Minutes of the meeting held on 26th May, 2008

Apologies: Murray Milner, Duncan Hall, Edmud Lai, Monsoor Shafi, Greg Bruce. (Due to internet problems in Wellington: Peter Komisarczuk and Mengjie Zhang were unable to join the Skype discussion)

Present: Richard Harris, Bob Hodgson, Subhas Mukhopadhyay, Keith Morris, Ramesh Rayudu

Richard chaired the meeting in absence of Murray. The meeting took place via Skype.

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed in principle.

Discussion on Breakfast Meeting: Most Committee members were of the opinion that the Breakfast Meeting, to which we are already committed, should get our ongoing support. The IEEE Central Section will share its part of the expenses along with IET and IPENZ. IEEE will take membership forms along to the event in order to promote the value of IEEE membership. Members present expressed the view that our IEEE Central Section should not go ahead with support for the proposed second meeting. Bob explained that with the current political situation IEEE doesn’t have anything to gain as such. Richard suggested that, in view of the minimum quorum present at this meeting, it would be better to hold a more detailed discussion on the future of such meetings when there is a more complete representation from the Committee.

Finance report:
Our Treasurer, Duncan Hall was an apology from this meeting, however, Richard expressed the view that the financial situation would be largely unchanged from the last meeting as no major income or expenses have been generated during the past month.

ACTION: Subhas and Richard will prepare a report on the technical presentation held on 14th April at Massey University Palmerston North campus. The speaker was Prof. Stephan Hussmann, Germany. The venue was the Marsden Theatre, Science Tower B, near the main Library.

Membership Coordinator
Ramesh indicated that he was still waiting for access to the members’ list from Murray. ACTION: Murray to assist Ramesh to obtain the list of members upon his return on 7th June.

Web reports
Keith reported that the website has been updated but a few sets of Meeting Minutes are not available to him. ACTION: Subhas promised to check the site and determine which sets of minutes are missing and then send him the required information.

ACTION: Subhas to send the web address of the IEEE Sensors Conference 2009 to Keith with a request to link it into the IEEE Central section’s web page.

Next committee meeting
The members all agreed to have the next meeting on 30th June at 4.30 pm.