

# THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

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## COUNCIL MEETING

The 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Session 2014/2015 was held on Thursday, 22 January 2015 at 5:30pm  
at the HKIE Headquarters

Present	:	Ir Victor CHEUNG Chi Kong	President
		Ir Raymond CHAN Kin Sek	Immediate Past President
		Ir CHAN Chi Chiu	Senior Vice President
		Ir Joseph CHOI Kin Hung	Vice President
		Ir Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung	Vice President
		Ir Ryan CHAK Hok Leung	
		Ir CHAN Chau Fat	
		Ir Dr CHAN Chun Leung	
		Ir Frank CHAN Fan	
		Ir Eric CHAN Kar Lock	
		Ir Geoffrey CHAN Loong	
		Ir Allan CHAN Sau Kit	
		Ir Frankie CHAN Wai Ping	
		Ir Dr Lawrence CHAN Wan Ching	
		Ir Paul CHAN Yim Cheong	
		Ir Martin CHEUNG Kin Keung	
		Ir Michael CHEUNG Ping Kuen	
		Ir Patrick CHEUNG Yuen Fong	
		Ir Stephen CHIK Wai Keung	
		Ir CHOI Chun Ming	
		Ir CHOW Lap Man	
		Ir Francis KUNG Wing Chuen	
		Ir LAM Cheuk Fung	
		Ir Edwin LAU Kwok Kwong	
		Ir Leo LEUNG Kwok Kee	
		Ir Dr Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir Eva MAK Yee Wa	
		Mr Derek MAN Lee Yeung	
		Ir Richard TSE Wing Ning	
		Ir WAN Chi Tin	
		Ir Peter Y WONG	
		Ir Prof Lawrence WU Chi Man	
		Ir Ricky YIM Wai Kit	
		Ir YING Lee Wai	
		Ir Prof ZHENG Yong Ping	
		Ir Edmund LEUNG Kwong Ho	Honorary Member
		Ir Prof Reuben CHU Pui Kwan	Observer, Chairman of ERB and Chairman of Engineering Forum

	Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok	Observer, Legislative Councillor (Engineering)
	Mrs Monica YUEN	Chief Executive and Secretary
In attendance	: Mr Albert CHOW Ms Fonny LAM	Director of Qualifications Minuting secretary
By invitation	: Miss Joanne SIU Mr Dennis YEUNG	President's Protégé President's Protégé
Apologies	: Ir Johnny CHAN Chi Ho Ir Prof CHAN Siu Lai Ir Jacky CHIONG Kam Yueng Ir Prof Adam CHOY Siu Chung Ir Albert CHU Kwai Luen Ir Edwin CHUNG Kwok Fai Ir Dr Wilton FOK Wai Tung Ir Alex KWAN King Fai Ir Dr LEUNG Kin Man Ir Jenny YEUNG Fei	

## A C T I O N   M I N U T E S

### Action

#### 4.1 Procedures and Schedule for Vice President Nomination

The meeting approved the "Procedures and Schedule for Vice President Nomination" as set out in Appendix I to the Paper.

#### 4.2 Proposed nomination schedule for election of VP for Session 2015/2016

The meeting approved the recommendation of the Executive that nomination period for election of VP for Session 2015/2016 would commence on 9 February 2015 and close on 12 March 2015 and that a Council meeting (Special) would be held on 16 April 2015. The meeting further approved the preliminary schedule for nomination of VP election for Session 2015/2016 as presented.

#### 4.3 Nomination of Chairperson and Directors of Engineering Forum for 2015-2017

The meeting approved the proposed nominations of Chairperson and 10 Directors of Engineering Forum for 2015-2017 as set out in Enclosure I to Appendix III to the Paper.

#### 4.4 Use of the HKIE logo in the election materials of candidates standing for election at the Annual General Meeting

Having considered the review conducted by the Executive on the use of the HKIE logo in the election materials of candidates standing for election at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) based on the principle that the use of the HKIE logo should not be construed as support from the Institution or as the HKIE's view on the candidate, the meeting supported the Executive's recommendation on the use of the HKIE logo in the election materials of candidates standing for election at the AGM whereby the HKIE logo must be included in a designated area of the election material.

