

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2004 Committee, Singapore

Date: 21st September 2004, Tuesday
 Time: 6:40-8:00 PM
 Venue: NETS Restaurant, Ngee Ann Polytechnic

Present:

Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) – Chairman
 Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) -Dy Chairman
 Dr. Chen Shiun (CS) - Secretary
 Mr. Teh Gek Huat (TGH) – Treasurer
 Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) – Member
 Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) – Member
 Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) – Member
 Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) – Member
 Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) – Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) - Member
 Mr. Sim Wee Meng (SWM) – Member

Items	Action by
1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting	
1.1 The minutes of the 4 th meeting held on 3 rd August 2004 were confirmed with the following corrections: Item 5.5 – It is to be added that the proposal was circulated to all members through email and the decision of not to accept the proposal was also made via email correspondence. Item 5.6 – This item was wrongly reported and is to be changed as follows, “The Powercon2004 committee would identify prominent delegates who may agree to give seminar/s to the chapter members. The committee would inform the chapter closer to the conference date.” Item 14.1 – It was Dr. Gupta and not Dr. Goel that reminded the committee members to send their reports to the chairman or secretary if they cannot attend the meeting.	Info
2 Matters Arising from the 4th Meeting	
2.1 Mr. Teh reported that the IEEE Section has not reimbursed the amount of US\$950 for the High Performing Chapter award that was given to our chapter. Mr Teh and Dr Gupta shall follow up with the IEEE Section treasurer and report to the committee in the next meeting.	TGH, RG
2.2 Mr. Teh informed the committee that profit sharing and seed money from IPEC 2003 is yet to be received by the chapter. Mr. Teh shall follow up with the organizing committee.	TGH

3	Chairman's Report	
3.1	Dr Gupta reported that Ngee Ann Poly has informed him that the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter Singapore Prize for 2004 has been awarded to Mr Lew Yu Lui.	Info
4	Conferences	
4.1	There is no conference related matter reported in the meeting.	Info
5	Technical Activities	
5.1	Mr Seow reported that a technical talk on "Condition monitoring of power apparatus" by Assoc. Prof. Kishore from Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur was held on 6 th August 2004 at the NUS Engineering Auditorium. 15 people attended the seminar and some committee members hosted Prof. Kishore to an appreciation dinner after the seminar. Mr Tan reported that publicity was done via power point presentation before the seminar.	Info
5.2	Dr. Gupta reported that he has spoken to Prof. Liew regarding technical talk. Prof. Liew indicated that he is currently very busy but will try to give a talk before the end of this year.	SKS, RG
5.3	Prof. Wang Yuoyi's seminar was postponed to late October 2004. Mr Seow shall follow up with Dr Goel to see when this seminar can be held.	SKS
5.4	Dr Gupta reported that he was informed by Dr Panda of IEEE Singapore Section that Dr. Ray Findlay will be in town in early November and will be able to give a talk on induction motor. The Section has indicated interest to co-organizing this talk. Dr Gupta and Mr Seow shall work to finalize the details with relevant parties.	RG, SKS
6	Report by Social Activities Sub-committee Chair	
6.1	Dr. Shrestha report that 22 people attended the committee dinner held at Sharkey Sea Food Restaurant at Rasa Quay, Shangri-La's Rasa Sentosa Resort on 27 th August 2004. Dr. Shrestha thanked Mr. Teh for making arrangements and committee members commended that the dinner was well organized.	Info
6.2	Dr. Shrestha suggested finalizing the date for annual dinner. After much deliberation, the committee decided on 5 th November as subsequent weeks have Deepavali, Hari Raya and Powercon. The budget for the dinner is \$5000. The social subcommittee shall look for possible venues. Dr Shrestha also requested for suggestions on a non-technical talk for the dinner.	GS
6.3	Dr Gupta suggested having another function or visit for committee members and families before the annual dinner. Some members raised their concern that the annual dinner is only 1 ½ month away and it is thus a bit tight to squeeze in another event. Night Safari was suggested but Mr Seow expressed concern because of the high costs. Dr. Shrestha suggested Cheng Ho cruise	GS

cum high-tea or dinner. The subcommittee will explore and circulate possible activities to all members via email. The proposed date for this event is 23rd October 2004 and the issue to subsidize family members is to be discussed after knowing the cost.

7 Report by Awards Sub-committee Chair

- 7.1 Dr Gupta reported on behalf of Dr Goel, that one nomination has been received for the Outstanding Engineer Award for 2004. Dr Goel will discuss this matter with subcommittee members and convey the decision in the next meeting. LKG

8 Report by Memberships Sub-committee Chair

- 8.1 Dr Gupta reported that with the help from Dr Waikar, he had drafted an invitation letter that was sent to prospective members who had attended our GOLD function. This invitation is to encourage them to become PES members. Info
- 8.2 Dr. Gupta and Mr Teh are yet to apply for the senior membership due to some personal reasons. They promised to apply soon. RG, TGH
- 8.3 With regard to the issue of US\$10 for every successful promotion to senior membership that was nominated by the chapter, Dr Gupta reported that he had written to Dr Panda. Dr Panda had also replied but did not clarify our query. Dr Gupta has inquired further but has not received any reply yet. However, after much deliberation, it is decided to forgo this matter as no one is certain on how this payment is made by the IEEE. Info
- 8.4 Dr Gupta reported that Dr Goel has written to IEEE PES for more promotional leaflets. Dr Waikar shall liaise with Dr Goel to obtain the leaflets for membership promotion at future events. DW

9 Report by Webmaster

- 9.1 There is no web related issues reported in the meeting. Info

10 Report on GOLD Program

- 10.1 The contribution of \$300 from GOLD Affinity Group for the GOLD Cocktail Nite has been received by Power Chapter. Info
- 10.2 For a simpler GOLD program to be held in September, Mr Tan proposed a seminar on "Financial Planning for Engineers" by a consultant, Mr Dennis Ng who speaks regularly on a radio show. Mr Tan suggested co-hosting this event with Section's GOLD Affinity group. The date is fixed for 14th October 2004 subject to availability of the NUS Engineering Auditorium. Dr Dipti shall assist Mr Tan in securing the venue. TTL, DS

11 Report by Student Liaison Sub-committee Chair

- 11.1 Dr Dipti reported that the NUS student branch has just had their AGM and Info

the new committee has just been formed.

12 Report by Women in Engineering Sub-Committee Chair

12.1 There is no Women in Engineering related matter reported at the meeting. Info

13 Treasurer's Report

13.1 Mr Teh reported that our expenditure to date is \$36,312.24 including the seed money given to Powercon2004. Our current balance is \$108,106.16 Info

13.2 On the expenses for Powercon2004, the amount spent in 2003 was \$488.25 while that for 2004 stands at \$30,152.40 (including the \$20,000 seed money). Info

13.3 Mr Teh commented that as of today, there is still \$20,000 to be spent from the allocated budget for this year. Subtracting \$5,000 for Annual Dinner, there is still \$15,000 for organizing various activities for the rest of this year. Info

13.4 Committee deliberates on way to make use of the available fund for the benefits of our members. Some members suggested supporting Power Chapter members to attend local, overseas or IEEE conferences. Dr Waikar has agreed to set up a subcommittee to draw out the necessary procedure and guideline. It is hoped that such benefits would attract new members. DW

14 AOB

Nil

The tentative date of the next committee meeting is Wednesday, 20th October 2004.

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

Recorded by: Dr. S. Chen

Vetted by: Dr. Rajnish Gupta