

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2003 Committee, Singapore

Date: 11 August 2003, Monday
 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
 Mr. Ian Butt (IB) - Member
 Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) - Member
 Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
 Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member
 Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) - Dy Chairman
 Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member
 Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member

Items	Action by
<p>1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the 3rd meeting held on 20 May 2003 was confirmed.</p>	Information
<p>2 Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CS was elected as Senior Member of the IEEE. SPL has applied to upgrade his membership. Chairman again requested TGH and RG to apply. • The Chairman will raise the issue of making a fixed deposit of up to S\$100K at the next Section meeting. • The first meeting of the IEEE task force on election matters was held about two weeks ago (Chairman and Mr Butt attended the meeting) and the outcomes of the meeting are as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ballot voting for absentees will not be allowed. 2. Postal ballot voting may be allowed on request. • Dr. Sidhu's technical talk will be scheduled in November 2003 if he decides to attend the IPEC2003 conference. Otherwise, the talk will be cancelled. • The one-day workshop on "Understanding Numerical Relays and their use in Power System Protection" by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Sachdev is confirmed for Tuesday, October 21, 2003. Chairman requested DS to do the needful closer to the event. 	<p>TGH, RG</p> <p>LKG</p> <p>Information</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The short course on "Power System Restoration" by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Mike Adibi has been cancelled because the Region 10 cannot get two Distinguished Lecturers in the same year. However, the course may be scheduled in 2004. 	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since there was no "consensus" reply on the matter of Outstanding Engineer Award (OEA) from the VP of Membership/Chapters, it may be better to consider only PES members for the award. 	IB
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The non-technical talk on "Building a Successful Engineering Career" was very successful. About 125 participants attended the talk. Chairman thanked TTL for arranging the talk. 	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar to NUS, permission was also given to NTU to withdraw from the capital, if necessary, to support the Power Chapter awards over the next few years. 	Information
<p>3 Chairman's Report on Section and Other Matters</p>	
<p>The Chapter Chair, Dr. Goel, reported that the next Section meeting will be held on Thursday, 14 August 2003 and thus there was nothing to report on Section matters. However, he pointed out that the IEEE PES HQ had requested the Singapore Power Chapter to host the PoweCon2004. The first meeting of the PowerCon2004 organizing committee will be arranged in due course. Chairman requested members to support the event either directly or indirectly. The Chapter will provide all the seed money required for the conference.</p>	All
<p>4 Conferences</p>	
<p>4.1 IPEC2003: Dr. Goel reported that the new deadline for registration is 01 September 2003 and that the conference will be held on 27-29 November 2003 at the Pan Pacific Singapore.</p>	Information
<p>4.2 ICIE2004: Chairman had nominated Mr Seow on the conference committee. No updates were available as the conference committee is yet to meet.</p>	Information
<p>4.3 PowerCon2004: Dr. Goel reported that the first meeting of PowerCon2004 would be arranged soon. The conference committee is required to submit a detailed budget to the IEEE Singapore Section for its approval. Once the budget gets approved by the Section, a new bank account will be opened through the Section. The budget will then be forwarded to PES HQ for their approval. Until that happens, the Chapter account will be used to cover the expenditure associated with PowerCon2004. Chairman also mentioned that the co-organizers would have no financial involvement in the conference.</p>	LKG, SPL
<p>5 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair</p>	
<p>On behalf of the Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Butt reported</p>	Information

that the technical talk on "Solid Oxide Fuel Cells" by Mr. Karl E. Meier was scheduled for 03 Sept. 2003. He also reported that the one-day workshop on by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Sachdev was scheduled for 21 October 2003.

6 Report by Social Activities Sub-Committee Chair

6.1 On behalf of the Social Activities Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Teh reported that the half-yearly dinner and the river cruise was successful. 11 members and six spouses attended. The total cost of the dinner, including the river cruise, was \$1,270.10. Chairman thanked Mr Teh and Dr Shrestha for making all the arrangements. Information

6.2 The Annual dinner will be held on 21 November 2003, and the budget allocated is \$5,000. GS, TGH, SPL

7 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair

The Awards Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Butt, stressed that the Chapter should source for an OEA in 2003 only if a suitable candidate can be identified. Mr Butt will circulate the nomination forms and PES members will be asked to submit nominations. The Chairman requested the Awards Sub-committee to make the decision by the end of September so that the PES HQ can be contacted for the citation plaque. IB

8 Report by Memberships Sub-committee Chair

Dr. Chen reported that 11 ex-members who did not renew their membership in 2003 had been identified. He also tried to find the reasons from them for not having renewed their membership, by contacting them through email and telephone. About half of them responded and the reasons were identified as: change in job; activities not relevant; left Singapore, etc. One of the members reported that he had renewed his membership but the HQ repeatedly kept reminding him. Information

9 Report by Webmaster

Dr. Chen reported that only the Power and Ocean Engineering Chapters are using the website from US. Information

10 Report on GOLD Program

10.1 Mr. Tan reported that the first event of the GOLD affinity group was highly successful. About 125 participants attended the event. A short report on the event was sent to the IEEE Region 10 GOLD coordinator. Information

10.2 Mr. Tan also reported that some feedbacks were collected from the participants and one of the topics of interest was identified as "entrepreneurship". He is now sourcing for a good speaker on TTL

entrepreneurship for the 2nd event of the GOLD.

11 Report by Student Liaison Sub-committee Chair

Dr. Goel reported that the non-technical talk was publicized to all final year and post-graduate students of EEE at NTU. Dr Srinivasan was requested to do the same for all such talks/seminars to NUS students. DS

12 Report by Women in Engineering Sub-Committee Chair

The Sub-committee Chair was unable to attend the meeting and there was no discussion on this topic. DS

13 AOB

13.1 The Chapter treasurer Dr. So reported that the current balance of the Chapter account is \$150,234.53. He also reported that the account was credited by S\$1,545.45 against US\$900 that was received as High Performing Chapter Award for 2002 from PES HQ. Information

13.2 Mr. Teh will assist on obtaining PEB certification for the one-day short course by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Sachdev. TGH

The tentative date of the next meeting is Tuesday, 07 October 2003.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. M.H. Haque

Vetted by: Dr. Lalit K. Goel