The meeting further approved the standard template for the election material of candidates standing for election at the AGM circulated by the Institution and the corresponding changes to the guidelines for elections at the AGM as set out in Enclosures I to V to Appendix I to the Paper as presented.

#### **4.5 The HKIE Hall of Fame 2015**

The meeting approved the proposal on the HKIE Hall of Fame 2015 as set out in Appendix II to the Paper as presented.

On the eligibility of the candidate of the HKIE Hall of Fame, Ir Peter Y WONG enquired whether the Institution would commemorate a member who had passed away. In response, the President informed that the rules for nomination of candidate did not specify and it would be up to the Panel of Judges to decide on the eligibility of the nomination.

#### **4.6 Membership fees for 2015/2016**

The meeting considered the proposal to increase the membership fees for 2015/2016. In consideration of the proposal, members were of the view that there was a significant disparity in the proposed percentage of increase in subscription fees between Fellows and Members, which appeared to be disproportionate. In addition, it was felt that the Board should take into consideration the possible reaction of members when preparing the proposal. Members also enquired whether the subscription fees would be reduced later when the mortgage of the new accommodation could be paid off.

Ir CHAN Chi Chiu, Chairman of the Administration Board explained that the proposal was made in consideration of many factors, among others, the loyalty and affordability of members. The Board would review the subscription fees every year to determine whether any adjustment would be necessary.

After discussion, the meeting agreed to revise the proposal and approved to increase the subscription fees for Fellows to \$2,700, Members to \$1,900 and other members by 10% for the financial year 2015/2016.

At this point, four members had indicated to offer donation for the new accommodation of the Institution and the President thanked members for their support and generous donation to the Institution.

#### **4.7 Early bird discount for 2015/2016**

The meeting approved the proposal to continue to offer a 2% early bird discount for membership subscription for financial year 2015/2016, which would only apply to members settling their subscriptions by cheque or cash before 1 April 2015.

#### **4.8 Forecast for 2014/2015 and draft budget for 2015/2016**

Ir Allan CHAN Sau Kit, Chairman of the Finance & Investment Committee, was invited to present the financial forecast for financial year 2014/2015 and the draft budget for financial year 2015/2016 as set out in Appendix I to the Paper. The meeting noted the deficit re-estimated for the financial year 2014/2015 and the anticipated deficit in the draft budget for 2015/2016.

After consideration, the meeting approved the financial forecast for financial year 2014/2015 and the proposed budget for financial year 2015/2016 as presented.

#### **4.9 Arrangements on naming rights**

On the proposed arrangements on the naming rights of the meeting rooms of the HKIE in Island Beverley, the meeting noted that Chun Wo Construction & Engineering Co Ltd had just confirmed the proposed name of its room on 10<sup>th</sup> Floor as Chun Wo Room prior to the meeting.

Subject to the above, the meeting approved the proposal on the arrangements on the naming rights of the six meeting rooms of the HKIE on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> floors in Island Beverley.

#### **4.10 Amendment to the Constitution for the creation of the post of Vice President (Appointed)**

Having considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution for the creation of the post of Vice President (VP) (Appointed) as set out in Appendix III to the Paper, the meeting resolved to put forward the proposed amendments to members for adoption at a Special General Meeting to be convened by the Council.

The meeting further approved the draft Guidelines for Nomination and Appointment of VP (Appointed) together with the Nomination Form as set out in Appendix IV to the Paper as presented.

In regard to an enquiry of a member on whether the word “(Appointed)” would be included in the title of the VP (Appointed) to

be printed on name card, Ir Peter Y WONG, Chairman of the Task Force on the Study of non-succeeding Vice President responded that the Task Force had discussed on this matter before and suggested not to include the word “(Appointed)” on the name card. To this end, the Administration Board was invited to decide on the presentation of the name card of the post of VP (Appointed).

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#### **4.11 Supporters for Graduate membership**

The meeting approved the proposal in allowing Associate Members to be eligible as supporters of the membership applications of Graduate Members, who have obtained a recognised higher diploma/certificate or associate degree in a recognised engineering or technological discipline.

With the approval of the above, the meeting approved unanimously the resolution to amend the Constitution to effect the change.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.