

# IEEE New Zealand Central Section Annual General Meeting – Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 29 November 2018

**Time:** 6:00 to 6:30.

The meeting was held at  
*Wellesley Boutique Hotel, 2 Maginnity Street, Wellington 6011*

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**Present:** *Donald Bailey, Chanjief Chandrakumar, Xiang Gui, Steven Le Moan, Murray Milner, Yi Mei, Mengjie Zhang, Richard Harris, Fangfang Zhang, Allen Geer, Damien O'Neill.*

**Apologies:** *Laura Shanks, Abhipray Paturkar, Gourab Sen Gupta, Faraz Hasan, Ken Mercer, Bing Xue.*

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## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome / Apologies
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's report
5. Treasurer's interim report
6. Election of officers for 2019
7. Portfolios
8. Resolutions

Item	Discussion	Action
1	<p><b>Minutes of the last AGM</b></p> <p><i>Minutes are accurate</i></p>	<p><b>Moved:</b> Donald <b>Second:</b> Murray</p>
2	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>Electronic banking:</b> in progress</p> <p><b>Electronic voting:</b> adopted</p>	
4	<p><b>Chair report (Donald)</b></p> <p><i>(Report was handed to attendees prior to meeting, see attached)</i></p>	
5	<p><b>Treasurer's interim report (Yi)</b></p> <p>Current balance: \$14,288 (as of date of AGM)</p>	<p><i>Yi to submit full report by end of 2018.</i></p>
6	<p><b>Election of officers</b></p> <p><i>Murray Milner unanimously voted new Chair (95 of votes)</i> <i>Xiang Gui unanimously voted new Vice-Chair (100% of votes)</i></p>	<p><b>Ratified:</b> Donald <b>Second:</b> Steven</p>
7	<p><b>Portfolios</b></p> <p><b>Membership development:</b> Abhipray Paturkar (continued) <b>Women in Engineering:</b> Kanwal Zaidi (continued) <b>Young Professionals:</b> Yi Mei and Steven Le Moan (continued) <b>Webmaster:</b> Richard Harris (continued)</p> <p><b>Chair for NZ council:</b> Donald Bailey nominated</p>	<p>Portfolios accepted <b>Moved:</b> Donald <b>Second:</b> Murray</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Murray <b>Second:</b> Mengjie</p>
8	<p><b>Resolutions</b></p> <p>Continue for a further year the current practise of making a membership grant available to postgraduate students who are involved in a committee role or present at the postgraduate event.</p>	<p><b>Moved:</b> Richard <b>Second:</b> Chanjief</p>

## **Chairs report, AGM 2018.**

Welcome to our AGM. Following on from last year, we are having a dinner (and a series of short talks) for the AGM.

I would like to express my gratitude to the executive committee. Mostly the executive has met monthly via Skype on a Wednesday afternoon. All of your hard work has helped make 2018 another successful year for IEEE in the NZ Central region, and as a result, we have been awarded the “R10 Outstanding Small Section Award”. Well done all!

Congratulations also go to Mengjie Zhang, who has been made a fellow of IEEE this year.

Here is a highlight of our key activities during 2018.

### **R 10 meeting**

I attended the R10 meeting in March in Langkawi, Malaysia, representing the NZ Central Section. I found this a valuable opportunity to meet with the other chairs from throughout R10, and also to meet with a number of other representatives attending the meeting. We were hosted to a dinner by the Australian Council to discuss common issues. We had a brief NZ Council meeting where we primarily discussed registration or incorporation of IEEE within NZ, and also the ANZSCon, which NZ South is looking at hosting in July 2019.

### **NZ Council**

The New Zealand Council also had a workshop in June in Auckland focussed on incorporation. We went through in detail the issues and option, including a presentation by Ray Brown describing where the Australian Council was at with this, and the options that they had considered.

### **Distinguished Lecturers and other technical meetings**

Throughout the year we were able to host a number of distinguished lecturers and other technical visitors and talks:

Public Presentation by Dr Murray Milner "Superfast Broadband - A Kiwi approach to building a Superfast Broadband Network".

Joint Section / ComSoc Chapter Distinguished Lecturer talk: October 30 – VUW, October 31 Massey University, Dr Venkatesha Prasad “Internet of Things, Approximate Services and Virtual Sensing”.

### **Joint Events**

Massey University / IEEE Workshop on Image Processing in VHDL on FPGAs, April 4-6.

Joint IET / IEEE Lunchtime Event – June 28, Olivia Carpenter of Ricardo Energy & Environment: “The cutting edge of the UK power sector: Power network innovation in the UK”

Annual Joint Institutions Breakfast – September 19. Presenter was Tony Ryall, Chair of Transpower: “How Transpower is thinking about the future of the electricity industry in New Zealand”. Attended by 35 people from IEEE, IET and Engineering NZ.

### **Chapter Workshops:**

IEEE NZ Wireless Workshop – September 7, held at AUT, Auckland. There was a pre-workshop tutorial on “Software Defined Radio: FPGA Prototyping with Over-the-Air Signals”

Instrumentation and Measurement Society 2 day workshop – September 6-7. Workshop theme: “Smart Sensors, Measurements and Instrumentation for Health, Food, Agriculture, Environment and Security”.

### **Young Professionals and Student Branches:**

Young Professionals Career Planning Seminar – July 6, presented by Duncan Hall: "What I did while not being on holiday: what went to plan, and what didn't".

Postgraduate Presentation Day, hosted by Victoria University Student Branch – September 5. There were 29 student presentations on a wide range of topics. The students from the two campuses enjoyed networking.

IEEE Day event by Massey University Student Branch – October 2. The student branch set up a publicity stall within the Atrium at the University. Approximately 15 students came by and expressed interest in the IEEE.

All-in-all, we have had a very successful year so far.