Minutes of the AGM of IEEE India Council held on 14th Dec. 2013 at IIT Bombay

The Annual General Body Meeting of IEEE India Council was held on 14th Dec. 2013 at 1630 hrs during INDICON 2013 at IIT Bombay.

Present:

1. Dr. M. Ponnavaikko - IC Chair
2. Major Chandrasekharan VV - Secretary/Treasurer
3. Dr. D J Doke - Chair IEEE Pune Section
4. Mr. R. Srinivasan - Chair IEEE – Kerala Section
5. Mr. T. S. Rangarajan - Chair, IEEE Madras Section
6. Mr. Ashok Jagatia - Chair – Bombay Section
7. Dr. S.N. Singh - Chair - UP Section
8. Prof. Bhim Singh - Chair – Delhi Section
9. Mr. Deepak Mathur - IC Chair Elect, & Gujarat Section,
10. Dr. Preeti Bajaj - Vice Chair (Students Activities)
11. Dr. Suparna Kar Chowdhury - Treasurer – Kolkata Section
12. Mr. Sanjay Kar Chowdhury - Vice Chair (Membership Development)
13. Mr. Q. Bakir - IC Webmaster
14. Mr. Anthony Lobo - IC Ombudsman
15. Dr. Rajesh Ingle - IC Member at large & Pune Section
16. Dr. K.J. Shanthi - Kerala Section
17. Prof. G.S. Mani - Vice Chair – Pune Section
18. Prof (Dr.) Pradeep Saxena - UP Section – LKO
19. Mr. Sri Chandra - UP Section
20. Dr. Sanjay Singh - Bangalore Section
21. Mr. H.P. Srikant - Bangalore Section & IEEE India Office
22. Mr. Raju Hira - Bombay Section
23. Mr. M.M. Shah - Bombay Section
24. Dr. Zia Saquib - Bombay Section
25. Mr. Soumik Pissurlenkar - Student Member – Bangalore Section
26. Mr. Matam Manjunath - NIT Goa SB Counsellor
27. Mr. Keith Peres Da Costa - Chair (NIT Goa SB) – Bombay Section

The following points were discussed and decisions arrived at:

1. Condolence To Late H. Kalyanasundaram, A Long Time Member Of IEEE

As a mark of respect to the memory of Late H. Kalyanasundaram (HK), a long time member of IEEE who passed away on 5 Dec 13 at the age of 92 years “One minute’s silence” was observed by the
members present. Mr. Anthony Lobo and Dr. M. Ponnavaikko, recalled the good services rendered by Late HK for the development of IEEE in India especially to the student community.

2. **Welcome Address By The Chair**

Dr. M. Ponnavaikko welcomed the members and briefed about the activities of IC IEEE during the year 2013.

INDICON 2013 the flagship event of IC IEEE, is being organized very successfully by the Bombay Section at IIT Bombay from 13 Dec to 15 Dec 13. The conference has set many bench marks due to the collective teamwork of Bombay Section under the leadership of Mr.Ashok Jagatia, Chair Bombay Section and the dedicated member volunteers. The conference was held in association with IIT Bombay where the arrangements were of Excellent standard. IC Chair thanked the Conference Chairs, Technical Committee Chairs and all the members who had put in their hard work.

IEEE IC Chair appreciated the other activities conducted during the year 2013 like, All India Student Congress conducted at Amrita Institute of Technology from 3 to 5 Oct 13 at Coimbatore coordinated by Madras Section, M.V. Chauhan – Student Paper Contest 2013 organized very successfully by Dr. Preeti Bajaj VC SAC IC.

IEEE IC Chair appreciated the members for their active participation in the EC meetings held, especially in the F2F meetings (four in total) which enabled the EC to take decisions on important issues like signing of the GIEEE agreement with IEEE India Office, Bangalore by the Sections for smooth functioning and bringing more closer understanding among the EC members for collective co-operation in nurturing the IEEE activities in India.

3. **Approval Of The Minutes Of The AGM Held On 8 Dec 2012 At Kochi**

Major Chandrasekharan IC Secretary read the minutes of AGM of IEEE India Council held on 8th Dec. 2012 which had been circulated to the members by email. The Chair of IEEE IC for THE YEAR 2012 had proposed to amend the By laws for including all the EC members of India in R10 and IEEE MGA Committee as Ex-officio members in India Council Executive Committee which was approved by the AGM, however this remains as an open issue. It was observed by the members this aspect has to be resolved at R10 and MGA levels. India Council can only pass on
this resolution to the IEEE Head quarters for a solution. With this observation the minutes of AGM held on 8 Dec 2012 at Kochi was approved by the members present and passed.

4. **Reports By The IC Secretary on the Activities of IC EC During The Year 2013**

The report by the Secretary, posted already in IC website was read by the IEEE IC Secretary Major Chandrasekharan V.V (Retd). Members suggested the following amendment to the report

(a) To include section chairs of India as the Ex officio members of IC.

(b) Indicate that 9 sections out of 11 sections had signed the agreement instead of mentioning “Maximum number of section”

(c) **Against Para 4 Vice Chairs Of IC – 2013**, it was mentioned as “All the Vice Chairs of IC – 2013 had come forward to contribute for the growth of IEEE India Council activities during the year 2013.” The members observed that the report submitted by the committee constituted to specify roles and responsibilities of Vice Chairs and action taken should be reported. The Chair IC accepted and informed the Members that this will suitably be amended and reported.

(d) **In item 7 on IEEE India Council News Letter**, the correct IC web site URL was not given. The Members were informed that it is a misprint and the correct IC web site address will be incorporated in the secretary report for 2013. With these observations the report was approved unanimously (a copy of the amended report is attached).

5. **Report on All India Student Congress And M V Chauhan - Student Paper Contest**

The Report on All India Student Congress and M V Chauhan – Student Paper Contest is included in the Secretary report. The members appreciated the good work done by the SAC VC IC.

6. **Accounts for the Year 2013**

A copy of the Income/Expenditure was circulated (upto 14/12/2013) and the same was approved and adopted unanimously.

7. **Proposal for the Conduct of INDICON 2014 and 2015**

INDICON 2014 will be organized by Pune Section as already decided in the last AGM. The proposal for conducting INDICON 2015 will be confirmed by the Delhi Section within fifteen days
by email and in case if the Delhi Section is not in a position to conduct the event, proposals from other sections will be invited and decision taken in the next EC meeting.

8. **Slate for EC of India Council For The Year 2014**

   Secretary read out the slate for the year 2014 – IC EC as submitted by the Nomination Committee Chair. After some discussion, it was decided that the proposed slate will be put up in the Website inviting petitions, if any.

   The Members suggested that in addition to the Member representatives in the EC, all the 11 Chairs of the Sections should be included in the EC as Ex-officio members. The members also suggested that a coordinator for WIE and one other coordinator for GOLD should be included in the EC. The Chair IC proposed that two of the members of the IC EC will be assigned with these responsibilities and it was accepted.

9. **Report on Membership Development By The Vice Chair, Membership Development**

   The VC Membership Development presented the Membership status as on 30th Nov 2013 in India. He appealed to the Section Chairs to motivate the IEEE volunteers to motivate Membership Development in their sections.

10. **Any Other Matter with the Permission of the Chair**

   It was put across by the members present that we must make use of e-notice facility to inform the members, one month in advance about the AGM, Nomination Committees’ report etc so that the laid down procedure will be followed.

11. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the Chair. Members thanked the outgoing Secretary Major Chandrasekaran V V and IC News letter Editor Mr.H.R.Mohan for their good work done during 2013.