

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2005 Committee, Singapore

Date: 18th May 2005, Wednesday
Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

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. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) - Member
Dr. Lie Tek Tjing (LTT) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member

Items	Action by
1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of 2005 Committee	
1.1 The minutes of the 2 nd meeting of 2005 Committee held on 2 nd Mar 2005 was confirmed without any major amendment.	Info
2 Matters Arising from the 2nd Meeting	
2.1 Dr Gupta reported that he has written to NTU informing our agreement with the request to amending the criteria for the NTU IEEE Power Chapter Gold Medal cum Book Prize award.	Info
2.2 Dr Gupta reported that cheques of \$200 each have been forwarded to Singapore Polytechnic and Ngee Ann Polytechnic for sponsoring the respective student awards.	Info
2.3 Dr Gupta reported that a cheque of \$300 has been issued to the NTU IEEE student branch as donation to the IEEE Science Symposium.	Info
2.4 Dr Gupta reported that he has enquired the section concerning the "Engineering Week" organized by IES but is yet to receive any firm reply. Mr. Seow informed that IES has revised the program to "Engineering Year" to be held from July 2005 to March 2006. Members decided not to participate in this event.	Info
3 Chairman's Report	
3.1 Dr Gupta reported the following matters that were discussed in the last section meeting.	Info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section is supporting the formation of a new chapter - Education Society Chapter. 	

- Dr Cynthia Zou is organizing a petition to form the Women in Engineering Affinity Group.
- Region 10 has allocated funds to help its chapters to cover the local expenses for speakers under the society-sponsored Distinguished Lecturer Programs.
- Section and its chapters organized 9 conferences in 2004 and 7 conferences will be organized in 2005. 5 conferences have been planned for 2006 with possibly another 4 more.
- Section is looking into the possibility of partnering reputable institutions such as NUS, NTU, SIM and the Polys to technically co-sponsor quality short courses. The aim is to enable members to attend these courses at discounted rates.
- 6 chapters, including our chapter have their own web sites.
- Section membership is declining gradually at 3% to 6% per year. Quite a number of student members do not take full membership after graduation and many GOLD members are dropping out. Section has decided to form a subcommittee to tackle this issue.
- Section is seeking proposals to initiate local awards to recognize members. Possible awards are Best Chapter Award, Best New Chapter Award, Outstanding Volunteer Award(s). Dr. Sanjib has been tasked to study the implementation issue.
- There seems to be some abnormalities in the L31 reports submitted by our chapter and those captured by the section. Not much can be done as this is managed by IEEE HQ. Conference organizing committee meeting can also be reported as part of the chapter activities.
- Region 10 committee is looking for a chapter to host the 2nd or 3rd IEEE Region 10 Colloquium on emerging technology in 2005 or 2006. The committee decided not to take up this request.

4 Conference and Technical Activities

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| 4.1 | IPEC2003: Dr. Haque reported that our chapter has received a cheque of \$14,572.64 as the net return from the IPEC2003 conference, after deducting the \$10,000 seed money for IPEC2005. | Info |
| 4.2 | IPEC2005: Dr Haque reported that the IEEE HQ has accepted the revised budget for IPEC2005. Although the budget is less than US\$100,000, the HQ insists that professional independent auditor be appointed should the conference revenues or expenses exceed this amount. The other three co-organizers of IPEC2005 requested that the chapter should bear this auditing cost, if it arises. Committee agrees to this request and Dr Haque shall write to HQ to negotiate if the requirement for this auditing can be based on the 25% share of the revenues borne by the chapter. | MHH |
| 4.3 | Dr. Shrestha is still committed to present his panel discussion paper on "Transmission Planning in Deregulated Environment" after he returns from the | LTT, GS |

IEEE PES General Meeting to be held in June 2005. Dr. Lie shall make the necessary arrangement closer to the tentative date of end July or early August.

