

## Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2003 Committee, Singapore

Date: 13 March 2003, 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. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member  
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) - Member

### Absent with apologies:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member  
Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member  
Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member  
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member

	Items	Action by
1	<b>Confirmation of Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting</b> The minutes of the 1 <sup>st</sup> meeting held on 24 January 2003 was confirmed.	Information
2	<b>Matters Arising</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chairman has not received the detailed information about the winner of 1999 Outstanding Engineer Award from Mr. Sim.</li><li>The details of the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer program on "Power Transformer Technology" are yet to be finalized. Chairman will continue to liaise with his Hong Kong counterpart in this regard.</li><li>The Chapter donated \$250 to the IEEE Student Branch of NUS for organizing the IEEE Week in January 2003.</li><li>The Chapter also donated \$250 to the IEEE Student Branch of NTU for organizing S-PAC in March 2003.</li><li>Chairman suggested the names of Dr. K.S. Lock and Prof. A. C. Liew to be included as volunteers on the History Sub-committee of the IEEE Section, Singapore.</li><li>The Outstanding Chapter Award (OCA) nomination was submitted to HQ.</li></ul>	SWM, LKG LKG Information Information Information Information

### 3 Chairman's Report on Section and Other Matters

The Chapter Chair, Dr. Goel, reported that no Section meeting was held since the last Chapter meeting. The following issues were, however, raised by him.

- 3.1 On behalf of the committee, the Chairman congratulated Mr. Butt, Mr. Seow and Dr. Srinivasan for the elevation of their membership to the grade of Senior Member, IEEE. He also requested RG, CS, TGH and SPL to apply for elevating their membership grade, naming the Singapore Chapter as the sponsoring body. RG, CS, TGH  
SPL
- 3.2 Ngee Ann Polytechnic requested the Chapter to continue the best student award in 2003. The committee agreed to donate \$200 for the award. SPL
- 3.3 The committee had previously agreed to donate \$200 to Singapore Polytechnic for the best student award in 2003. SPL
- 3.4 Chairman wrote to Mr. Terence Law (Region 10 representative) expressing interest in hosting PowerCon 2004 Conference in Singapore. Mr. Law, on behalf of Dr B D Russell, Vice-President (Meetings), IEEE PES HQ, requested a formal proposal with some details. The committee agreed to the Chairman's proposed dates of 21-24 Nov. 2004 for the conference. Chairman will prepare the proposal and submit to Mr Law and Dr Russell. LKG

### 4 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair

- 4.1 On behalf of the Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Butt reported that the next talk on "Understanding the New Electricity Market" by Mr. Seow was scheduled on 21 March 2003 at 6:30 PM. The Chairman added that 30 people had already registered for the talk and that Dr. Chen would prepare a few transparencies to be shown before the talk to promote membership. Chairman also requested the committee members to support the activities in full force. Information
- 4.2 Mr. Butt also confirmed the following upcoming seminars: Information
- "Fuel cells and the hydrogen economy - the substance behind the hype" by Prof. Ho Hiang Kwee on 15 April 2003.
  - "Opportunity for energy efficiency improvement by cogeneration" by Mr. Gan Chin Hock on 23 May 2003.
  - "Recent developments in computer based relaying" by Dr. Tarlochan Sidhu on 23 May 2003.
- 4.3 Mr. Butt also reported that more technical talks were being planned. Details of the other talks will be announced at a later date. Feedback was sought from committee members as to the appropriate topics on which to arrange seminars/short courses/workshops. Members gave several suggestions to the Technical Activities Sub-committee. DS

**5 Report by Social Activities Sub-Committee Chair**

The Social Activities Sub-committee Chair, Dr. Shrestha, reported that the Sub-committee is planning to organize two social activities in 2003: (a) Half-yearly dinner (for committee members and their respective spouses) and (b) Annual dinner. The committee requested the Sub-committee to include some social/extra activities in the half-yearly dinner. The Sub-committee will look into that aspect and report at the next meeting.

GS

**6 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair**

The Awards Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Butt, reported that the application for the High Performing Chapter Award (HPCA) was sent to the IEEE HQ.

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The Chairman reported that the deadline for submitting the application for the Outstanding Chapter Award (OCA) was 31 March 2003. Mr. Butt will prepare the details and forward it to the Chairman for further action.

IB, LKG

**7 Report by Memberships Sub-committee Chair**

The Memberships Sub-committee chair, Dr. Chen, reported that he would distribute some membership forms to the participants at the next technical talk. The Chairman added that he would provide some brochures and promotional materials for distribution.

CS

**8 Report by Webmaster**

Dr. Chen reported that it was necessary to upload the list of programs/activities on the website. Dr. Srinivasan will prepare a list of upcoming technical talks and provide it to CS for uploading.

CS, DS

**9 Report on GOLD Program by TTL**

9.1 Mr. Tan reported that he was planning to organize a cocktail reception party with a non-technical talk for recent graduates of NUS and NTU to promote the GOLD program. The committee suggested TTL to approach the alumni section of NTU and NUS to obtain the contact details of new graduates.

TTL

9.2 The Chapter allocated a budget of \$1,000 for the GOLD program. However, the committee felt that the Chapter cannot form an affinity group and most of the activities on the GOLD program should be done at the Section level. The Chairman will raise this issue at the next Section meeting. Chairman requested TTL to keep in touch with the Region 10 GOLD representative.

TTL, LKG

**10 Report by Student Liaison Sub-committee Chair**

The Student Liaison Sub-committee Chair, Dr. Goel, reported that he would send an email to all postgraduate students of NTU informing them about the technical talk on "Understanding the New Electricity Market". LKG

**11 Report by Women in Engineering Sub-Committee Chair**

The Sub-committee Chair was unable to attend the meeting. However, the committee felt that a discussion session among the existing women members should be arranged. Dr. Srinivasan was requested to look into the possibility of arranging such a discussion session. DS

**12 Report on IPEC2003**

12.1 Dr. Goel reported that the two Keynote speakers for the conference were finalized and that the details could be found on the IPEC website. The Guest of Honor would be the President of NTU, Prof. Su Guaning. He also reported that about 230 full papers had been accepted for the conference. Information

12.2 The Chapter paid the seed money of S\$7,000 to the conference organizing committee. Information

12.3 The Chairman requested the committee members to support the conference by attending. The early bird registration deadline is 31 March 2003 for authors and 15 April 2003 for delegates. All

**13 AOB**

13.1 Dr. So reported that the current balance of the Chapter account was \$151,907. Information

13.2 The Chairman and the Treasurer will raise the issue of arranging fixed deposit at the next Section meeting & Section Finance Committee meeting respectively. Once it is approved/recorded, Dr. So will arrange to put \$100,000 as fixed deposit. LKG, SPL

The tentative date of the next meeting is Thursday, 17 April 2003.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. M.H. Haque

Vetted by: Dr. Lalit K. Goel