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MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2016-17) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON FRIDAY, THE 02 DECEMBER 2016, AT 1600 HOURS AT IETE HQ, NEW DELHI

The following were present:

Prof (Dr) M Basavaraj	Chairman
Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)	Co-Chairman
Shri D Rajagopal	
Prof (Dr) V Guna Sekhar Reddy	
Shri R S Chauhan	
Shri G Ramesh	

The following were granted leave of absence:

Shri P S Sundaram
Dr Swarna Ravindra Babu

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Asstt Secretary

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2015-16) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 09TH JULY 2016 AT IETE HQ

1.1 As no comments were received, the minutes were confirmed.

ITEM-2 "CALL FOR NOMINATIONS" FOR IETE AWARDS -2017

2.1 The Chairman apprised the Board Members that "Call for Nominations" for IETE Main Awards as well as IETE Corporate Awards-2017 have been published in IETE Journal of Research and IETE Technical Review (Nov-Dec 2016) issues and have been uploaded on IETE website as well, under the heading "Awards". The individual letters under the signature of President IETE will be sent shortly to all the relevant organizations as per the past practice.

2.2 The Board recommended that a half page notice for "Call for Nominations" should be put in the IETE Newsletter (Sept-Dec 2016) issue for publicity & to solicit more nominations in the year 2017.

2.3 This is for the information and approval of the Governing Council.


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ITEM-3 IETE AWARDS-2016

3.1 The Chairman informed the members that the awards of the awardees who were unable to attend the award ceremony during ATC-2016 at New Delhi, have been dispatched that include cash prize and citation, at their respective addresses and the acknowledgements for the same has been received by the section.

3.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 IETE-SMT TRIVENI DEVI GUPTA MEMORIAL AWARD

4.1 The Chairman apprised the Board about the absence of Ms J Manjula, Director General, ECE, DRDO, Bangalore, the awardee for IETE Smt Triveni Devi Gupta Memorial Award 2016, during ATC award ceremony held at New Delhi in Sept 2016. The Board recommended that she should be invited at any suitable event of IETE Bangalore Centre and be conferred this award.

4.2 The Board also recommended that IETE Smt Triveni Devi Gupta Memorial Award should be judged by its own jury panel instead of being judged by the Search Committee, which is meant for IETE Life Time Achievement Award only.

4.3 This is for the information and approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 IETE N V GADADHAR MEMORIAL AWARD-2016

5.1 The Chairman informed the Board about the conferment of IETE N V Gadadhar Memorial Award-2016 upon Dr E Prince Edward from Sri Krishna Polytechnic College, Coimbatore, at IETE Bangalore Centre on 12th November 2016 during Foundation Day celebration of the Centre.

5.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 IRSI AWARDEES-2016

6.1 The Board members, Shri D Rajagopal and Shri G Ramesh, Chairman, IETE Bangalore Centre informed the Board that IETE-IRSI (83) Awards Committee is likely to meet soon, where the winners for IRSI awards in both the categories, viz. IETE-IRSI (83) Main Award and IETE-IRSI (83) Young Scientist Award would be declared. After the meeting, the IETE HQ will be sent the information within a week's time.

6.2 This is for the information of the Governing Council.



ITEM-7 **IETE-NATIONAL TECHNICAL PAPER CONTEST(NTPC)-2017**

7.1 The Chairman apprised the Board members on the conduct of NTPC by IETE every year. He said that the Centres who have previously conducted this contest were :

Yavatmal	2016-West Zone
Chennai	2015-South Zone
Kochi	2014-South Zone
Allahabad	2013-East Zone

7.2 As per the specified condition that all Zones/Centres will be given opportunity to host the NTPC contest, it was recommended that North Zone should host NTPC-2017, since no centre in North Zone has conducted the contest since 2012 onwards.

7.3 The Board recommended that IETE North Zone Coordinator may be approached to suggest a name of IETE Centre from North Zone to host NTPC-2017.

7.4 Further, on the issue of charging token fees from ISF/ non ISF students for participation in NTPC, the Board recommended that no token fees should be charged from them.

7.5 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 **IETE BEST PAPER AWARDS-2017**

8.1 Giving the background of IETE Best Paper Awards, the Chairman apprised that as per our past practice, papers published in a year under review are sent for recommendations to EICs and Prof S C Dutta Roy. He said that this year Prof Dutta Roy has suggested that the qualifications from some of the Best Paper Awards should be dropped. Prof Roy is of the view that award like CDIL- Award, is meant for the people from industry, but lately there is no contribution from authors from Industry. Similarly, IETE Gowri Memorial Award, which should be the article of general interest, is not relevant in today's scenario. He says that there is a very thin borderline between system oriented, research oriented and engineering oriented papers, as every research paper has to have a mix of all of them to get published, hence the qualifications for such awards like research-oriented and topic of general interest etc should be dropped.

8.2 Alternatively, Prof Dutta Roy suggested merging of all the 6 best papers published in IETEJR & IETETR in the year under review so as to have a minimum of 2 awards from each journal in the distribution of either 2-4, 3-3 or 4-2. Afterwards, IETE could name the awards for individual papers depending on the major orientation, as judged by the jury.

8.3 The Board deliberated on the matter. Members were of the view that some of the awards have been instituted way back in 1955 and were actually based on the best contributions in specific fields. Hence they recommended that for the time being status quo should be maintained as the views of all the stakeholders have to be taken into account before reformulating the criteria for IETE Best Paper Awards. Moreover, changing the qualifications would require changes in Standard Operating Procedures of IETE HQs.

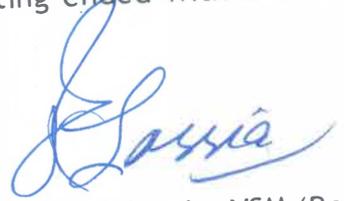
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VOTE OF THANKS

9 There being no other point to discuss, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Date: 22 Dec 2016



Maj Gen P K Jaggi, VSM (Retd)
Secretary General

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