

Minutes of Meeting#2 of Executive Committee

Schedule: August 24, 2024 4 PM

Venue: Online (<https://meet.google.com/mtb-sxcq-cip>)

Online participants:

- MM – Mahmadasraf Mulla, Chair
- AV – Amit Ved, Vice Chair
- PC – Priyesh Chauhan, Secretary-cum-Treasurer
- PB – Pallavi Bharadwaj, Education Activity Chair

Members absent:

- MS – Manisha Shukla, Industry Relations Chair
- AR – Anil Kumar Roy, Immediate Past Chair

Following items were discussed at length and resolved:

1. Planning and organizing DL Talks and International Conference – PB:
PELS President Brad Lehman, and IAS President Andy Knight differed travel dates for attending ECCE Asia 2025 at IISc in May'25.
Communication initiated with Prof. Kaushik Rajasekara for DL Talk. He agreed in principle for Nov'24 around IAS Day, but in-person or online is yet to be confirmed.
Planning a Summer School in 2025 – Inviting international delegates/experts of ECCE Asia 2025.
Planned to bid for SAFET'25, later differed due to involvement in ECCE Asia 2025. IITGn to bid for SAFET'26.

Action@PB: Initiate formal process for DL Talk by Prof. Kaushik Rajasekara. PC to share experience dealing with hosting IAS DL earlier.
2. Student activity – PB:
PhD scholars Shiv Shankar Sinha and N S Ramanathan of IITGn received IEEE IES SYP congress grant of US\$ 500 with recommendation from Chapter Chair. These students attended IEEE IES Students and Young Professionals (SYP) Congress, from 25-27 July 2024 in Hyderabad, India and represented our Chapter.
3. Planning and organizing Two Day events – AV:
Initial stage of planning a two-day workshop on EV Chargers tentatively in Oct-Nov'24. In communication with industry for demo – KIA and one more automotive industry have agreed to contribute. Further planning underway.
4. Planning and organizing One-week STTP – MM:
MM shared the event planning via email and discussed. It is resolved to organize an STTP on “Recent Advancement in Electric Transportation” in physical mode during 02-06 Dec, 2024 at Electrical Engineering Department, SVNIT, Surat by utilizing the IES SCLA grant. All members to suggest speakers, comments on budget and participate in the event.
5. IES South-East Asia Chapters Leaders Workshop, Sri Lanka – MM:
Chapter Chair MM will visit Sri Lanka and present the Chapter activities at IEEE IES South-East Asia Chapters Leaders Workshop on 13 September 2024. Travel grant up to US\$ 2000 is provided by IES.
6. IES Chapter Officers Meeting at Chicago – AV:
Expression of Interest submitted by AV and accepted by the meeting organizers. USD1500 travel support shall be provided by IES. Action@AV: Follow up for invitation letter and visa for travel plan.

7. Report of activities after Meeting#1 – PC:

One of the three activities planned, viz. an Industrial Training at Hitachi Energy Vadodara has been postponed to Dec'24 due to poor registration response. Action@MS: Initiate planning for early announcements.

A workshop was organized by Computer Science & Engineering Department, SoE, Indrashil University and eInfochips on 26th April 2024. Expert Talks titled 'EV charger and smart transportation system' and 'Intelligent automation and advance software testing' were delivered by Priyesh Pandya, Faiyaz Pisuwala, Bhavik Vora and Anand Shah.

As a part of the PELS Day celebration, an Expert Talk titled 'Power electronics – The key technology for grid integration' was delivered by Prof. Frede Blaabjerg on 21st June 2024.

Action@PC: Complete the vTools reporting of events/activities at the earliest. Follow up with IEEE GS Treasurer Manisha Shah for update on the financial status and transactions. PELS 2024 fund is yet to be rec'd. PC to follow up. AV to follow up for MGA fund.

8. Filling up vacant positions in Excom: MM proposed acting on this. All agreed to give preference to industry professional member from geographically diverse regions.

9. SB Chapters:

With objective to establish society SB Chapter in some institutes, the SBs have been contacted, but no response. Initial funding from IEEE for Chapter SB can be availed.

10. MM: IES day celebration plan to be finalized and submitted for grant.

11. MM: IAS funding available for supporting activity should be utilized by creating chapter banners, mementoes, chapter T-shirts etc. for supporting future events.

Meeting ended with thanks to the Chair and all the members.

Minutes prepared by

Priyesh Chauhan, Secretary-cum-Treasurer

September 5, 2024