

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2005 Committee, Singapore

Date: 11th October 2005, Tuesday
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. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) - Member
Dr. Lie Tek Tjing (LTT) - Member
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) - Member

Absent with apologies:

Dr. Deepak Waikar (DW) - Member
Dr. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
Dr. Govinda B. Shrestha (GS) - Member

Items	Action by
1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 4th Meeting of 2005 Committee	
1.1 The minutes of the 4 th meeting of 2005 Committee held on 8 th August 2005 was confirmed with the following amendment.	Info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount quoted in items 3.2 should be \$125. 	
2 Matters Arising from the 4th Meeting	
2.1 On the issue of sponsorship of books to the national library, Dr. Chen, on behalf of Dr. Gupta had brought it up at the section general meeting held on Friday, 23 rd September 2005. The section committee was in favour of this suggestion in donating reference materials and books to the national library, and saw this as a good avenue to reach out to the public. The section shall take charge of this matter and will first enquire IEEE USA if the HQ is willing to provide materials that can be donated to the library.	Info
2.2 On the issue of submitting a bid or proposal for organising 2008 PMAPS (Probabilistic Method Applied to Power Systems) conference in Singapore, Dr Gupta reported that he had not received any update from Dr. Goel. Latter consultation with Dr. Goel revealed that there was no interest indicated by any of the members. Hence, the committee will not submit any bid or proposal for this conference.	Info
2.3 On Mr. Seow's proposal to register the name of IPEC conference, the committee decided to raise this issue to the IPEC organizing committee and to leave the decision to that committee.	Info
3 Chairman's Report	
3.1 Dr. Chen reported that the section had appointed a new secretariat and the details are available at the section website. This has been out-sourced to the	Info

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- 3.2 Dr. Chen reported that the IEEE AGM has been scheduled on 18th November 2005 at Furama Riverfront Hotel. Info
- 4 Conference and Technical Activities**
- 4.1 **IPEC2005:** In the previous meeting, 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. The HQ has replied that the audit is to be done for the entire budget of the conference and not just the 25% share that belongs to the chapter. Info
- 4.2 As there are sufficient technical activities held this year, and with the IPEC2005 conference coming up in November, it was decided to postpone Dr. Shrestha's seminar on "Transmission Planning in Deregulated Environment" to 2006. Info
- 4.3 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
- 4.4 Dr. Lie informed the committee that a technical talk on "Spark Paths and Lightning Strikes" by Prof. Mark MacAlpine was held on 1st September 2005 in NTU. About 20 persons attended the talk. Info
- 4.5 Dr Lie informed the committee that the one-day workshop under the distinguished lecturer series program was held on 5th Sep 2005. The course was on "Deregulation of the Electricity Industry in the Nordic countries", and it was delivered by Dr. Nils Flataboe, Senior Advisor, SINTEF Energy Research, Trondheim, Norway. A total of 32 persons attended the workshop and after deducting all expenses, there is a surplus of about \$2000. There is an outstanding amount of \$1000 from a participating company, and Dr. Lie and Mr. Teh shall take note of it. LTT, TGH
- 4.6 Dr. Gupta informed the committee that Dr. Praba Kundur will be coming in February 2006 under the IEEE distinguished lecture program. He has proposed to deliver a one-day workshop on "Power System Stability & Control" and a 90-min seminar on "Sustainable Electric Power Systems in the 21st Century: Requirements, Challenges and the Role of New Technologies". Dr. RG, LKG

Gupta in conjunction with Dr. Goel has proposed a draft itinerary to Dr Kundur and is currently waiting for his reply.

5 Social Activities

- 5.1 The committee dinner was held at Raffles Marina on Friday August 19th. Info
- 5.2 Dr. Chen reported on behalf of Dr. Shrestha on the details of the annual dinner scheduled for Friday 25th November 2005, and the following decisions were made. GS
- Venue is Lei Garden Seafood Restaurant, Orchard Road
 - All PES members and spouses are invited to the dinner at no charge
 - Guests will be charged at cost of \$75 per person.

6 Awards

- 6.1 A cheque of US\$700 for the High Performance Chapter Award has been received from the Section. Info
- 6.2 Dr. Gupta reported on behalf of Dr. Goel that the award subcommittee has received one nomination for the outstanding engineer award. However, the subcommittee did not support the nomination and hence, no award will be given out this year. Info

7 Memberships

- 7.1 Mr. Tan reported that the IEEE PES promotional brochures were distributed at the recent GOLD cocktail event. Info

8 Website

- 8.1 There is no related matter reported at the meeting. Info

9 GOLD Program

- 9.1 Mr. Tan reported that the GOLD cocktail nite was held at the Rendezvous Hotel on 30th September 2005. Ms. Claire Chiang, Senior Vice President, Retail Operations of Banyan Tree Holdings Pte. Ltd. delivered an enlightening talk on "Balancing Our Lives To Achieve Our Dreams". Dr. Chin from the Section spoke about IEEE and its various chapters and benefits. Around 70 persons attended the event, and Mr. Tan, Dr. Gupta and Dr. Chen hosted a dinner for Ms Chiang after the event. 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 as at 30 September 2005 is about \$146,000. Info

13 AOB

13.1 Dr. Srinivasan presented the draft framework for implementing the financial support program aimed at helping PES members attending conferences, in the form of payment of conference registration fees. DS

- The conference must be an IEEE organized/supported conference.
- This program will provide financial support up to a maximum of S\$ 500 per applicant.
- Financial support is not meant to cover general expenses, but only the registration fees for the Conference.
- The applicant must be an IEEE PES member for at least a year before applying.
- Call for applicants will be sent by the Chapter Chair every quarter (depending on the availability of funds).
- Applicants will be asked to provide complete details of the conference, abstract of the paper, notification of paper acceptance, details of previous conference support from the Chapter, and a declaration regarding financial support (if any) from other organizations.
- Applications should be submitted to the Power Chapter for processing at least two months before the conference.
- The award committee, in consultation with the Chapter Chair, will be responsible for reviewing applications and making awards for this program.
- Applicants will be informed of the Chapter's decision in a month's time.
- Successful applicants will be asked to provide original registration receipt to the Chapter after the conference. They will be required to give a technical talk to Power Chapter members within 4 months after the conference.

Committee members commended her for the excellent framework and decided to launch this program in the new year. It was suggested to raise the support to \$700 or \$800, or to cover in full the conference registration fees. After much deliberation, it was decided to leave the support amount and the number of supports to the next year committee, which will have to decide on the budget to be allocated to this program. Dr. Srinivasan was requested to draft the application form and to circulate it through email for comment and suggestion.

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

Recorded by: Dr. S. Chen

Vetted by: Dr. Rajnish Gupta