

THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

COUNCIL MEETING

The Sixth Meeting of the 2005/2006 Session was held on Thursday, 11 May 2006 at 1700 hour at the HKIE HQ

Present	:	Ir Dr Greg WONG Chak Yan	President
		Ir James KWAN Yuk Choi	Immediate Past President
		Ir WONG Kwok Lai	Vice President
		Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok	Vice President
		Ir Peter Y WONG	Vice President
		Ir Kenneth AU-YEUNG Kwok Shing	
		Ir Aaron BOK Kwok Ming	
		Ir CHAN Chi Chiu	
		Ir Dr CHAN Fuk Cheung	
		Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching	
		Ir Peter CHAN Pak Fong	
		Ir CHAN Siu Tack	
		Ir Paul CHAN Yim Cheong	
		Ir Victor CHEUNG Chi Kong	
		Ir Martin CHEUNG Kin Keung	
		Mr Daniel CHEUNG Pak Fun	
		Ir CHING Kam Cheong	
		Ir Tony CHIU Siu Wah	
		Ir Albert CHU Kwai Luen	
		Ir Charles CHU Man Chun	
		Ir HO Kwong Wai	
		Ir Gary KO Chi Wai	
		Ir KOO Yuk Chan	
		Ir Prof Albert KWAN Kwok Hung	
		Ir Dr Gabriel LAM Chun Kong	
		Ir LAM Kin Chung	
		Ir LAU Chi Kin	
		Ir LEE Kin Wah	
		Ir LEE Ping Kuen	
		Ir Dr LI Chi Kwong	
		Ir Prof Louis LOCK Fat Shing	
		Ir MAK Lap Ming	
		Ir Francis TONG Man Kan	
		Ir UY Tat Ping	
		Ir Arthur YUNG Hun Tat	
		Ir Dr Alex CHAN Siu Kun	Honorary member
		Ir Edmund LEUNG Kwong Ho	Honorary member
		Ir Dr Raymond HO Chung Tai	Observer, Legislative Councillor
		Mrs Monica YUEN	Secretary

By Invitation	: Ir Edgar KWAN Chi Ping	Chairman, F & I Committee
In attendance	: Mr Albert CHOW Miss Fanny LAM	Director of Qualifications Minuting secretary
Apologies	: Ir Thomas CHAN Kwok Cheung Ms Joyce CHAN Yin Tong Ir Dr FUNG Wing Kun Ir Dr James LAU Chi Wang Ir Dr LAW Kwok Sang Ir George LING Kam Hoi Ir Simon NGO Siu Hing Ir Paul PANG Tat Choi Ir Albert POON Ka Fat Ir Dr Ricky YEUNG Wai Hang	

A C T I O N M I N U T E S

Action

6.1 To approve the updated membership list of a standing committee for Session 2005/2006

The meeting approved unanimously the new nominations proposed for the Accreditation Committee for Computer Science Programmes for Session 2005/2006.

6.2 Nomination for election of VP for Session 2006/2007

The President briefed the meeting on the procedures for the presentation of VP candidate to the Council Members. The VP candidate, Ir Dr Andrew CHAN Ka Ching, was then invited to present on what he intended to accomplish for the Institution. After the presentation, the President invited comments and questions from members and questions on the following issues were raised:

- ◆ Ways to improve the HKIE Journal;
- ◆ Ways to promote the professionalism to the society;
- ◆ Ways to lead the engineers to cope with the changing society; and
- ◆ The plan to prepare for the vice presidency.

After an exchange of views on questions raised by Council Members at the meeting, Ir Dr CHAN was invited to give a summing-up.

During the summing-up, Ir Dr CHAN indicated his willingness to serve the Institution and to devote a high proportion of time to serve as VP, President and Immediate Past President of the Institution if being elected. Ir Dr CHAN was then excused from the meeting after

the summing-up.

The President then proceeded to the agenda item for the Council to decide on the candidature of Ir Dr CHAN for the post of VP for election at the 31st AGM and proposed by Ir James KWAN Yuk Choi, the meeting unanimously agreed that Ir Dr CHAN be nominated by the Council as a VP candidate.

6.3 To consider vacancies on the Council for Session 2006/2007 and to elect the new President

The meeting noted the vacancies on the Council for Session 2006/2007 as set out in the Paper and the updated information on Council Members (Division) tabled at the meeting.

Proposed by Ir James KWAN Yuk Choi and seconded by Ir KOO Yuk Chan, the meeting resolved unanimously that Ir WONG Kwok Lai be elected as the President for Session 2006/2007.

Ir WONG commented that he was very honoured to be elected by the Council to be the President for Session 2006/2007 and he took the opportunity to thank Council for the trust that had given to him.

For the post of VP, the meeting noted that Ir Dr LO Wai Kwok and Ir Peter Y WONG, the incumbent VPs, are to be re-elected for the post on the day of the 31st AGM. For the vacancy arising from the post of VP, it was noted that nomination of the Council had been covered in the earlier part of the minutes.

