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### MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> (2019-20) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 20 MAY 2020, AT 1500 HOURS THROUGH ZOOM

The following were present:

Prof S K Khedkar	Chairman
Dr (Prof) Sushil Kumar Kaura	Member
Shri Ajay Kumar	Member
Col M K Pande (Retd)	Member
Wg Cdr P Prabhakar (Retd)	Member
Shri S Ramaswamy	Member
Shri Kishor R Shende	Member
Prof (Dr) A P Thakare	Member
Prof Sanjay Singh Thakur	Member

The following members were unable to attend:

Prof (Dr) Udhav V Bhosle	Co-Chairman
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Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat

Sanjay Setia

#### ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2019-20) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 21 DECEMBER 2019 AT HYDERABAD

1.1 The minutes of the previous Board meeting stand approved as there were no comments.

#### ITEM-2 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: FOR IETE MAIN AND CORPORATE AWARDS-2020

2.1 The Chairman started the meeting on Zoom application with a welcome note and briefed the present members on the previous Minutes of the December BoA Meeting held at Hyderabad. He also highlighted the various means adopted for publicity of "Call for Nominations-2020" for IETE Main & Corporate Awards by the section.

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2.2 Informing the Board on the number of nominations received till 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 when the nationwide lockdown was announced and offices closed, the Chairman said it was only one nomination. Now, a total of eight (08) nominations have been received mainly through mail (soft copies).

2.3 The Chairman stated that this situation was unprecedented and never has the Institution received such a low response. He attributed it to the occurrence of Covid Pandemic and nationwide lockdown in the months when the response expected was the highest. He speculated that adherence of IETE to the demand of 6 hard copies of the nominations by the nominees or inability of the nominees to get the nominator's endorsement on the nomination forms, could be the reason for lack of response.

2.4 The Chairman informed the Board members about the last date of receiving of the nominations, *i.e.* 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

2.3 The Board deliberated at length on the current conditions and after due deliberations, recommended the following:-

- a. IETE should follow a different set of rules and be more flexible under the prevailing Covid outbreak.
- b. With so much of uncertainties regarding lifting up of the lockdown, the last date of invitation of nominations was recommended to be extended till 20 June 2020.
- c. More publicity or advertisement for Call for Nominations was recommended to be given for receiving good response.
- d. It was said to approach IETE Centres/ Governing Council members with a request once again for spreading the word out and propagating about Call for Nominations for IETE Awards.
- e. Each Centre/Sub-Centre's Chairpersons were to be requested to send at least 2-2 nominations for IETE Awards.
- f. Though there is a mandate for 6 number of hard copies to be sent by the nominees but it was decided that in case the nominee is unable to send the required hardcopies of his nomination, the soft copy may be accepted by IETE.
- g. It was unanimously decided that after the deadline, *i.e.*, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the Board will call for a meeting to review the response received and decide for next course of action by the team.

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

### ITEM-3 INDUCTION OF NEW JURY MEMBERS FOR IETE AWARDS

3.1 Recollecting the three names as suggested by Shri S Ramaswamy last year, the Chairman explained that following first two names have been added in the list in categories that match their specialization, while the name listed third, would be added for 2021 Awards Nomination evaluation.

- Dr B Chidambararajan, Principal, SRM Valliammai Engg College, Kattankulathur
- Dr R Nakkeeran, HoD, Dept of EE, School of Engg & Tech, Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry
- Dr Bharat S Chaudhari, Prof and Head, Dept of ET, Maharashtra Inst of Technology, Pune-

3.2 The Chairman further added that the name of Prof K P Ray, DIAT, Pune, as suggested by the Board Member Shri Sanjay Singh Thakur, may be appended in the panel of IETE Ram Lal Wadhwa Award Jury after due approval of the Governing Council and acceptance of the person himself for the evaluation task. The Chairman also enumerated that the names suggested by Prof H S Bhatia, already existed in the expert jury list as per their specializations.

3.3 The Board members were requested to propose more suitable names that could be included in the jury list.

3.4 The names suggested during the meeting by the Board Members for the jury were:

1. Dr Ashok Ghatol- Ex-Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Technological University, Lonere, Raigad, by Prof Ajay Thakare
2. Dr A Khan, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Ranchi University by Shri Ajay Kumar
3. Prof S Mohan, IISc Bangalore by Dr (Prof) Sushil Kumar Kaura

3.5 The Board Chairman stated that the potential names could be shared vide BoA Whattapp group by the Board Members, which could be added later for appropriate action process. He emphasized that any new name added will first receive Board's approval, followed by the Governing Council and finally the person's acceptance.

3.6 This is for the approval of Governing Council.

ITEM-4 The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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