

## Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter Committee, Singapore

Date: 03 September 2002, Tuesday  
 Time: 6:30 PM  
 Venue: Ngee Ann Polytechnic NET Restaurant VIP Room

**Present:**

Dr. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) - 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. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member  
 Mr. Ian Butt (IB) - Member  
 Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member  
 Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member  
 Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member

**Absent with apologies:**

Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) - Dy Chairman  
 Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member

Items	Action by
1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting
	The minutes of the 4 <sup>th</sup> committee meeting held on 23 July 2002 was adopted with the following correction:
	Information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item 7.1, Line 1: "Dr. Chen Shuin" should be read as "Dr. Chen Shiun".</li> </ul>
2	Matters Arising
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About 225 students from various Junior Colleges, Polytechniques and Universities attended the IEEE Mathematics Olympiad on 27 July 2002 at NTU. Dr. Goel delivered the opening speech at the Olympiad. Information</li> <li>• Mr. Mark F. McGranaghan of Electrotek Concepts, USA prefers to deliver the technical talk in Feb. 2003 instead of Oct. 2002. Dr. So will discuss the matter in detail with Mr. McGranaghan during the IPQC conference in October 2002. SPL</li> <li>• Organizing some technical talks/seminars through PEB will be continued. Mr. Teh will try to organize the Workshop by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer (Dr K K Sen) through PEB certification. TGH</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Chen Shiun sent an email to all power engineering postgraduate students of NTU describing the joining fees and benefits of joining the IEEE and the PES.</li> </ul>	Information
3	<p>Chairman's Report on Section and Other Matters</p> <p>The Chapter Chair, Dr. Lalit Goel, reported the following items:</p>	
3.1	The IES/IEEE Joint Medal of Excellence will be awarded at a ceremony on 01 November 2002 at the Shangri-la Hotel Island Ballroom. The award committee requested the Power Chapter to take up a dinner table at a cost of \$1,000. The committee agreed to book a dinner table for this grand occasion.	SPL
3.2	The Section is celebrating its 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, 09 November 2002. On this occasion, the Section plans to publish a one-off journal and it has requested the Power Chapter to contribute a paper in power engineering. The Chairman requested the committee members to consider contributing a paper.	All
3.3	The deadline for submitting the interim financial report (Jan to Sep 2002) to the Section is 15 October 2002. The full financial report of the year (up to December 2002) and the receipts are due to the Section on 15 January 2003.	SPL
3.4	The Section agreed to all the issues raised by Mr Butt, except the proxy voting, regarding the election procedures. The Chairman requested Mr. Butt to attend the next Section meeting on Friday, 06 September 2002 to discuss the election procedures further.	IB
3.5	The IEEE HeadQuarters has prepared new guidelines/revised criteria for Awards. The Chairman requested the Awards Subcommittee Chair to study the new criteria. The Chairman also reported that the minimum award for a High Performing Chapter is \$400 and the maximum award is \$1000. Our Chapter satisfies most of the requirements for the maximum award. The Awards Subcommittee Chair will apply for the High Performing Chapter Award by the deadline.	GS
3.6	Mr. Ang Muah Tong, Steven of NTU received the IEEE Power Chapter Gold Medal Cum Book Prize Award. The name of the students who received the IEEE Power Chapter Prizes from Ngee Ann Polytechnic and Singapore Polytechnic are Mr. Wee Siew Kian and Mr. Tan Yean Soon respectively. The name of the Award recipient of NUS is not known yet. Dr Srinivasan was requested to inquire with NUS in this regard. The committee wishes to invite all award recipients to the Chapter annual dinner.	DS MHH
3.7	The IEEE PES Region 10 Chapter Chairs meeting will be held on 10-12 October 2002 in Yokohama, Japan. The Chapter Chair, Dr. Lalit Goel, will attend the meeting. PES will provide the return air ticket and hotel accommodation for	All

