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**MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2017-18) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON
SATURDAY, THE 09 DEC 2017, AT 1230 HOURS AT GOA**

The following were present:

Prof (Dr) M Basavaraj
Shri S Ramaswamy
Shri Karthik Parikh
Dr B Prabhakara Rao
Prof (Dr) A K Saini

Chairman
Co-Chairman

The following were granted leave of absence:
Dr K Jaya Sankar

Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Asstt Secretary(A&P)

**ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2016-17) MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 08 JULY 2017 AT IETE HQ, NEW DELHI**

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

ITEM 2 ANOMALIES POINTED OUT BY DR T S RATHORE

2.1 The Chairman apprised the Board about the communication received from Dr T S Rathore , wherein the following main policy points were pointed out for consideration by the BoA:-

1. **IETE Life Time Achievement Award-2017.** Prof Rathore suggested that Past Presidents, Honorary Fellows, Distinguished Fellows, Past Elected Council Members of IETE should not submit their nominations for this award.
2. **IETE Manorama Rathore Memorial Award-2017.** This award which is given to a person for significant achievements in the field of electronics and / or communication during the last 05 (five) years had been given to Dr Madhu S Nair, University of Kerala,

Asstt Secretary

Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, the awardee - 2017, who has domain expertise and significant contributions in the area of Computer Science, so it should be withheld.

3. The Board Chairman said that Prof Rathore is of the view that last date of nominations once announced should not be extended.
4. And Prof Rathore questions the criteria of three years embargo for IETE awardees.

2.2 After due deliberation on the pointers raised by Prof Rathore, the Board went through some of the replies given to him by previous committee and assented to their views. It was unanimously decided that since reply has already been given to Prof Rathore, IETE need not communicate anything now. However, the Board commonly agreed that in future it would proceed cautiously with the achievements/contributions of the nominees to avoid any scepticism and also once the cut-off dates are announced it should not be extended further even if there are no nominations received in number of awards.

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

ITEM-3 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: FOR IETE MAIN AND CORPORATE AWARDS-2018

3.1 The Chairman apprised the Board members regarding update and publishing of "Call for Nominations" of above awards in **Nov-Dec 2017** issues and future publishing in **Jan-Feb 2018** issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research. Besides, individual letters would go to all relevant organizations under the signature of President IETE, for publicity as per our past practice. The details have also been displayed on the IETE website: <http://www.iete.org> and Facebook.

3.2 The Members recommended putting this information about "Call for the Nominations" in IETE Newsletters as well as in LinkedIn. Shri Kartik offered to help IETE getting in touch with his contacts at Voice and Data magazine /Broadcast Communication Data Editorial team so that IETE could coordinate and publicize Call for Nominations in their magazines in the form of snippets, free of cost.

3.3 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 REMAINING IETE AWARDS-2017 DESPACHED

4.1 The Members were informed awards had been dispatched to the Awardees -2017 who were unable to attend the Award ceremony at Kochi. They have been sent their awards via post at their correspondence addresses.

4.2 This is for information the Governing Council.

ITEM-5 IETE-NATIONAL TECHNICAL PAPER CONTEST(NTPC)-2017

5.1 The Board members were informed about the email received from Shri M K Jain, Chairman, IETE Amity University Sub-Centre Noida, on 10th Oct 2017 and it was informed that owing to lack of sufficient number of participant entries in the Contest, NTPC-2017 was not held. This was despite extending the dates number of times to hold the event. Therefore, NTPC-2017 has not been organized during this year (2017) from the North Zone.

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5.2 The Chairman also apprised the Board members that henceforth National Technical Paper Contest shall be overseen by the Technical Programmes Publicity Committee (TPPC), according to the latest reorganization of roles & responsibilities of various IETE Committees/ Boards.

5.3 This is for information the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 IETE N V GADADHAR MEMORIAL AWARD-2017

6.1 The Chairman informed that the IETE N V Gadadhar Memorial Award function is organized by IETE Bangalore Centre which can be clubbed with any suitable programme. This time it was clubbed with IETE Foundation Day event of the Centre. The awardee 2017-Prof (Dr) Manakadevi, Dept of ECE, Adhiyamaan College of Engineering, Hosur, was conferred with this award along with cash prize and citation during this function. The travel grant of Rs 7,000/- as per the guidelines shall only be reimbursed on the presentation of the actual tickets by the awardee at the Centre.

