was to proceed with action on the two resolutions that had just been passed.

Shirley Shanks indicated she would accept the position of Secretary.

Alan Haddow agreed to join as a general committee member.

Alistar Moody also offered his time when available.

There being no further general business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9.15pm

AISD Vic / Tas committee minutes provided by

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