- the Chairman. The Chairman requested the committee members to advise him of specific matters that they wanted brought up at that meeting.
- 3.8 The IEEE PES sent some brochures describing the benefits of membership. A softcopy of the brochure can be obtained from <http://www.ieee.org/organizations/society/power/subpages/about.html>. However, the Chairman will request for more hardcopies of the brochures. LKG
- 4 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair
- 4.1 On behalf of the Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair, Dr. Lalit Goel reported that a one-day Workshop by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Kalyan Sen, is scheduled on 30 Sept. 2002 at the Traders Hotel. Dr. Sen will arrive in Singapore on 29 September 2002. The Chapter will cover the local expenses, including a half-day city tour on 29 September, of the Distinguished Lecturer. DS, SPL
- The Chairman requested the members to support the Workshop by attending through their respective employers, if possible. The committee agreed to reduce the workshop registration fees to \$100 for student members. All
- 4.2 The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Dipti Srinivasan will investigate the possibility of having a technical talk by Prof. A.C. Liew towards the end of this year, possibly in late October 2002. DS
- 5 Report by Social Activities Sub-committee Chair
- 5.1 On behalf of the Social Activities Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Teh reported that the Annual Dinner would be held on 15 November 2002 as scheduled. The Chairman requested the sub-committee to finalize the plans for the dinner and also to select a speaker for the non-technical talk. RG
- 6 Report by Awards Subcommittee Chair
- 6.1 The Awards Subcommittee Chair, Dr. Govinda Shrestha, reported that his subcommittee had, after long discussions, come to the conclusion that there would be no Outstanding Engineering Award (OEA) in 2002. However, the Committee realized that one of the Subcommittee members was nominated for the award. Thus the Committee decided to form a new Sub-committee for the award. The present Awards subcommittee was dissolved and a new subcommittee was formed. The Chairman of the new sub-committee is Mr. Ian Butt and the members are Mr. Seow Kang Seng and Mr. Sim Wee Meng. The new subcommittee will seek for fresh nominations for the award and submit a final report, after processing the nominations, by 10 October 2002. IB

7	Report by Memberships Sub-committee	
7.1	Dr. Chen Shiun reported that an email has already been sent to all power engineering postgraduate students of NTU describing the benefits of joining the IEEE and PES. He will send another email to all power engineering postgraduate students of NTU regarding the one-day Workshop by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. K. K. Sen.	CS
8	Report by Webmaster	
8.1	Dr. Chen Shiun reported that details of the one-day Workshop by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer had already been uploaded on the website. Information on the OEA will be uploaded soon.	CS
8.2	The committee agreed to upload the Minutes of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> committee meetings on the website.	CS
9	IPEC2003 Report by Mr. Butt	
9.1	Mr. Butt reported that the IEE, UK, had nominated Dr. Daniel Kirschen of UMIST as their keynote speaker for the IPEC2003 conference and asked to select one of his two proposed keynote speeches. However, Mr. Butt would like to propose a different keynote speaker from the IEE, UK.	IB
9.2	The Section Treasurer informed the Chairman that the Chapter might not get involved in a conference on the basis of sharing profits/losses of the conference unless it seeks approval of the detailed conference budget from PES HQ. Mr. Butt is working on the detailed budget. In the worst case of the budget not being approved by the PES HQ, the Chapter will support the IPEC2003 conference without sharing profits/losses. The seed money of \$7,0000 that was approved in the last meeting is now on hold, and it will only be given to the conference if the approval of the budget comes through.	IB, SPL
9.3	The Chairman requested the members to participate in the conference by submitting papers. The deadline for submitting abstracts is 16 Oct. 2002. The abstract can be submitted online through the conference website <a href="http://www.ntu.edu.sg/eee/ipec2003">www.ntu.edu.sg/eee/ipec2003</a> .	All
10	AOB	
10.1	Dr. So reported that the bank is not paying any interest since Sept. 2001.	Information
10.2	The committee feels that some interest can be earned by putting part of the bank balance as fixed deposit. Dr. Goel will investigate with the Section the possibility of setting aside some money for fixed deposit.	LKG, SPL

10.3 Mr. Sim Wee Meng reported that Dr. K.S. Lock was not presented with the OEA plaque in 1999. Chairman will write to the PES to obtain the plaque, if possible. However, this will be done in conjunction with the OEA Award 2002 plaque request.

LKG

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:10 pm. The tentative date of the next PEC committee meeting is Tuesday, 22 October 2002 at 6:30 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. M.H. Haque

Vetted by: Dr. Lalit K. Goel