

Minutes of 4th Meeting
IEEE Power Engineering Chapter 2008 Committee, Singapore

Date: Monday 17th November 2008
Time: 6.30 PM
Venue: Singapore Polytechnic Staff Centre

Present:

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

Absent with Apologies:

Dr Rajnish Gupta (RG)

No.	Items	Action By
1	Confirmation of Minutes of Third Meeting	
	The minutes of the third meeting held on 27 Aug 08 was confirmed without amendments.	Info
2	Matters Arising from Last Minutes	
2.1	The “Asian Youth Energy Summit 2008 - Opportunities and Challenges in Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency in Asia Pacific” conference held from 30 Oct 08 to 31 Oct 08 was well attended with more than 300 participants. Power Chapter was a sponsor for the conference.	Info
2.2	The inaugural “International Energy Week” held in the first week of November 08, organized by the Energy Market Authority with Power Chapter as a strategic partner, was well attended with more than 300 participants.	Info
2.3	CS reported that the DLP lecture on “Power System Restoration” was presented by Mr Mike Adibi on 15 Oct 08. at the Grand Copthorne Hotel.	Info
2.4	PJ reported that the “Graduate Student Workshop” was held on 24 September 08. It was co-organised with Industrial Applications/Power Electronics Chapter. The workshop was opened by Professor Lawrence Wong, Head of Electrical Engineering Department in NUS. Three speakers from industry were invited to talk during the workshop and 33 postgraduate students presented their papers in poster sessions. Six awards were given to students and the event attracted more than 50 participants.	Info

3 Technical Activities

- 3.1 CS reported that the technical talk by Mr Vishal Sharma, Research Scholar, ECE Dept, "Recurrent Neural Network based Hybrid model for Price prediction in Deregulated Electricity Market" was held on 11 Nov 08. Info
- 3.2 Chairperson informed that the proposed technical talk by Prof Liew Ah Choy would be arranged in early 09. CS
MHH
PJ
- 3.3 CS informed that the second DLP on "The Evolution of Control and Control Centres for the Smart Transmission Grid" would be presented by Dr Anjan Bose on 19 Nov 08 at Traders Hotel. CS encouraged members to promote the DLP. All
- 3.4 Three conference grant recipients had not conducted technical talk as required in the conditions for their grant. The technical committee was looking into organising seminars for the speakers. CS
MHH
PJ

4 Social Activities

TGH informed that the annual dinner is planned on 28 Nov 08 at "Made In China Chinese Cuisine Restaurant @ Hua Song Museum" inside Haw Par Villa. As in previous years, the prize winners from NTU, NUS, SP and NP would be invited to attend. The committee suggested a door gift for attendees and the idea of a thumbdrive was accepted. TGH

5 Awards

SKS informed that the subcommittee has decided on the winner for this year "Outstanding Engineer Award". The award would be given out during the annual dinner. Chairperson informed that the nominee had been submitted to PES HQ and awaiting the delivery of the plaque. Info

6 Membership Matters

Chairperson reported that Power Chapter, being a silver sponsor of "Asian Youth Energy Summit 2008", a write-up was posited on the conference website. A link to Power Chapter website was also included. Info

7 Web Matters

- 7.1 KKH informed that the website was down in the past week and he was solving it with PES HQ. Info
- 7.2 SKS suggested that links to Power Chapter website be included in websites of conferences Power Chapter sponsored, eg. IPEC, International Energy Week. KKH

8 GOLD Program

- 8.1 Chairperson informed that a non-technical talk “Navigating through the Personal Financial Maze (Special focus on being financially prepared for the recession)” was presented by Mr Mark Liu, Senior Branch Manager of Professional Investment Advisory Services (PIAS) on 11 Nov 08. Info
- 8.2 The committee discussed on events for GOLD. One suggestion was to bring speakers from different areas, eg, financial planning, preparing for marriage, together for an evening talk with dinner included. A token fee of \$10 can be charged to the attendees. QSX
PJ

9 Student Liaison

PJ informed that with the success of the “Graduate Student Workshop” more similar events would be planned next year. Some ideas put up were joint event with students, A Star or Synergy Centre, and clean energy competition. DS
MHH

10 Women in Engineering

The committee discussed on how to get more women in engineering involved. SKS suggested getting students involved to create interest before graduation, and hopefully the interest could be sustained. DS
QSX
PJ

11 Treasurer’s Report

QSX reported that the account balance was \$232,345.14 based on the account statement up to 30 Oct 08. Info

MHH informed that IPEC 2007 account was being closed and Power Chapter would expect to receive the profit soon. Info

12 AOB

- 12.1 The committee discussed on the way forward for the Community Project. One idea was to organise it with other chapter or with Institution of Engineers, Singapore. Chairperson encouraged all members to propose ideas in the next meeting. All

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| 12.2 | CS suggested that in Power Chapter's 25 anniversary celebration next year, members be recognized for their many years of membership, eg 25 years membership, 10 years membership. Another idea was to invite senior citizens to the celebration as part of community service. | All |
| 12.3 | Chairperson suggested that next year's committee organize the 25 anniversary celebration as some members would not be in next year's committee. | All |
| 12.4 | MHH suggested that Power Chapter negotiate a higher profit sharing from IPEC from the present arrangement of ten percent. | DS |
| 12.5 | Chairperson thanked the committee for the dedication and effort put in for the many activities accomplished this year. She especially thanked CS for his selfless volunteering work with Power Chapter and wished him well for his future. CS was leaving Singapore for good in Dec 08. Power Chapter would miss him. | Info |

There being no other matters, the meeting ended at 8.15 pm.

Recorded By: Mr Tan Teck Lee

Vetted By: Dr Dipti Srinivasan