It was noted that, pursuant to the resolution of the last meeting, there would be five vacancies for Elected Ordinary Members (EOMs) and the closing date for the receipt of nominations would be 1 June 2006.

6.4 Report on meeting with China Association for Science and Technology (CAST)

The meeting approved the recommendations of the Executive on the invitation from CAST to support their preparation for China's admission to the Washington Accord.

6.5 Study on Private Certification of Building Submissions

The meeting noted the consensus views of the Building, Geotechnical and Structural Divisions and AP/RSE/RGE Committee on the Private Certification of Building Submissions. However, it was pointed out that the Building Division has provided its views on the matter but the Division has been missed out in the header note of Enclosure II to the Paper and the meeting agreed to reinstate Building Division in the Note.

Subject to the above, the meeting approved the consensus views of the Divisions concerned as the position of the Institution.

6.6 Proposal on the promotion of Student/Graduate Members

The President briefed the meeting the proposal on the promotion of Student/Graduate Members. It was noted that this proposal is targeted for undergraduate engineering students in Hong Kong universities and engineering students in the IVEs.

The meeting supported in principle the proposal presented and the details of the proposal are to be worked out with financial implication for consideration at the next Council Meeting.

Executive

6.7 Composition and Terms of Reference (TOR) of Community Service Committee (CSC)

The meeting approved the proposed amendments to the Composition and TOR of the CSC and to include a representative from the YMC in its composition.

6.8 Nuclear Division – Continuance of the status of a Division without representative in the Council

The meeting approved the proposal for continuing the status of Nuclear Division as a Division without a representative in the Council and would keep monitoring the development.

6.9 Agreement of Co-operation with Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE)

The meeting approved that the Agreement of Co-operation between the IEE and the HKIE has ceased to an end after 31 March 2006.

6.10 Draft Agreement of Co-operation on Recognition of Qualifications between the HKIE and Chinese Society for Electrical Engineering (CSEE)

The meeting approved the draft Agreement of Co-operation on Recognition of Qualifications between the HKIE and CSEE.

6.11 Report from the Board of Inquiry

In accordance with Clause 4.9 of the Guidance Notes to Council Members, the President asked members to declare interest where they had a direct or personal or pecuniary interest with Mr AU Wing Lok, of whom a complaint of improper conduct has been laid against him.

Ir CHAN Chi Chiu declared his interest as the Chairman of the

Investigating Commission of the complaint case and the President decided that Ir CHAN may remain in the meeting but may not speak or vote on the matter.

The report from the Board of Inquiry was distributed at the meeting. The President, Chairman of the Board of Inquiry, then presented the report, the decisions and recommendations of the Board on the Complaint as laid before the Council in the Paper tabled, namely:

- ◆ Mr AU Wing Lok, the Alleged Offender, is found guilty of improper conduct with reference to Article 13(5)(b) and (d) of the Constitution.
- ◆ The Board recommended Mr AU Wing Lok's membership of the Institution be suspended for a period of two years with immediate effect on the date to be ordered by the Council of the Institution.

The meeting noted that upon receipt of the Complaint by the Q & M Board, an Investigating Commission was appointed by the Executive. The Investigating Commission considered and resolved that the Complaint against the Alleged Offender appeared to disclose a prima facie case of improper conduct and referred the Complaint to the Board of Inquiry. The Board, appointed by the Executive under the Constitution and the Disciplinary Regulations, considered the case together with the decision of the Commission and resolved that the Complaint was substantiated.

In accordance with Article 13(4)(d) of the Constitution, the President moved the resolution "That the Council, on the recommendation from the Board of Inquiry, ordered that Mr AU Wing Lok's membership of the Institution be suspended for a period of two years" was put to vote and members supported the resolution unanimously.

The meeting then resolved on the effective date of the order with reference to the decision of the Board. The resolution "That the order is to be effective from 12 May 2006 to 11 May 2008" was put to vote and members supported the resolution unanimously.

It was confirmed that voting in support of the resolutions were all Council Members present and voting. In accordance with Article 13(7) of the Constitution, it was declared that the resolution was passed and that Mr AU Wing Lok's membership of the Institution be suspended for a period of two years with effect from 12 May 2006 to 11 May 2008.

According to Regulation 6.6 of the Disciplinary Regulations and having confirmed that there were no special reasons to the contrary, it was resolved that the fact and particulars of the order of the Council be posted in the Institution's premises for a period of three months **MY**

and published in the next available issue of the Institution's journal.

The meeting also noted that the Clerk of the Board is to inform the Alleged Offender in writing by registered post of the order and his right of appeal against such order pursuant to Article 13(7) of the Constitution and Regulation 4.12 of the Disciplinary Regulations respectively. **MY**

The meeting noted that if Mr AU Wing Lok submits his membership application through a Reciprocal Recognition Agreement during the period of suspension of his membership of the Institution, his application would then be submitted to the Q & M Board for consideration.

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