

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2006 Committee, Singapore

Date: Tuesday 17th October 2006
Time: 7.30 PM
Venue: Heritage Restaurant, 805 Bukit Timah Rd, Singapore.

Present:

Dr. Chen Shiun (CS) – Chairman
Dr. Sumedha Rajakaruna (SR) – Secretary
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) – Treasurer
Dr. Lalit K. Goel (LKG) – Member
Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) – Member
Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) – Member
Mr. Teh Gek Huat (TGH) – Member
Dr. Lie Tek Tjing (LTT) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) - Member
Ms. Quek Swee Xian (QSX) – Member

Absent with Apologies:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) – Vice Chair

No.	Items	Action By
1	Chairman's Address	
1.1	At the outset of the meeting, the Chairman Dr. Chen briefed the committee about the need to urgently discuss some of the matters related to upcoming activities of the chapter. In order to ensure that all necessary items are discussed, he proposed to deviate from the usual agenda. The committee accepted the proposal.	Info
2	Report of Recent Activities	
2.1	2006 Outstanding Engineer Award: As recommended by the awards subcommittee (SKS, LKG and CS), Dr. Rajnish Gupta is the recipient of 2006 Outstanding Engineer Award. The Chairman congratulated Dr. Gupta, who is a member of the Committee, and thanked the awards subcommittee for their effort in coming up with the nominees and making the decision. The IEEE Power Engineering Society (PES) has been informed of this decision for the purpose of preparing the certificate and plaque.	Info
2.2	IPEC2007: Organising committee of IPEC2007 has agreed to the request for the account auditing fees to be borne by the conference, instead of the Power Engineering Chapter. Furthermore, it has also offered a \$50 discount in registration fee to IEEE members, similar to members of the other co-organisers. The profit/loss sharing ratio of 70% for NTU and 10% each for IES, IET and IEEE has been agreed. Power Engineering Chapter is helping the conference in opening a bank account through the IEEE Singapore Section.	Info

- 2.3 Promotional materials:
The Chairman has received a box comprising of CDROM of IEEE Transactions on Power Delivery from 1996 to 2001, past PES general meetings and other conferences and expositions. It was decided to keep this material to attract student members to the chapter in the coming year. Info
- 2.4 Memberships
The free PES membership for IEEE student members during the first year, has been identified as a way to attract about 6-7 post-graduate students from NTU and NUS to the Chapter. This free society membership for new IEEE student members is a permanent offer from PES. By extending the benefits like workshops at subsidized rates, such students are to be retained in subsequent years. Info
Since there is no discount in joining multiple IEEE societies, the other chapters were not contacted to invite their members to join Power Engineering Chapter as well.
- 2.5 Conference Support Grant
The subcommittee has approved the application from Dr. Govinda Shrestha for half of the Powercon2006 registration fee, being US\$400. No other application has been received and the final call for applications for this year is to be sent out during the week. Info
- 2.6 Students Liaison
The Chapter contributed \$300 to NUS student chapter for organizing the “Flashit 2006” competition. Info

3 Future Activities

- 3.1 IEEE Distinguished Lecturer One-day workshop on Power Quality:

The speaker is Dr. Rao Thallam, Senior Principal Engineer, Salt River Project, Phoenix, Arizona, USA. The workshop is to be held on Friday 17th November at Copthorne River Front Hotel. The topics discussed include power quality, voltage sag mitigation, energy storage and distributed generation. At the request of the speaker, PowerGrid was invited to deliver a talk in one session on the handling of voltage dips in Singapore. The formal acceptance of the request is yet to be received. LTT,DS, SKS
- The committee decided to apply PDU points from PE Board once the program is finalized. After discussion, it was agreed to charge the following fees from different types of participants. \$100 for PES member; \$350 for non-member; \$20 for PES student member; \$60 for student non-member.
The estimated budget of the event is \$3,000.

3.2 Two possible technical talks are being arranged for November as given below.

- 14th Nov - High Voltage Cable System Design by Mr. Christian Remy of Prysmian's Cable System, at a NUS seminar room.
- 27th Nov - Power System Stability Enhancement through Adaptive and Intelligent Control by Professor O.P. Malik, University of Calgary, Canada at Ngee Ann Polytechnic or NTU.

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3.3 Annual Chapter Dinner

Chairman reported that the original idea of organising this dinner at the Coriander Leaf Restaurant with cooking demonstration is no longer workable as the restaurant is booked out on 17th and 24th Nov, and most of November.

It was decided to hold the Annual Chapter Dinner on Friday 17th November at Hai Tien Lo Cantonese Restaurant, Level 37, Pan Pacific Singapore.

TGH

Mr. Teh was tasked to select a token of appreciation worth about \$80 to be presented to all committee members at the dinner.

3.4 Membership Promotion

Ms. Quek proposed to organize a talk on career progress for newly graduated engineers. It was decided to organize such a talk around end of January 2007, as one of the first activities in 2007.

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4 Treasurer's Report

4.1 Mr. Tan informed that interim financial statement of the Chapter has been submitted to the section. Info

5 AOB

5.1 The Committee agreed to hold its next meeting in 2007 after the new committee is elected at the Annual General Meeting of IEEE Singapore Section to be held on 16th November 2006. Info

There being no other matters for discussion, the meeting ended at 9.00 pm.

Recorded By: Dr. S. Rajakaruna

Vetted By: Dr. S. Chen