

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter Committee, Singapore

Date: 16 May 2002, Thursday
Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Ngee Ann Polytechnic NET Restaurant VIP Room

Present:

Dr. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) - Chairman
Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) - Dy Chairman
Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) - Secretary
Dr. So Ping Lam (SPL) - Treasurer
Dr. Chen Shiun (CS) - Member
Mr. Teh Gek Huat (TGH) - Member
Mr. Ian Butt (IB) - Member
Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member
Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member

	Items	Action by
1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 2 nd Meeting The minutes of the 2 nd committee meeting held on 21 March 2002 was adopted with the following corrections in Item 7: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Line 2 should be read as "Power Chapter (http://www.ieee.org.sg/Chapters/PE/Index.html) and that the "Line 6 should be read as "addition to another website http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/pes/singapore/index.html hosted by the IEEE HQ, USA. "	Information
2	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">The deadline for the nomination of IEEE/IES Award is approaching. Anyone interested in being nominated through PEC may approach the Chairman.60 persons attended the technical talks by Prof. Findlay and Prof. Sutanto on 27 March 2002.35 persons attended the technical talks by Prof. Bhat & Birlasekaran on 18 April 2002.	Information Information

- 3 Chairman's Report on Section & Other Matters
- 3.1 Section has decided to print visiting cards for all Section members and Chapter chairs at a cost of \$18 per 100 cards. Chapters are required to pay the cost of their chair's visiting card. LKG/SPL
- 3.2 The NUS student branch will be the main organizer of the "IEEE Region 10 Student Congress" (to be held in July 2002), and the NTU student branch will be the supporter of the event. The NTU student branch will be the main organizer of the next event. However, the Power Chapter will contribute \$500, as committed, and the Region 10 will contribute \$5,000 to the event. Dr. Dipti Srinivasan and Dr. Tseng King Jet are the NUS & NTU Advisors respectively for the Congress. Information
- 3.3 The total number of current membership (as in Feb. 2002) of Singapore Section is 3,335 including the student and life members. Information
- 3.4 Karachi Section has approached the Singapore Section to form sister sections. The objective of forming the sister sections is to share information, membership database, chapter activities and joint organization of conferences, symposiums, etc. Information
- 3.5 The Singapore Section is to celebrate its 25th anniversary in August 2002, and chapters are expected to play a critical role. Dr Adrian Cheok, Deputy Chairman, Singapore Section is coordinating the celebrations. Information
- 3.6 The Malaysian Section is organizing a special regional sections meeting on 01 June 2002 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Singapore Section members and the Chapter chairs are invited to attend the meeting. Chapter Chairman, Dr Goel, will attend the meeting and the committee has approved to reimburse the cost associated with the trip for the chair. LKG/SPL
- 3.7 Section is to buy a desktop computer for the secretariat. Information
- 3.8 Section has established a P.O. Box and the address is P.O. Box 1066, Kent Ridge Post Office, Singapore 911103. Information
- 3.9 The estimated tax of the Section for the year of assessment of 2002 is about \$8,000 and the accountant fees of about \$2,200. Information
- 3.10 Power Chapter has been awarded US\$1,000 as High Performing Chapter grant for the year 2001. Information
- 3.11 Chairman informed members that the Region 10 Outstanding Engineer Award (OEA) is to be awarded to Dr Subrata Mukhopadhyaya of the Delhi Section. Chairman stressed the need to continue to submit nominations from the Chapter every year. Information
- 3.12 The first meeting of IPEC2003 was held on 19 April 2002. Power Chapter representative, Mr. Butt was assigned to look after the exhibition & sponsorships. Chairman, who is the Secretary of IPEC2003, briefed members on the expectations of the IPEC2003 committee from the Power Chapter. He stated that the IPEC2003 would like to seek the Power Chapter's assistance in securing a financially-sponsored keynote speaker from the IEEE PES, USA IB/LKG

- for the conference opening ceremony. All co-organizers, except Singapore Power, will have to contribute seed money of about S\$7,000.00, each, and share equally in any profit/loss.
- Chairman requested that IPEC2003 be made one of the Main Agenda items from the next meeting. MHH
- 4 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair
- On behalf of the Sub-committee chair, Mr. Butt reported that 71 persons (mostly from Power grid) had registered for the technical talk on "Introduction to PowerLine Communications". An invitation to all IEEE members will be sent through the mass mailing system, with a hyperlink to the Power Chapter, at a cost of 1.5c/page. With this invitation, the number of participants may increase to 200. A few slides will be prepared to display at the beginning of the talk to encourage the participants to join IEEE. DS, IB
- Mr. Butt suggested that by keeping the topics of the technical talks more general rather than very specialized, more participants could be attracted to the talks. Two technical talks (on HVDC/Facts) by Dr B T Ooi from Canada will be co-organised in July 2002 with the School of EEE, NTU.
- 5 Report by Social Activities Sub-committee's Chair
- 5.1 Dr. Gupta reported that the dinner for the PEC committee members and their spouses is scheduled for Friday, 19 July 2002 at the Goodwood Park Hotel. The committee approved the advance payment of \$800 for the dinner. Chairman urged all members to attend the dinner with their respective spouses/companions. RG
- 5.2 The annual dinner is scheduled for Friday, 15 November 2002. Details of the dinner will be announced later. RG
- 6 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair
- On behalf of the Sub-committee Chair, Dr. Goel reported that there were no major changes in planning the Awards for this year. Chairman requested the Sub-committee to start planning early for the OEA for 2002. He also stressed that the nomination and selection process should be streamlined and made more transparent. GS
- 7 Report by Memberships Sub-committee
- Dr. Chen Shiun reported that the Sub-committee is trying to organize some field trips. However, the details have not been finalized yet. Members brainstormed and came up with several ideas. Mr. Butt suggested that a few slides could be shown at the beginning of each technical talk to increase awareness of the IEEE in general and the Power Chapter in particular. Mr Teh CS

- suggested that technical talks could also be organized through certification by the Professional Engineers Board (PEB), Singapore, to allow more non-members to be exposed to IEEE activities. Mr Teh will inquire with the PEB in this regard. TGH
- 8 Report by Webmaster
- CalenderOne has supplied the Chapter with a User ID including a Password to send mass mails to PES members only. Dr. Chen Shiun also reported that CalenderOne is very efficient in uploading the information but prone to delays when it comes to archiving old information. CS
- 9 Treasurer's Report
- Dr. So Ping Lam reported that the current balance of the Power Chapter account is \$167,621.32. At the beginning of the year, the balance was \$167,736.56. Information
- 10 AOB
- 10.1 Chairman suggested that the Chapter should prepare a write-up on the technical talks delivered by Prof. Findlay and Prof. Sutanto for possible publication in the IEEE Power Engineering Review. LKG, DS
- 10.2 The next Section meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 May 2002 and Mr. Butt is requested to attend the meeting to raise the point on IEEE voting procedures. (Afternote: The Section Meeting has been postponed to early July 2002.) IB
- 10.3 Mr Butt suggested that the Founder of the IEEE Singapore Section be felicitated at the 25th Anniversary celebrations. LKG
- 10.4 Mr Butt questioned the formation of sister sections between Singapore and Karachi Sections, and requested the Chairman to inquire from the Section the rationale behind such a marriage. LKG

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:30 pm. The tentative date of the next PEC committee meeting is Tuesday, 23 July 2002 at 6:30 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. M.H. Haque
Vetted by: Dr. Lalit K. Goel