- 4.4 Dr Lie reported that he has approached Professor Middleton from University of Newcastle, Australia but no seminar was arranged as his research does not include power engineering. Instead, a seminar on "Global Security Control of Large Power Systems" by Prof. David Hill from Australian National University, was held on 4th May. The seminar was jointly organized by the Control Chapter and Industrial Electronics Chapter and was well attended by about 30 people. Info
- 4.5 Dr. Lie informed the committee that the EMC (energy Market Company) is revamping the "speaker series" and he shall contact the company again for potential cooperation after the revamp. LTT
- 4.6 Dr Lie informed the committee that a one-day workshop/tutorial under the distinguished lecturer series program has been confirmed for 5th Sep 2005. He shall start planning for this event so that there is ample time to publicize this event. The venue, rates, etc. are to be confirmed in the next meeting. LTT
- 4.7 Dr Lie informed the committee that a seminar on "Distributed Generation" has been planned for the following Tuesday, 24th May at NUS. He shall communicate with Dr. Srinivasan on refreshment matters and committee agreed to host an appreciation dinner for the speaker, Prof. Saifur Rahman after the seminar. LTT

5 Social Activities

- 5.1 Dr. Shrestha reported that the social event of "wine tasting & dinner" was attended by 14 members on 8th April 2005. 2 members registered but did not turn up and the committee contemplated imposing refundable "fee" in future events. However, with the generally low turn out, it was decided not to impose such "guarantee fee". Info
- 5.2 Dr. Shrestha requested the committee to suggest possible venue for the committee dinner scheduled for 28th July 2005. A few venues were suggested and Dr Shrestha shall follow up with the necessary arrangement. GS

6 Awards

- 6.1 Dr. Goel reported that our application for the High Performance Chapter Award was successful and we have received a cheque of US\$700. The cheque is payable to IEEE Singapore Section but shall be refunded to the chapter. TGH
- 6.2 Dr. Goel reported that our application for the Outstanding Small Chapter Award was not successful. Info
- 6.3 Dr. Goel informed the committee that it is about time to start the search for candidates for the outstanding engineer award. The call for nomination shall be finalized by the next meeting. LKG

7 Memberships

- 7.1 There is no related matter reported at the meeting. Info
- 8 Website**
- 8.1 Dr. Chen informed the committee that our chapter has been awarded the first place in the inaugural IEEE PES chapters web site contest. A certificate has been received and a telegraphic transfer of S\$1639 (about US\$1000) has been credited to the chapter account on 13th April as the cash award. Info
- 9 GOLD Program**
- 9.1 Mr. Tan reported that the proposed wine-tasting event is similar to the previous social event. Therefore, he recommended not to proceed with this event. He shall come up with an alternative in subsequent meetings. Info
- 9.2 Mr. Tan proposed to hold an educational talk for GOLD members on 23rd June, titled "5 steps to getting what you want". He shall enquire Dr. Srinivasan if the NUS auditorium is available. Dr Gupta shall ask for support from the section, while Mr Tan shall contact the GOLD affinity group for support. TTL, RG
- 10 Student Liaison**
- 10.1 There is no related matter reported at the meeting. Info
- 11 Women in Engineering**
- 11.1 There is no related matter reported at the meeting. Info
- 12 Treasurer's Report**
- 12.1 Mr. Teh reported that the current bank balance is about \$150,000, including the monies from IPEC2003 and the awards. Info
- 13 AOB**
- 13.1 Mr. Seow raised the sponsorship issue to the national library, which will be opened in July. He urged the committee to take this opportunity to make use of chapter fund for the benefit of members by providing the IEEE PES Colored books, which are practical reference books. Dr. Shrestha commented that as these books are revised regularly, it may not be financial viable to keep the books up to date. Since this sponsorship, initiated by IES, involves all aspects of engineering, the committee decided to enquire if the section and other chapters are willing to jointly contribute reference books in their own respective disciplines. RG

The tentative date of the next committee meeting is Thursday, 21st July 2005.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. S. Chen

Vetted by: Dr. Rajnish Gupta