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FIE NEWSLETTER

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2010 Council and AGM Summary

This is the first Newsletter from the new FIE Council that is now in place following the Annual General Meeting that was held on Saturday 27 March 2010 and the Council's first meeting was held on the 31st of March 2010. For those who were unable to attend the AGM the meeting elected the following members to the Council:

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| President: | Pratarp Singh |
| Vice President: | Ray Paris |
| Secretary/Treasurer: | Nathan Kirk |
| Elected Ordinary Members (5): | James Raman Satish Patel Maurice Ruggiero Mervyn Low Dick Elder |

The following two members were elected at the first meeting of the new Council. To represent Technical/Graduate, Sanjeev Gounder and Associates, Robin Palmer

From the audited accounts that were approved at the meeting there is a healthy balance in the bank. The run up to the launch of SPEA made a large dent in the balance, but in the end with generous sponsorships the account has recovered well.

Also from the AGM there was considerable discussion on membership and a membership drive is required. It is also expected that the new Council will be able to decrease the time for dealing with applications, certainly in the initial stages. Members are asked to participate and encourage non members to join up. The Council will revise the application forms to take care of the name changes and additional grades of membership that formed a part of the new Constitution. That Constitution was approved at the Special General Meeting held immediately prior to the AGM.

Upcoming Continuing Professional Development Opportunities

Note that we have three CPD events planned for this year (so far) but if anyone has any specific topics they would like to learn more about please let us know. If anyone also knows of any possible speakers also let us know. We would be very eager to sponsor any CPD events that our members are interested in.

Insurance Presentation

On CPD's, the first will be on Monday 10th May 2010 (note change from previous advice) at 5.00pm at the Tanoa Plaza when an eminent overseas speaker will talk about PI insurance. Members are encouraged to suggest by email to the FIE Office topics that they would like raised, several suggestions have come in so far. The talk and discussion will be followed by a cocktail. Thanks to those that have suggested topics. Members are requested to please reduce Aarti at the FIE office of your intended attendance and please not rely on a further telephone reminder to each member. The function will be free to current financial members.

Nadirivatu Visit

We are looking at a visit to the new FEA hydro dam. More information will be sent out soon.

Ethics Presentation

Nazhat Shameem the former High Court Judge has kindly agreed to talk on ethics. We are sure that will be another interesting function by an excellent speaker. Further Details will follow soon on that topic.

FIE Membership Fees

Everyone please note that the membership fees for the 2010 year are now overdue. Note that no invoice will be sent and we would appreciate it if everyone could send in their dues to Aarti (Fiji Institution Of Engineers [fiefiji@connect.com.fj]) or Joselyn (both are based at ENTEC's offices) without the need for reminder. The Membership fees for the different classes of member are as follows;

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| Hon Fellow | \$350 |
| Fellow | \$350 |
| Professional | \$350 |
| Technical (New) | \$200 |
| Associate | \$75 |
| Affiliate (New) | \$200 |
| Graduate | \$200 |
| Student | \$20 |
| Diplomate (New) | \$50 |
| Retired Members to pay | |
| 50% | |

We all look forward to another active year for the FIE. The FIE is the member's institution and the council would like to encourage all to be actively involved in our institution.