

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

COUNCIL MEETING

The 4th Meeting of Session 2010/2011 was held on Thursday, 20 January 2011 at 5:00pm
at the HKIE Headquarters

Present	:	Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching	Immediate Past President / Chairman
		Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung	Senior Vice President
		Ir CHOY Kin Kuen	Vice President
		Ir Raymond CHAN Kin Sek	Vice President
		Ir Frank CHAN Fan	
		Ir CHAN Yun Cheung	
		Ir David CHANG Chung Hung	
		Ir CHOW Wai Keung	
		Ir CHOY Chun Chuen	
		Ir LAM King Kong	
		Ir LAU Chi Kin	
		Ir Peter LEE Kai Kwong	
		Ir Joseph LEUNG Chi Ming	
		Ir LI Siu Lam	
		Ir Dr Edward LO Wai Chau	
		Ir Dr Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir Clarence MAK Yan Fai	
		Ir Eva MAK Yee Wa	
		Ir Prof John MOK Kin Lun	
		Ir Timothy SUEN Kai Cheung	
		Ir TAI Tak Him	
		Ir Dr Aaron TONG Wai Kwok	
		Ir TSUI Ping Fong	
		Ir WONG Chi Kwong	
		Ir WONG Chi Ming	
		Ir Philco WONG Nai Keung	
		Ir WONG Yiu Fai	
		Ir Gordon WOO Man Shing	
		Ir James KWAN Yuk Choi	Honorary Member
		Ir Edmund LEUNG Kwong Ho	Honorary Member
		Ir Dr John LUK Wang Kwong	Honorary Member
		Ir Peter Y WONG	Observer, Chairman of ERB
		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	:	Mr Tim WONG Ming Tai	President's Protégé

Ms Kany ZHOU Sheng Yin

President's Protégé

Apologies : Ir CHOI Chun Ming
Ir Prof Reuben CHU Pui Kwan
Ir Colin CHUNG Chi Leong
Ir Albert LEUNG Chi Kong
Ir Eddie LEUNG Siu Kong
Miss Arlene LO Wai Ling
Ir Prof Joseph MAK Yiu Wing
Ir Patrick NG Wai Ming
Ir Kenneth SHE Siu Kuen
Ir Helen SZETO Suet Man
Ir Dr Samson TAM Wai Ho
Ir William TANG Chung Ming
Ir Prof Alex WAI Ping Kong
Mr Adrian WONG Ho Leung
Ir Duncan WONG Wai On
Ir Prof Lawrence WU Chi Man
Ir YUEN Pak Leung
Ir Patrick YUEN Se Kit

ACTION MINUTES

Action

4.1 Proposed nomination schedule for election of VP for Session 2011/2012

The meeting approved the recommendation of the Executive that nomination period for election of VP for Session 2011/2012 is to commence on 3 February 2011 and close on 11 March 2011 and that a Council meeting (Special) is to be held on 14 April 2011. The meeting further approved the preliminary schedule for nomination of VP election for Session 2011/2012 as presented.

4.2 Review on the nomination procedures and guidelines for elections at the AGM

The meeting approved the revised nomination procedures and guidelines for elections at the AGM for the election of Vice President, Elected Ordinary Member, Division Committee Member and Council Member (Division) for implementation in Session 2011/2012 as set out in Appendices I to XIII. The meeting further approved to include the proposed disclaimer regarding the information provided by the candidates in the AGM notice as set out in the Paper.

4.3 Setting up “Engineering Forum”

Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung, Chairman of the Task Force on Setting Up an Organisation for Serving the Community, briefed members on the proposal on the setting up of the “Engineering Forum” (EF). He took the opportunity to express gratitude to Past President Ir James BLAKE for his donation and support to the EF.

The meeting then discussed the proposal and comments from members are summarised below:

- On the question of whether there is any financial commitment on the HKIE to the EF, Ir Dr CHAN responded that the EF is financially independent from the HKIE and there is no financial commitment on the side of the HKIE. Donation from founding members and their subscription fees are able to cover the cost for company registration. Regarding the location of the office and registered address of the EF, Ir Dr CHAN informed the meeting that the registered address of the EF would be the address of the office which provides the company secretarial service while the correspondence address would be the address of the HKIE.
- On the membership of the EF, there was concern on having open applications to include non-engineers. Ir Dr CHAN explained that though EF is open for application by any person according to the Memorandum of Association and the Articles of Association, admission would be subject to the rules and procedures prescribed by EF.
- Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching gave his understanding that as an apolitical organisation, the Institution has encountered difficulties in the past in expressing our views on some issues. With the establishment of the EF, views on political issues, for instance, and election matters in particular, could be expressed and voiced. He added however that it is important the position of the HKIE in respect to government, LegCo and the public must not be undermined or affected, and that it is necessary to work out some guidelines for reference of the EF/HKIE in deciding which issues to be responded and by whom.
- On the enquiry of how the EF is to handle media enquiries, Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung responded that as a number of young engineers would be involved in the EF, these young members would be trained to respond to the media based on the views formulated from the research study conducted by the EF. In addition, the EF would be responsible for the liability of the views expressed instead of the young members concerned.

After discussion, the meeting approved the proposal on the establishment of the EF as set out in Appendix XIV to the Paper as

presented. At this point, Ir LAU Chi Kin, Council Member (Structural Division) remarked that he would like to express reservation on the establishment of EF on behalf of the Structural Division.

The meeting further approved the appointment of the President as the Chairperson as well as the list of Directors for the first Board of Directors of the EF circulated to Council Members before the meeting for a term of two years starting March 2011. Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung confirmed the list of Directors was by invitation of the Task Force.

Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung thanked members for their support to the establishment of EF. With its establishment, he suggested the Institution is to review whether to remain as apolitical at an opportune time.

4.4 Proposed logo of the HKIE

The meeting considered and approved the proposed logo of the HKIE (Ref. Direction R1B3_1A) as presented and that the Task Force on the Review of the HKIE Logo would further study on its application.

4.5 Use of electronic means for banking matters by Divisions/Committees

The meeting approved to allow Divisions/Committees to use electronic means in arranging internal transfer of funds and checking bank balances and further approved the resolution and enrolment form for subscribing to the internet banking service of HSBC as set out in Appendix I to the Paper.

4.6 Investment opportunities for accumulated fund of the Institution

The meeting approved the proposal to invest two-third of the available fund of HK\$12 million, i.e. HK\$8 million to RMB fixed deposits for a period of not more than one year and the remaining HK\$4 million to HKD fixed deposits and that the Administration Board was delegated the authority to decide on the placement or rollover of the RMB fixed deposits before maturity every time. On the selection of bank(s) for the RMB fixed deposits, the meeting also decided to delegate the authority to the Administration Board for decision.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.