

Minutes of 2nd Meeting
IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2008 Committee, Singapore

Date: Tuesday 29th April 2008
 Time: 6.30 PM
 Venue: Ngee Ann Polytechnic Alumni Centre

Present:

Dr. Dipti Srinivasan (DS) – Chairperson
 Dr. M.H. Haque (MHH) – Deputy Chairman
 Mr. Tan Teck Lee (TTL) – Secretary
 Ms. Quek Swee Xian (QSX) – Treasurer
 Dr Chen Shiun (CS) – Member
 Dr. Rajnish Gupta (RG) – Member
 Mr. Seow Kang Seng (SKS)– Member
 Dr Panida Jirutitijaroen (PJ) – Member
 Mr Teh Gek Huat (TGH) - Member

Absent with Apologies:

Mr Kwan Kian Hoong (KKH)

| No. | Items | Action By |
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| 1 | Confirmation of Minutes of First Meeting | |
| | The minutes of the first meeting held on 29 Jan 08 was confirmed without amendments. | Info |
| 2 | Matters Arising from Last Minutes | |
| 2.1 | The technical sub-committee was not in favor to adopt the suggestion to provide a full-course dinner for technical talks as existing arrangements provided good refreshments and interactions before the talk. However, full-course dinner would be considered for DLP lectures. | Info |
| 2.2 | SKS reported that visit to “Zero Energy Building” was not possible this year as construction would only start in Q3 08. | Info |
| 2.3 | QSX reported that DBS Bank had given explanation for not crediting interest into Power Chapter account. Extracted part of reply by DBS Bank: “As overnight interbank rates known as SIBID was low, our margin was negative and thus we were unable to pay out interest. “ The committee discussed on the bank’s explanation and explored other options to generate interest, Because of rulings by IEEE, it was concluded that there were no other options. | Info |
| 2.4 | TTL reported that the hardcopies of transactions for the year 2007 had been handed to the Section for safekeeping. | Info |
| 3 | Chairperson’s Report | |
| 3.1 | Chairperson informed that the expected expense for travel, accommodation and registration for Prof. Lalit Goel (Section Chairman) to attend PMAPS2008 was | Info |

increased from the original amount of S\$4,500. The new budget was S\$7000 including registration fee. Power Chapter had agreed to support Prof. Lalit Goel's trip with advance payment from the seed money for PMAPS2010.

3.2 Chairperson informed that the Section was still looking for volunteers to form the TENCON2009 Committee and welcomed people from all branches of electrical and electronic engineering. Info

3.3 Chairperson informed that the Section was exploring to link up with Singapore Science Centre to create benefits for members. Info

4 Technical Activities

4.1 CS reported that the technical talk by Mr. Soh Siew Cheong on "Electricity Vending System" held on 18 March 2008 at NTU received an attendance of 150. Info

4.2 CS reported that a technical talk by Prof. Olav Bjarte Fosso from Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway, would be held at NUS on 14 May 08. Title of the talk "Development of renewable energy sources in the Nordic Electricity Market". He encouraged members to promote the talk. All

4.3 Chairperson reported that Prof Liew Ah Choy had agreed to present a technical talk in June 2008. Proposed topic "Premature failures of Cast-Resin Dry Type Transformers and Motors in Singapore". The committee supported this technical talk. CS
MHH
PJ

4.4 Chairperson reported that Mr John Mcdonald and Mr John Casazza, which the committee had proposed for DLP, declined invitation to come to this region. The committee decided to invite Prof. Anjan Bose who had tentatively indicated that he would visit in the week of 17 November 2008. CS
MHH
PJ

4.5 The committee discussed on the approach to organize technical talks by conference grant recipients. Four recipients had not conducted technical talk as required in the conditions for their grant. After much discussion, the committee agreed to organize two seminars for the four recipients, with two speakers in each seminar. CS
MHH
PJ

