

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter Committee, Singapore

Date: 23 July 2002, Tuesday
 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
 Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
 Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Mr. Ian Butt (IB) - Member
 Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member
 Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
 Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member

Items	Action by
1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 3 rd Meeting	
The Minutes of the 3 rd Committee Meeting held on 16 May 2002 was adopted with the following correction:	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3.11, Line 2: "(OEA) to be to be awarded" should read as "(OEA) to be awarded". 	
2 Matters Arising	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The visiting cards for the Chapter Chair have been printed. 	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 1st IEEE ASEAN Sections meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur on 01 June 2002. The Chapter Chair, Dr. Goel, attended the meeting. The minutes of the meeting were circulated to the members by Dr. Goel through email. 	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A write-up on the technical talks delivered by Prof. Findlay and Prof. Sutanto was sent to IEEE for publication in the Power Engineering Review and will appear in August 2002 issue. 	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last Section Meeting was held on 19 July 2002. Dr. Goel and Mr. Butt were unable to attend the meeting because the meeting date coincided with the Chapter Social Dinner. 	

- 3 Chairman's Report on Section and Other Matters
- 3.1 IEEE Region 10 Chapter Chairs meeting will be held in October 2002. The venue of the meeting has not been finalized yet. Dr. Goel is expected to attend the meeting. Information
- 3.2 IEEE Region 10 Student Congress was held on 17 July 2002. Dr. Goel was invited to attend the Opening Ceremony of the Congress. Power Chapter is the only chapter which donated and participated in the event. Information
- 3.3 IEEE Student Branch of NTU is organizing Mathematics Olympiad on 27 July 2002. The Organizing Committee of the Mathematics Olympiad has invited the Chapter Chair to deliver an opening speech. Information
- 3.4 35 people attended the technical talk on "HVDC-Link Based PWM Voltage Source Converters" delivered by Prof. B.T. Ooi on 09 July 2002. Information
- 3.5 IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Kaylan K. Sen is arriving in Singapore on 29 Sept. 2002. The Power Chapter is organizing a one-day short course on "VSC-Based FACTS Controllers: Modeling and Applications" by the Distinguished Lecturer on 30 Sept. 2002. Dr. Sen will leave Singapore on 01 Oct. 2002. The chapter will arrange the accommodation for the Distinguished Lecturer. DS
- 3.6 NTU has approached the chapter to co-organize a technical talk by Dr. Sun Yuanzhang on 24 July 2002. However, the chapter politely declined the proposal because of the short notice. Information
- 3.7 The 1st IEEE ASEAN Sections Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur of 01 June 2002. The meeting mainly discussed the following items: sharing experiences in running the Sections and Chapters, organizing joint activities, supporting each other activities, nominating each other for awards, helping to promote scholars within the Sections, etc. The details of the above can be found in the Minutes of that meeting. Information
- 3.8 IEEE Indonesian Section has only 168 members and no chapter. The membership number in the Indonesian Section is very low compared to the size/population of the country. However, the membership profile of Thailand and Malaysia Sections is reasonably strong. Information
- 3.9 ASEAN Sections Congress is targeted to be held once in every three years. The host country of the next Sections Congress is Philippines. Information
- 3.10 Singapore Polytechnic has invited the Chapter Chair to attend the graduation ceremony on 02 August 2002. However, the Chair is unable to attend the ceremony because of teaching commitment but he requested the Secretary to attend the event. The name of the student who received the IEEE award is Tan Yean Soon. MHH
- 3.11 The article on last year's Outstanding Engineer Award ceremony and annual dinner has appeared in the IEEE Power Engineering Review, June 2002 issue. Information

- 4 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair
- 4.1 Dr. Srinivasan reported that the technical talk on "PowerLine Communication" held on 23 May 2002 was very successful and 220 participants attended the talk. Information
- 4.2 Mr. Mark F. McGranaghan of Electrotek Concepts, USA will arrive in Singapore in October 2002 to attend the International Power Quality Conference 2002 as a Keynote speaker. Dr. So will enquire the possibility of organizing a technical talk by Mr. Mark F. McGranaghan while he is in Singapore. Dr. So will report the outcome of the enquiry to the subcommittee. SPL, DS
- 5 Report by Social Activities Sub-committee Chair
- 5.1 Dr. Gupta reported that only 13 people attended the social dinner on Friday, 19 July 2002 at Goodwood Park Hotel. Some Committee members were unable to attend because of other commitments. Information
- 5.2 Dr. Gupta also reported that the annual dinner is scheduled on Friday, 15 November 2002. Three local hotels have been short listed for the event. RG
- 5.3 The Committee requested the social activities subcommittee to explore the possibility of arranging a family day. RG
- 6 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair
- 6.1 Dr. Shrestha reported that the subcommittee was working on the Outstanding Engineer Award 2002. The Committee went through a long discussion on various aspects of the award, such as, procedures, selection criteria, how to assess or judge the contribution, consideration of past contributions, etc. Finally, it was decided that Dr. Shrestha will send an email to the members to ask for nominations for the award. The subcommittee will then process the nominations and make the final decision. However, if one of the subcommittee members is nominated for the award, he will be excluded from the selection committee. GS
- 7 Report by Memberships Sub-committee
- 7.1 Dr. Chen Shuin reported that some membership forms were distributed during the "PowerLine Communication" technical talk on 23 May 2002. No response has been received so far. Dr. Goel reminded that the membership growth is one of the important criteria for receiving the Large Chapter Award. Information
- 7.2 Dr. Chen Shiun also reported that the subcommittee is not very sure whom to target for the proposed field trip. The subcommittee feels that it may be a better idea to organize some interesting technical talks/short courses offered by some distinguished lecturers with a very nominal registration fees Information

for members and high fees for non-members. This might help to promote membership.

- 7.3 Mr. Teh mentioned that organizing the technical talks/short courses through PEB certification might help to promote membership in the long term. TGH
- 7.4 The committee felt that NTU postgraduate students were good candidates for new membership. An email will be sent to the postgraduate students mentioning the fees involved and the benefits of joining IEEE. The email can be sent together with the announcement of one-day short course by the IEEE distinguished lecturer. CS
- 8 Report by Webmaster
- 8.1 Dr. Chen Shiun reported that the photographs of various events sent to CalenderOne have not been uploaded on the website yet. Chairman will write to the Section in this regard. LKG
- 9 IPEC2003 Report by Mr. Butt
- 9.1 On behalf of Mr. Butt, Dr. Goel reported that the last committee meeting of IPEC2003 was held on 18 July 2002. The committee is seeking support for some of its events, such as, lunches, cocktails, banquet, opening ceremony, etc. Information
- Dr. Goel also reported that the Power Chapter has promised to pay the seed money of \$7,000. The money will be returned to the chapter after the conference with proper share of profits or losses. Out of six co-organizers, only Singapore Power will not share any profits or losses. SPL
- Dr. Goel requested the committee members to contribute papers to the IPEC2003 conference. Information
- 10 AOB
- 10.1 Dr. So reported that the current balance of the power chapter account is \$163,618.07. Information

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:30 pm. The tentative date of the next PEC committee meeting is Tuesday, 03 September 2002 at 6:30 pm.

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