

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2005 Committee, Singapore

Date: 8th August 2005, Monday
Time: 6:30 PM
Venue: Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

Present:

Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) - Chairman
Dr. Chen Shiun (CS) - Secretary
Mr. Teh Gek Huat (TGH) - Treasurer
Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
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. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member
Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) - Dy Chairman

Items	Action by
1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of 2005 Committee	
1.1 The minutes of the 3 rd meeting of 2005 Committee held on 18 th May 2005 was confirmed with the following amendments.	Info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The word "section" in items 2.1 and 3.1 is to be corrected to "Section" • In the 8th point under 3.1, "Dr. Sanjib" is corrected to "Dr. S. Panda" • In the last point under 3.1, the proper colloquium name is "IEEE Region 10 Colloquium on Emerging Technologies" • Under item 4.5, the full name of EMC is Energy Market Company • In item 6.1, it is more appropriate to replace "refunded" with "reimbursed" • In item 9.2, it should read "He shall enquire with Dr. Srinivasan if the ..." 	
2 Matters Arising from the 3rd Meeting	
2.1 On the issue of sponsorship of books to the national library, Chairman has spoken to the Section Chairman who has advised to bring up this matter in the next section meeting. Chairman will update the committee in the next meeting.	RG
3 Chairman's Report	
3.1 Dr. Gupta reported that the Region 10 Chapter Chair meeting, to be held in Bangkok between 19-20 Dec. 2005 has a budget of US\$19,000. As IEEE PES (US) will contribute US\$15,000, there is a shortfall of US\$4,000. Hence, each chapter has been asked to contribute US\$200 towards covering this	Info

shortfall. Committee members unanimously agree to this request and Dr. Gupta shall inform the organizer accordingly.

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| 3.2 | Dr. Gupta reported that the rebate of S\$334 (US\$200) from the IEEE Regional Activities Dept. has been donated to the Section and the Activity Bonus of S\$125.25 (US\$75) for reporting 6 or more meetings is to be retained by the chapter. | Info |
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| 4 | Conference and Technical Activities | |
| 4.1 | IPEC2007: Dr. Goel informed the committee that the IPEC organizing committee is now contemplating to bring the subsequent IPEC to outside Singapore and China appears to be the only viable destination. It was suggested to hold the conference at research institute in Nanjing (NARI). Committee members unanimously agreed to this initiative. | Info |
| 4.2 | IPEC2005: As the chapter committee has agreed to bear the cost of professional independent auditing in order to comply with IEEE rulings, Dr Haque has enquired with HQ if the requirement for auditing can be based on the 25% share of the revenues borne by the chapter. Dr Haque shall report the outcome in the next meeting. | MHH |
| 4.3 | Dr. Shrestha is still committed to present his panel discussion paper on "Transmission Planning in Deregulated Environment". A tentative date of Tuesday, 18 th October 2005 has been set for this seminar. Dr. Lie shall confirm the venue in near future. | LTT, GS |
| 4.4 | Dr. Lie has yet to hear from the EMC (Energy Market Company) about the revamping of the "speaker series". He shall report to the committee if he hears from them. | LTT |
| 4.5 | Dr. Lie informed the committee that a technical talk on "Spark Paths and Lightning Strikes" by Prof. Mark MacAlpine is planned for 1 st September 2005 in NTU. Staffs and students from NTU shall be encouraged to attend this talk. | LTT |
| 4.6 | Dr Lie informed the committee that a one-day workshop under the distinguished lecturer series program has been confirmed for 5 th Sep 2005. The course title is "Deregulation of the Electricity Industry in the Nordic countries", and the speaker is Dr. Nils Flataboe, Senior Advisor, SINTEF Energy Research, Trondheim, Norway. The workshop will be held in Grand Copthorne and fee is set at S\$200 for PES members and S\$250 for non-members. The speaker shall be given S\$400 to cover his local sundry expenses. 10 persons have already registered for this course. | LTT |
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| 5 | Social Activities | |
| 5.1 | Dr. Shrestha suggested fixing the date for the committee dinner to be held at Raffles Marina. After much deliberation, two dates were short listed, Friday August 19 th or Saturday August 20 th . He shall confirm the date through email. | GS |