6.2 This is for information the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 IRSI AWARDEES-2017 DECLARED

7.1 The Chairman informed the Board members regarding the composition of the Selection Committee-2017 and the awardees of IETE-IRSI(83) Main and Young Scientist Awardees which are as follows:-

Selection Committee members:

Shri Nagaraj S S	Chairman
Dr A T Kalghatgi	Co-Chairman
Dr R V Narayana	Nominee of Director LRDE
Dr M H Kori	Nominee of President IETE
Shri V V Srinivasan	Member (ISRO)
Prof V Mahadevan,	Special Invitee (IRSI Awardee)
Shri G Ramesh,	Convener

IRSI(83) Awardees-2017:

- IETE-IRSI (83) Main Award-2017
Shri P Radhakrishna, LRDE, Bangalore
- IETE-IRSI(83) Young Scientist Award-2017-
(i) Shri Vishnu OC, LRDE, Bangalore
(ii) Ms Agadi Sugandha, BEL Bangalore

7.2 This is for information the Governing Council.

ITEM-8 PROFORMA AND CRITERIA OF IETE- SHRI P P MALHOTRA AWARD

8.1 The Chairman apprised the members regarding IETE Shri P P Malhotra Award, the newly instituted award, which has been appended in the list of "Call for Nominations" of IETE Main Awards-2018 along with a separate proforma/ criteria, which has the approval of the BoA. The announcement is published in Nov-Dec 2017 Issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research. The same shall also be announced in Jan-Feb 2018 issues of IETE journals. IETE Website (www.iete.org) also carries this announcement under the bullet- Publications.

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8.2 The Board discussed the issue of possible nominator in this case but decided to leave the proforma as it is, to check the consequences, if any, which they said could be taken up accordingly next year.

8.3 This is for information the Governing Council.

ITEM-9 EXPERT JURY FOR TWO IETE AWARDS

9.1 The Chairman BoA informed the Board members about the deficient number of requisite jury members in IETE Smt Triveni Devi Gupta Memorial Award and no jury member in the newly instituted Award of IETE-Shri PP Malhotra Memorial Award.

9.3 After due deliberations the BoA recommended that existing expert jury list be circulated amongst current Board members for inclusion of possible jury members in the required award panel.

9.4 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-10 PROPOSAL FROM GP CAPT H KAUSHAL FOR A TROPHY

10.1 The Chairman informed about the proposal that was received from Gp Cap H Kaushal suggesting a Rolling trophy or an annual award be instituted for the best IETE employee, in the name of his late wife. The name of trophy suggested is IETE- Neena Kaushal Memorial Trophy for Best Employee for the year. Gp Capt Kaushal is ready to donate a trophy or Rs. 50,000 for its purchase. The Chairman apprised the members of the recommendations of Gp Cap H Kaushal, who recommended that details could be worked out by the Governing Council / Awards Committee. The points given by Gp Capt Kaushal for consideration were as follows:-

- Rolling trophy/ an annual award with the name of IETE- Neena Kaushal Memorial Trophy for Best Employee for the year.
- Proposer ready to donate a trophy or Rs. 50,000 for its purchase.
- Recommends details to be worked out by the Governing Council / Awards Committee.
- All employees of IETE (including Hqs and Centres) would be eligible except the Secretary General of IETE.
- Centre Chairman or Section Head at HQs would recommend the employee.
- A Selection Committee be made consisting of the President IETE, Zonal Coordinators with Secretary General as member.
- Award to include a Rolling Trophy (miniature of the trophy to be retained by the awardee) and a certificate.
- A board is installed at a suitable place in HQs and all Centres specifying the details of the winners' year wise.

10.2 After due deliberation Board recommended that it may be difficult to implement such selection criteria PAN India as it is very difficult to quantify. The recommended that the proposer may be asked to propose a foolproof selection criteria.

10.3 This is for information/approval of the Governing Council

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ITEM- 11 CONSIDERATION OF PROF A KUMAR'S REQUESTS

11.1 The Chairman informed the members of Prof A Kumar's desire to start a new IETE Award. He told that IETE's terms and conditions were communicated to him to whom he has not responded so far.

11.2 The Chairman volunteered to talk personally to Prof A Kumar in this regard.

11.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

VOTE OF THANKS

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

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Date: 28 Dec 2017



Anil Sharma
Dy Secretary

Distribution:

Chairman and Members of the Board of Awards
President and Members of the Governing Council