

# THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Session 2009/2010 was held on Thursday, 19 November 2009 at 5:00pm at the HKIE Headquarters

Present	:	Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching	President
		Ir Peter Y WONG	Immediate Past President
		Ir Prof Reuben CHU Pui Kwan	Vice President
		Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung	Vice President
		Ir CHOY Kin Kuen	Vice President
		Ir John CHAI Sung Veng	
		Ir Frank CHAN Fan	
		Mr Leo CHAN Hei Yim	
		Ir CHAN Yun Cheung	
		Ir Prof CHEW Weng Cho	
		Ir CHOI Chun Ming	
		Ir Joseph CHOI Kin Hung	
		Ir LAM King Kong	
		Ir Albert LEUNG Chi Kong	
		Ir Joseph LEUNG Chi Ming	
		Ir LI Siu Lam	
		Ir Dr Edward LO Wai Chau	
		Ir Dr Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir Kenneth LUN Chi Leung	
		Mr Otto MAK Wai Hung	
		Ir Eva MAK Yee Wa	
		Ir Prof Paul PANG Tat Choi	
		Ir Kenneth SHE Siu Kuen	
		Ir SIU Yin Wai	
		Ir Helen SZETO Suet Man	
		Ir TAI Tak Him	
		Ir William TANG Chung Ming	
		Ir Willis YU Wai Le	
		Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit	
		Ir James BLAKE	Honorary Member
		Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung Tai	Observer, Legislative Councillor (Engineering)
		Mrs Monica YUEN	Secretary
In attendance	:	Mr Albert CHOW	Director of Qualifications
		Ms Fonny LAM	Minuting secretary
By invitation	:	Miss Cherry CHAN Sui Yi	President's apprentice

Mr YEUNG Yik Sing

President's apprentice

Apologies : Ir Andros CHAN Ling Ming  
Ir CHOW Wai Keung  
Ir Prof Oliver CHOY Chiu Sing  
Ir Colin CHUNG Chi Leong  
Ir Jerry LIU Tso Wing  
Ir Prof Joseph MAK Yiu Wing  
Ir Patrick NG Wai Ming  
Ir Timothy SUEN Kai Cheung  
Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai Ho  
Ir Dr Aaron TONG Wai Kwok  
Ir Dr TSO Che Wah  
Ir WONG Chiu Yau  
Ir WONG Kwok Lai  
Ir Andrew WONG Man Wai  
Ir Prof Lawrence WU Chi Man  
Ir YIM Kin Ping  
Ir YUEN Pak Leung

## ACTION MINUTES

### Action

#### **3.1 Proposed admission of candidates with engineering academic qualifications which are not accredited engineering degrees**

Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung presented to the meeting the proposal recommended by the Board.

In consideration of the proposal, members enquired about the implementation of the proposed admission scheme and its relationship with the Washington Accord. In response, Ir Dr CHAN explained that the proposed scheme would embrace candidates with non-accredited engineering degrees, including those non-accredited engineering degrees of the Washington Accord signatories, to apply for membership in one of our existing Disciplines. The central tenet is to streamline the process of application. Designed within the existing framework of the general experience route, the proposal is crafted to provide requirements for non-accredited degrees.

Subject to the above, the proposal on the admission of candidates with engineering academic qualifications which are not accredited engineering degrees was put to vote and the majority of members approved the proposal as presented.

#### **3.2 Review on the use of Professorial Title**

The meeting approved the recommendation to lift the restriction on the use of professorial title of our members and to nullify the resolution made by the Council on 8 November 2001 as presented in the Paper.

### **3.3 Membership fees for financial year 2010/2011**

The meeting considered the proposal from the Board to increase membership subscriptions for the year 2010/2011 on the basis of the following:

- (a) Membership subscriptions have not been increased for the last 10 years.
- (b) Increase in membership and enhanced service to members over the years.
- (c) Increase in activities of the Institution.
- (d) Change in the arrangement of the production of the HKIE Journal and the aspiration to improve its quality.

In addition, the meeting also noted that in the initial budget estimation, there would be a budget deficit for the year 2010/2011 for the activities being planned for the year.

Ir Helen SZETO Suet Man, who is also a member of the Finance & Investment Committee, informed the meeting that the Committee had discussed the proposal at its meeting and was of the view that the proposed adjustment of subscription fees might not be received favourably by members and hence did not recommend the increase of membership subscriptions.

During the discussion, there were suggestions to alleviate the deficit budget and increase income of the Institution and in turn improving the financial situation of the Institution including cutting off the early bird discount and charging penalty for late payment.

After discussion, the recommendation to increase membership subscriptions from 2010/2011 was put to vote.

It was declared that the proposal to increase membership subscriptions from 2010/2011 was approved.

The meeting then further discussed on the level of increase of the subscription fees and approved to introduce 5% increment. The meeting agreed that the Secretariat is to explain to members the rationale on the increase of membership subscriptions.

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### **3.4 Financial forecast for financial year 2009/2010**

The meeting approved the financial forecast for financial year 2009/2010 as presented and noted the deficit re-estimated for the year.

### **3.5 Title of the most senior Vice President**

Proposed by Ir Eva MAK Yee Wa and seconded by Ir LAM King Kong, the meeting approved unanimously the recommendation to amend the Constitution to enable the most senior Vice President to carry the title of “Senior Vice President”.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.