- 5.2 Dr. Shrestha requested for ideas on venue for the annual dinner to be held on 25th November 2005. After much discussion, it was decided that all PES members and their spouses shall be invited to the dinner. Children and additional guest will be charged but the amount has not being fixed. Due to the possible increase in expenditure as caused by including spouses, Dr. Shrestha was asked to look for a cheaper restaurant for this event. In addition, a non-technical talk on TCM (Traditional Chinese Medicine) was mooted for the dinner, and Dr. Shrestha shall seek for the appropriate speaker. GS
- 6 Awards**
- 6.1 The cheque of US\$700 for the High Performance Chapter Award was forwarded to the Section and the amount has not being reimbursed to our chapter. Mr. Teh, with the help from Dr. Gupta and Dr. Chen, shall follow up this matter with the Section treasurer. TGH, RG, CS
- 6.2 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 and sent out by the end of August. A decision shall be made by the end of September. LKG
- 7 Memberships**
- 7.1 Mr. Tan requested for more IEEE PES promotional brochures to be distributed during the GOLD events. Dr. Waikar and Dr. Chen are to confirm if they still have any copy with them. DW, CS
- 8 Website**
- 8.1 There is no related matter reported at the meeting. Info
- 9 GOLD Program**
- 9.1 Mr. Tan reported that 102 persons attended the educational talk for GOLD members on 23rd June, titled "5 steps to getting what you want". Dr. Gupta reported that a cheque of \$170.90 was received from the Section as their share of the expenses for organizing this talk. Info
- 9.2 Mr. Tan proposed to hold a GOLD cocktail night at Rendezvous Hotel on 30th September 2005. Ms. Claire Chiang, Senior Vice President, Retail Operations of Banyan Tree Holdings Pte. Ltd. shall deliver a talk on "Balancing Our Lives To Achieve Our Dreams". Due to concerns with possible high costs (\$25 net per head), it was decided to cap the attendance at 120. TTL
- 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. Info

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13.1 Dr. Srinivasan presented the following proposals for utilizing the chapter funds. DS

1. Financial Support for payment of registration fees:
 - Presentation of Papers at IEEE PES Organized/sponsored/supported conferences
 - This scheme is open for IEEE PES Members only.
 - This scheme can be availed once per year by the applicant.
 - Preference will be given to new applicants for subsequent years.
 - Member must present such papers at the conferences and submit receipts to IEEE Power Chapter within specified time.
 - Partial reimbursement can also be considered.
 - Member is required to share knowledge/experience gained through such presentation by giving a Technical Talk for IEEE Power Chapter within 4 months of such presentation.
 - Value of financial support: Maximum of S\$500 per applicant or actual registration fees which ever is lower. Maximum of 5 applicants per year to begin with for the period of 3 years. Subsequently scheme will be reviewed by the IEEE Power Chapter Committee, Singapore.
 - Current IEEE Power Chapter Committee Members are not eligible to apply for this support.
2. Create book prizes for Science and Technology related projects for Secondary Schools. Preference will be given to Power and Energy related themes.
 - Recommend to allocate 10 prizes each of \$100 to begin with. Cap of 2 prizes per school is recommended for spreading the scheme to more schools.
 - Reviewed on yearly basis by PES Chapter Committee.
3. Registration fee for short courses/seminars is subsidized for IEEE PES Members that is almost equivalent of IEEE membership fees or higher.

Members deliberated the three choices and decided that options 2 and 3 are not practical as they require much coordination efforts from us. Option 1 is more viable and Dr. Srinivasan shall draft a framework for its implementation, and presents it in the next meeting.

13.2 Dr Goel informed the committee that a reputable conference called PMAPS (Probabilistic Method Applied to Power Systems) for 2008 is calling for proposal. As the deadline for submission of the proposal is 1st October 2005, members are advised to communicate via email if they wish to bid for it. All

13.3 Mr. Seow proposed to register the name of IPEC conference so that it cannot be high jacked by other parties. Dr. Haque shall bring up this suggestion to MHH

the IPEC organizing committee.

The tentative date of the next committee meeting is Tuesday, 11th October 2005.

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8:40 pm.

Recorded by: Dr. S. Chen

Vetted by: Dr. Rajnish Gupta