

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2007 Committee, Singapore

Date: Wednesday 10 October 2007
Time: 6.30 PM
Venue: Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre
Address: Dover Road

Present:

Dr. Chen Shiun (CS) – Chairman
Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) – Vice Chair
Dr. Lie Tek Tjing (LTT) – Secretary
Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) – Treasurer
Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) – Member
Mr. Teh Gek Huat (TGH) – Member
Mr. Kwan Kian Hoong (KKH) - Member
Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS) – Member
Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) – Member
Ms. Quek Swee Xian (QSX) – Member

No.	Items	Action By
1	Confirmation of Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the 2007 Committee	
1.1	The minutes of the 3 rd meeting of 2007 committee held on 24 July 2007 was reviewed and confirmed without any amendments.	Info
2	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes	
2.1	Annual Dinner	
	The Chapter Annual dinner will be held on 16 November 2007 at the Summer Palace, the Regent, No. 1 Cuscaden Road. TGH shall look into the menu for the Chinese and Indian Vegetarian, and it should be noted that the budget for the dinner is \$5000. The Chairman requested TGH to negotiate with the Regent for a better price.	TGH
	The Chairman had also given TGH the task to acquire token of appreciation for the outgoing committee members.	TGH
	The Chairman briefed the members that all Chapter members and their spouses will be invited to the dinner free of charge. Guest of Chapter members will be charged \$75 per person. Committee members can take along their spouse and	Info

children to the annual dinner.

2.2 Finance

The Chairman reported that the proposal to place \$200,000 of the chapter money as fixed deposit in the bank has been rejected due to the policy set by the IEEE HQ. Info

IEEE HQ has some investment schemes that the new committee shall look into it in the coming year. All

3 Chairman Report

Section chair reported that only 20-23% of members in Region 10 voted at the IEEE President Election last year. Therefore, members are encouraged to vote this year before the deadline of 1-Nov-2007 Info

TenCon2009 will be held in Singapore and Section has established a small preliminary organising committee. Chapters are requested to nominate volunteers to the organising committee. All

Section initiated senior membership elevation exercise several months ago but met many rejections by HQ as similar referees (section committee members) were used. However, 40-60% of about 60 members were successful. Chapters are encouraged to nominate senior members as referees. All

IEEE AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 20-Nov-2007 at Furama Hotel. Section chair promised much nicer door gifts compared to last year and encouraged chapters to seek out new members to form their respective committee for 2008. Info

The Most Outstanding Chapter Award for 2006 in Singapore is won by the Circuits and Systems Chapter. Info

There are two nominations for the section Outstanding Volunteer Award. Votes are to be finalised by 30-Sep-2007 so that the winner can also be nominated for the similar award at the Region 10 level. Info

More efforts are needed for membership development and senior membership elevation. It was suggested to set up a membership development desk at local conferences, at least on the first day of the conferences. All

As part of membership development, Section is exploring to expand the benefits for the members. Corporate membership to the Science Centre was considered and discussed in length, and most likely will be taken up once several detailed issues are resolved. Info

4 Technical Activities

- 4.1 MHH reported that the DLP was attended by 23 participants and among them 17 were Chapter members. Info
- 4.2 The technical talk on Alternative Generations was also well attended. Info
- 4.3 The seminar given by the conference grant recipient Dr G Shrestha will be held on 23 October 2007 at the EMC. The committee would like to thank Mr Henry Gan of the EMC for the help in co-organising the seminar. The committee would like to take the opportunity to invite Mr Henry Gan and spouse to attend the coming chapter's annual dinner. Info
- 4.4 Seminars given by conference grant recipients (Dr Srinivasan, Mr Kwan and Mr Pang) have to be organized in the coming year. DS, MHH
- 4.5 The title, date and venue for the technical talk given by Prof Bruce Wollenberg have been confirmed and they are as follows: Info
- Title: From Power Systems to A Smart Grid.
Date: Thursday, 6 December 2007
Venue: Meritus Mandarin Hotel
- The Chairman has asked QSX to approach PowerGrid for possibility of coorganising the talk. QSX
- 4.6 Prof Liew has agreed to give a technical talk, the technical activities committee should follow up with the necessary arrangement for the coming year. DS
- 4.7 The technical subcommittee felt that the technical activities for the year are quite sufficient. As a result, we do not need to solicit for possible speakers from the participants of the local conferences (e.g. IPEC 2007) Info
- 4.8 With regard to the proposed NTU/NUS post-graduate student seminars, we were thinking of co-organizing this with another chapter but it did not work out. Info
- Dipti suggested organizing something like workshop where the papers will be published in the proceeding. It may be more interesting for students if there is some sort of proceedings, so that the paper also counts towards their publications. This may attract more students and better participation. If the number of papers is good, the workshop can have two parallel tracks, one for power systems and another related to power electronics and control.
- The meeting agreed that the seminar should be conducted next year due to time limitation and the Chairman have asked the technical activities committee to look into possibility of co-organising with other chapters. DS, MHH

5 Social Activities

5.1 The Cheng Ho Cruise held on the afternoon of 4 August 2007 was well attended. Info

5.2 The Chapter Annual dinner date, time and venue have been confirmed. Info

6 Awards

6.1 RG reported that the candidates for this year Outstanding Engineering award are very credible. The committee has selected Mr Kwok Foo Seng as the award recipient for this year. Info

6.2 RG also reported that this year, 2 persons (Dr Srinivasan and Mr Kwan) have been granted the Conference Support Grant. Info

7 Membership Development

7.1 The Chairman reported that the chapter is not eligible to participate in the membership growth competition since the chapter needs to increase the higher grade membership by 10 %. This year the chapter high grade members has decreased by 6%. Info

The Chairman also reported that no chapter in the Region 10 has qualified for the membership growth competition.

7.2 The Chairman reminded the members that we need to be very active at recruiting new members to the Chapter during the talks, DLP and etc. Info

8 Web Matters

No further update.

9 GOLD Programme

No further update.

10 Student Liaison

10.1 Dipti briefed the members that this year IEEE NUS student branch is very active as they have planned many activities for the year. Info

The meeting agreed that the chapter will support the student activities if the Info

Section approves it.

11 WOMEN in Engineering

- 11.1 The Chairman briefed the members that men can join the affinity group. Info
- 11.2 Dipti informed that the Computational Intelligence Society has a women group, CS which holds special functions at conferences. The Chairman will ask the PES president at the coming Chapter Chairs meeting in Beijing to consider giving support to the affinity group.

12 Treasurer's report

- 12.1 TTL reported that the interim financial report ended on 30 September 2007 has Info been completed and submitted to the Section. The balance is \$ 263,003.19.
- 12.2 TTL also briefed the members that we need to apply for the inter-GIRO form in Info order to collect payment from Government Agency in future.

13 AOB

- 13.1 The Chairman updated that more 200 participants have been registered for Info IPEC 2007.
- 13.2 There will be no further meeting for the rest of the year 2007. Info

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There being no other matters for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8.30 pm

Recorded By: Dr. Lie TT

Vetted By: Dr. S. Chen