4.6 CS reported that PES had only one short course for local speakers to conduct using PES teaching materials. The committee was concerned that the topic may not attract sufficient attendance. The committee would decide on whether to proceed with the short-course after CS follow up with more information. CS

5 Social Activities

5.1 TGH reported that the annual committee members' dinner and social activity was arranged according to the suggestion in first meeting. It would be a dinner at a restaurant followed by a ride on the Singapore Flyer. The committee discussed on extending the activity to children. The committee agreed to include a nominal charge for children. The event would be held on 30 May 08. TGH

5.2 CS informed that CAS Chapter had invited Power Chapter to join their social event “An Introduction to Golf”. It would be a half-day event on a Saturday with professionals and beginners golf lessons at Arena Country Club. The committee agreed to accept CAS Chapter’s invitation to co-organise the event. CS TGH

6 Awards

6.1 Chairperson informed that the deadline for the Section Outstanding Chapter Award was 31 July 08. Power Chapter won the “Best Chapter Award” for year 2005 in year 2006. Power Chapter was not allowed to participate in 2007 having won first place in 2006. RG would check whether Power Chapter can participate this year. RG

6.2 Chairperson informed that it required six weeks for the delivery of the plaque for “Outstanding Engineer Award” and suggested that the “Call for Nomination” be prepared early. SKS RG CS

7 Membership Matters

7.1 RG reported that the Power Chapter co-sponsor of the “National Solar Sprint Competition” organized by Singapore Polytechnic would generate good awareness about Power Chapter. Power Chapter had agreed to sponsor 50% of the proposed expenses, up to a maximum of S\$2,500. The amount would be utilized towards sponsoring the prizes, banners and other publicity materials such as caps, stickers, etc. The organizer would acknowledge Power Chapter’s support in all publications/announcements that all prizes are sponsored by Power Chapter and print Power Chapter logo on all publicity materials. Info

7.2 RG informed that some members rejoined IEEE after Section sent “Invitation to re-join” e-mails to them. RG would get the list of members who did not renew their membership and do the same for Power Chapter. RG KKH

8 Web Matters

Chairperson reported that Power Chapter (Singapore) won the third place in the IEEE PES chapters web site contest 2008. It was a tie with San Francisco Chapter. Power Chapter would receive a cash award of US\$250 and a certificate. Power Chapter won the first place in the inaugural contest held in 2005 and also the first place in 2006. Chairperson thanked KKH and CS for their efforts in producing these achievements. Info

9 GOLD Program

QSX proposed to organize a talk on “Enhancing Self Image” and would explore further. QSX PJ

10 Student Liaison

10.1 Chairperson informed that she received request from NUS students who had recently founded Energy Carta, to support their “Clean Technology Opportunities DS MHH

and Challenges in Asia Pacific” conference in October 2008. The committee agreed to support the conference. DS would work with Section on the support for student activities.

- 10.2 Chairperson informed that the Industrial Applications/Power Electronics Chapter was very keen to co-organise student seminar with Power Chapter. The committee supported the idea of joint student seminar with other chapters. DS
MHH

11 Women in Engineering

Chairperson informed that a get-together for Women in Engineering was planned on 9 May 08 and encourage members to recommend women associates to invite. DS
QSX
PJ

12 Treasurer’s Report

QSX reported that the account balance was \$254,305.16 based on the account statement up to 31st Mar 07. Info

13 AOB

Chairperson suggested the following community service projects for the committee to consider:

1. organising social activities for underprivileged children or senior citizens
2. support charity events
3. give out book prizes to underprivileged children

Some further suggestions raised by the committee were:

1. buy clothes for underprivileged children
2. organize tea party at underprivileged children homes
3. organize tea party at old folks homes
4. organize tea party at mentally disabled children homes

The idea to organize tea party at mentally disabled children home suggested by SKS was accepted by the committee. SKS would explore kicking off the community project at Thye Hwa Kwan Home. SKS

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Recorded By: Mr Tan Teck Lee

Vetted By: Dr Dipti Srinivasan