

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2003 Committee, Singapore

Date: 07 October 2003, 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
Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) - Member
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member
Mr. Ian Butt (IB) - Member

	Items	Action by
1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting The minutes of the 4 th meeting held on 11 August 2003 was confirmed with the following correction: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Item 9 should be read as "Dr. Chen Shiun reported that only Ocean Engineering Chapter is using the website hosted by NUS."	Information
2	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. So was elected as Senior Member of the IEEE. More members approached the Chapter Chair for upgrading to Senior Membership.Dr. Sidhu's technical talk is yet to be confirmed.PEB has approved 7 PDU (professional development units) for the one-day short course by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Sachdev.The idea of making a fixed deposit of up to S\$100K will not be pursued any further.	Information Information Information SPL
3	Chairman's Report on Section and Other Matters The Chapter Chair, Dr. Goel, reported the following items:	

- 3.1 The annual report of the Chapter was submitted to the Section well ahead of the deadline of 31 October 2003. The Chair thanked the Secretary for preparing the report. Information
- 3.2 The Chair received the details of the prizewinners from NTU and NUS. He is yet to receive the details of the prizewinners from Singapore Polytechnic and Ngee Ann Polytechnic. Information
- 3.3 The IEEE President and Region 10 Director will be visiting Singapore on 04 Nov. 2003 and the Section is organizing a meeting with the visitors. On behalf of the Chapter, Dr. Goel will attend the meeting. LKG
- 3.4 Dr. Waikar requested the Chapter to support the Energy Conference and Exhibition of International Energy Foundation to be held in 2014. The committee felt that it was too early to decide and asked Dr. Waikar to approach the would-be committee of 2012 or so. DW
- 4 Conferences**
- 4.1 **IPEC2003:** Dr. Goel reported that 190 paying delegates had registered for the conference. The Guest of Honor of the conference is Prof. Su Guanng, President of NTU. The two keynote speakers are Dr. Malcolm William Kennedy and Dr. Miroslav M. Begovic. Information
- 4.2 **ICIEA2004:** Mr. Seow reported that the last meeting of the organizing committee of ICIEA2004 was held in September. The committee is yet to appoint a PCO for the conference. Dr. Goel reported that the Chapter had nominated Mr. Seow as Co-chair of the conference but the conference organizing committee had assigned him the responsibility of arranging the keynote speakers. Dr. Goel will discuss this matter with the Chair of the conference. SKS, LKG
- 4.3 **PowerCon2004:** Dr. Goel reported that the PowerCon2004 would be held on 21-24 Nov. 2003 at the Pan Pacific Singapore. The PCO has been selected. The Call for Papers brochure is under preparation, and will be ready by 3rd week of November. The paper submission and reviewing process will be fully web-based. Singapore Power, NTU and NUS are the co-organizers of the conference. Singapore Power has nominated Mr. Sim Kwong Mian as Co-chair of the conference. Information
- 5 Report by Technical Talks Sub-committee Chair**
- Dr. Srinivasan reported that only one participant had registered for the one-day short course by the IEEE Distinguished Lecturer. She also reported that a technical talk by Mr. John Scott is scheduled on 13 November 2003 and is jointly organized with the IEE Singapore Branch. The committee approved a budget of \$500 (without dinner) for the joint technical talk. DS, SPL

- 6 Report by Social Activities Sub-committee Chair**
- 6.1 On behalf of the Social Activities Sub-committee Chair, Mr. Teh reported that the annual dinner is scheduled on 21 November 2003 at Regent Singapore. The Sub-committee is yet to find a speaker for the non-technical talk. The committee decided to invite the IPEC2003 Chairman and IEEE Section Chairman with respective spouses as guests to the dinner, free of charge. The five prizewinners from tertiary institutions will also be invited to the dinner. GS, LKG
- 7 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair**
- On behalf of the Awards Sub-committee Chair, Dr. Goel reported that the Sub-committee received a number of nominations for the OEA and that it is still looking for more nominations. The deadline for submitting the nomination is 13 October 2003. IB
- 8 Report by Memberships Sub-committee Chair**
- Dr. Waikar requested the Chair to get some more hard copies of the brochure describing the benefits to the members. He is planning to promote the membership at the next technical talk and technical visit. DW
- 9 Report by Webmaster**
- Dr. Chen did not have any updates on this matter. Information
- 10 Report on GOLD Program**
- 10.1 Mr. Tan reported that he was planning on arranging a cocktail reception through the GOLD program. Details will be provided later, once the speaker is selected. He had collected some quotations for the cocktail reception and the minimum quote he found was \$20/head. The committee approved a budget of \$2,500 for the event. TTL, SPL
- Dr. Goel suggested TTL to approach the Section to get support for the event as co-organizer and share 50% of the expenditure. TTL
- 11 Report by Student Liaison Sub-committee Chair**
- Dr. Goel reported that the AGM of NTU student branch was held on 23 August 2003. The student branch organized IEEE Technical Quiz on 04 October 2003. Dr. Srinivasan reported that high membership fee is one of the main reasons of not having many IEEE student members from NUS. Information
- 12 Report by Women in Engineering Sub-Committee Chair**
- Dr. Srinivasan reported that she was facing difficulty in getting 10 women engineers and to find a common time slot for a meeting. Information

13 Treasurer's Report

Dr. So reported that the present balance of the account was \$148,625.39. In 2003, the total income of the Chapter was \$1,980.85 and the expenditure was \$14,292.12 (this includes S\$7,000.00 seed money for the IPEC2003). Information

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14.1 Mr. Sim reported that a technical visit to the North East Line (NEL) Operation and Control Center and Depot could be arranged. Dr. Waikar and Mr. Sim will prepare a flyer for the visit. Mr. Sim suggested that the visitors should first report to his office (at Hampshire Road) for briefing on NEL project before going to the NEL depot. The Chapter may need to charter a bus to ferry the visitors from Hampshire Road to the depot located at Sengkang. DW, SWM

14.2 Dr. Goel reported that the immediate past Chair of the Section has a special post called advisory post in the Section Committee. He also mentioned that Oct 8, 2003, would be the last date for submitting the nominations for office bearers. After some deliberations, Dr Gupta agreed to be nominated for the post of Chair for 2004. Dr Gupta then suggested the following names as the main office-bearers for the 2004 committee: Dr Haque as Deputy-Chair, Dr Chen as Secretary, and Mr Teh as Treasurer. Nominations papers were filled accordingly.

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

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