

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

COUNCIL MEETING

The 4th meeting of Session 2008/2009 was held on Thursday, 15 January 2009 at 5:00pm
at the HKIE Headquarters

Present	:	Ir Peter Y WONG	President
		Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok	Immediate Past President
		Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching	Vice President
		Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung	Vice President
		Ir Peter CHAK Chi Kin	
		Ir Dr CHAN Chun Leung	
		Ir Frank CHAN Fan	
		Ir Raymond CHAN Kin Sek	
		Ir Martin CHEUNG Kin Keung	
		Ir Morris CHEUNG Siu Wa	
		Ir Prof Oliver CHOY Chiu Sing	
		Ir Charles CHU Man Chun	
		Ir Colin CHUNG Chi Leong	
		Ir Gary KO Chi Wai	
		Ir LEE Ping Kuen	
		Ir Joseph LEUNG Chi Ming	
		Ir Prof Irene LO Man Chi	
		Ir Dr Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir Kenneth LUN Chi Leung	
		Ir Eva MAK Yee Wa	
		Ir Prof Joseph MAK Yiu Wing	
		Mr Ray NG Yiu Yin	
		Ir Kenneth SHE Siu Kuen	
		Ir SIU Yin Wai	
		Ir TAI Tak Him	
		Ir William TANG Chung Ming	
		Ir Dr TSO Che Wah	
		Ir Andrew WONG Man Wai	
		Ir Willis YU Wai Le	
		Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit	
		Ir James BLAKE	Honorary Member
		Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung Tai	Observer, Legislative Councillor
		Mrs Monica YUEN	Secretary
In attendance	:	Ms Fanny LAM	Minuting secretary
Apologies	:	Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming	

Ir Dr John CHAN Kwok Wong
Ir Andros CHAN Ling Ming
Ir CHOI Chun Ming
Ir Joseph CHOI Kin Hung
Ir Reuben CHU Pui Kwan
Ir Crystal HO Wing Ching
Ir Jerry LIU Tso Wing
Ir Prof Paul PANG Tat Choi
Ir Louis SZETO Ka Sing
Ir WONG Chiu Yau
Ir WONG Kwok Lai
Ir YIM Kin Ping

ACTION MINUTES

Action

4.1 Procedures and Schedule for Vice President Nomination

Proposed by Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit and seconded by Ir Dr Louis LOCK Fat Shing, the meeting approved the “Procedures and Schedule for Vice President Nomination” as set out in Appendix I to the Paper.

4.2 Nomination schedule for election of VP for Session 2009/2010

Proposed by Ir Colin CHUNG Chi Leong, seconded by Ir Joseph LEUNG Chi Ming, the meeting approved the recommendation of the Executive that nomination period for election of VP for Session 2009/2010 is to commence on 5 February 2009 and close on 9 March 2009. The meeting further approved the preliminary schedule for nomination of VP election for Session 2009/2010 as presented.

4.3 Honorary Fellow

The meeting considered the recommendation on the election of Prof Paul CHU Ching Wu as an Honorary Fellow of the Institution as presented together with the citation tabled at the meeting.

In accordance with the requirement of the Constitution, proposed by Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching and seconded by Ir Prof Irene LO Man Chi, the recommendation was put to vote.

It was declared that the recommendation to elect Prof Paul CHU Ching Wu as an Honorary Fellow of the Institution was approved.

Proposed by Ir Gary KO Chi Wai and seconded by Ir LEE Ping Kuen, the meeting further approved that the presentation of Honorary Fellow

is to be held at the 34th Annual Dinner on 18 March 2009.

4.4 Proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference (TOR) of Public Relations Committee

Proposed by Ir LEE Ping Kuen and seconded by Ir Andrew WONG Man Wai, the meeting approved the proposed amendments to the TOR of Public Relations Committee.

4.5 Draft Budget for 2009/2010

Ir Dr TSO Che Wah, Deputy Chairman of the Finance & Investment Committee, presented the draft budget for financial year 2009/2010 as set out in Appendix II to the Paper. The meeting noted that a deficit of HK\$4,482,610 before deducting the depreciation for buildings of HK\$820,000 is anticipated in the preliminary budget for 2009/2010. This preliminary budget includes a provision of HK\$650,000 for new initiative of “Publication of the HKIE Best Practice on Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme” and HK\$2.5 million for the proposed initiative of “Engineering Month Activities”, of which sponsorship, if any, for these two activities has not been included.

In response to the concern of members on the cash flow of the Institution with the estimated deficit, Ir Dr TSO explained to the meeting that the Finance & Investment Committee has kept watch on the financial status of the Institution including its cash flow to ensure that sufficient funds are available to support the operation of the Institution. The President added that there is a standing principle that the working capital is to be maintained at the level of not less than one-year operating expenses.

On the enquiry of a member on the measures to alleviate the deficit, the President responded that where appropriate sponsorship would be sought for all projects. Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching, Chairman of the Administration Board, was of the view that the Finance & Investment Committee, acting as the goal keeper, would play the check and balance role. He pointed out that the Council at its last meeting approved to maintain the subscription, entrance and application fees for 2009/2010 with the understanding that the cash flow is still healthy for the next budget year. In his view, the Institution should continue to strive to improve its services to members and enhance its image, for which funding support is necessary.

Subject to the above, proposed by Ir Gary KO Chi Wai and seconded by Ir Charles CHU Man Chun, the meeting approved the proposed budget for financial year 2009/2010.

4.6 Review on the composition of standing committees

The meeting approved the proposed amendments to the composition of the Executive and standing committees as well as the proposed amendments to the “Definitions” of the M & A Manual as set out in Appendix III to the Paper as presented subject to the following amendments to the composition of the Authorised Person/Registered Structural Engineer/Registered Geotechnical Engineer Committee and Young Members Committee as suggested by Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit:

Authorised Person/Registered Structural Engineer/Registered Geotechnical Engineer Committee

Co-opted Members : Not more than three ~~additional~~ members endorsed by the Learned Society Board
Two Council Members appointed by the Council

Young Members Committee

Members : Not more than fifteen members elected at Annual General Meeting of Young Members

(Note: Additions are underlined; deletions are ~~struckthrough~~)

4.7 Abbreviated title of Honorary Fellow

In consideration of the recommendation from the Administration Board on the abbreviated title of Honorary Fellow, Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit was of the view that Honorary Fellow is a life honour and there should not exist inequality on the use of abbreviated title within the same class of membership.

With the above, the meeting approved that the abbreviated title of HonFHKIE shall be used by all Honorary Fellows including those who are Non-Corporate Members. Proposed by Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit, seconded by Ir Andrew WONG Man Wai, the meeting further approved unanimously the resolution to amend the Constitution in this regard. The proposed amendments would be submitted to the Council for approval at the next meeting.

4.8 HKIE Professional Volunteer Service Programme

Proposed by Ir Charles CHU Man Chun and seconded by Ir Joseph LEUNG Chi Ming, the meeting approved the proposal of the HKIE Professional Volunteer Service Programme as set out in Appendix I to the Paper as presented.

4.9 Registration of Australian Chapter as an Incorporated Association

Proposed by Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit and seconded by Ir Gary KO Chi Wai, the meeting approved the registration of the Australian Chapter as an Incorporated Association under the name of “HKIE – Australian Chapter”.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.