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MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2020-21) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 08 DECEMBER 2020, AT 1900 HOURS THROUGH ZOOM

The following were present:

Prof (Dr) Gunasekhar Reddy	Chairman
Lt Gen (Dr) Rajesh Pant, PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd)	Co-Chairman
Prof M N Hoda	Member
Prof (Dr) Ashwini Kunte	Member
Prof (Dr) A K Saini	Member
Shri R K Vyas	Member
Shri C Satyanandan	Member
Dr N Venkateswaran	Member

The following member was unable to attend:

Wg Cdr K C Bhardwaj (Retd)	Member
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Secretariat:

Mrs Sandeep Kaur Mangat	Asstt Secy
Sh Snehasish Basu	Staff member
Sh Sanjay Setia	Staff Member

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2019-20) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 21 JULY 2020 THROUGH ZOOM

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

ITEM-2 CONFIRMATION OF 2020 IETE AWARDS

2.1 The Minutes of the previous Meeting held in July was read out for the information of the new Committee members. They were informed about the conferment of IETE Awards 2020 that was held digitally during the Annual IETE

Convention on 27th Sep 2020 with active participation from the award winners. Action taken on previous meeting recommendations & decisions given by the Governing Council was informed. It was said that the categories having received only single nominations in 2020 were returned back to the respective nominees with an explanation that there was no competition in the category due to single entry hence their nominations have been returned. However, the nominee was given the option of re-submission of their nominations next year if interested as IETE will consider and include such cases in the same category in 2021.

2.2 The Board deliberated on this practice and opined that the laid down rules could be modified because it is not the fault of the nominee that IETE received single nomination in his applied category. Every nomination deserves to be evaluated the same year and therefore, recommended the following:

- a) From 2021 onwards all the nominations including single nomination if received in a category, will be sent for jury's evaluation the same year. Jury's recommendations should decide the acceptance or rejection of the nominations.
- b) The nominations rejected in 2020 for being single entries in the categories, their nominees would be approached for necessary permission and if allowed their nomination, which was left out in 2020 will be included for consideration in 2021 Awards processing.
- c) Such nominations will be forwarded with a special note to the jury Members informing the reason of inclusion of the old entries now for their assessment along with fresh nominations in 2021.

2.3 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 LETTER OF THANKS TO JURY MEMBERS

3.1 The Committee was informed about the "Letter of Thanks" that was sent from the President IETE, to the jury members thanking them for their honorary contribution in evaluating IETE Awards every year.

3.2 The Chairman desired that such letters should always be shown to the Committee members. He said that the scanned copy of the letter should be circulated to the Board members so that their valuable suggestions could be included in modifying such important letters in future.

3.3 For the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 IETE-IRSI AWARDEES 2020

4.1 The Board members were apprised of the conferment of IETE-IRSI (83) Main & Young Scientist Awards on 02 Nov 2020 during the occasion of Foundation Day celebration of IETE Bengaluru Centre through digital mode.

- 4.2 The IETE-IRSI (83) Committee members for the year 2020 were :
- Shri P Radhakrishna, Dir, LRDE, DRDO, Bangalore - Chairman,
 - Shri MV Rajasekhar, Dir, R&D BEL, Bangalore- Member
 - Prof(Dr) J W Bakal, President IETE- Member
 - Shri C Satyanandan, Chairman IETE Bangalore Centre - Convener
- 4.3 The winners as declared by the Committee for the IRSI Awardees were:-
- a) IETE-IRSI (83) Main Award-
Shri Viswam Gampala Sc 'H' LRDE- DRDO
- b) IETE-IRSI (83) Young Scientist Award -
(i) Dr Raghavendra Kumar Chaudhary, Asst. Professor, IIT Dhanbad
(ii) Shri Rahul Agrawal, Sc.'D' LRDE- DRDO
- 4.4 The Board was informed that results of the IETE Awards-2020 were projected on IETE website: www.iete.org under IETE Awardees List 2020.
- 4.5 This is for the information of Governing Council.
- ITEM-5 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: FOR IETE MAIN AND IETE CORPORATE AWARDS-2021**
- 5.1 The announcement published in the IETE Journals (JR+TR) Nov-Dec 2020 issues for IETE Awards 2021 was informed to the Board members. Additionally, the same "Call for Nominations - 2021" would be repeated in the Jan-Feb issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research 2021.
- 5.2 The members were made aware of the publishing of one page advertisement of "Call for Nominations for IETE Awards 2021" in the ELCINA magazine under the barter system.
- 5.3 The projection of "Call for Nominations-2021" hosted on www.iete.org was informed.
- 5.4 The emails sent to IETE Centres/Sub-Centres/PACs/ISFs/Org Members for calling nominations for IETE Awards 2021 were put in picture.
- 5.5 The Board members were told that letters would soon be going to all relevant organizations as per the past practice, seeking nominations from the IETE President's side.
- 5.6 The Board after due deliberations recommended the following:
- a) The present proforma especially for IETE Corporate Awards should be simplified to attract more nominations, as there was not a single nomination in any of the Corporate categories during 2020.

- b) The proforma be circulated amongst the Board members for their suggestions and inputs so that it could be made simpler for the ease of the nominees and then be sent to the Governing Council for approval.
- c) To share the database of relevant Organizations/ institutions (receiving President's letter), for the review of the Board Members and take their help for expanding the list further.
- d) To make use of social media extensively, viz., facebook, twitter, whatsapp, linkedin, youtube and instagram and it was advised to make more efforts for wider publicity.

5.7 For the information and approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 INSTITUTION OF A NEW AWARD: IETE-DR SUDHAKAR RAO AWARD

6.1 The Board was enlightened about the newly instituted award as mentioned above on the request of Dr Sudhakar Rao, the Awardee of IETE Biman Behari Sen Memorial Award-2020. It was informed that Dr Rao wanted this award for the research students and young professionals.

6.2 The criteria fixed for the new award, namely IETE-Dr Sudhakar Rao Award was that it would be given to a person for his outstanding original contributions to a new or substantially improved method or engineering product leading to an Advanced Antenna System for Space, Air or Ground Communications. The award will consist of a medal, and a citation.

6.3 The proposal was first discussed with the President IETE and the Chairman BoA and their approval taken before moving ahead.

6.4 The seed money of Rs 3 lakhs has been received on 21 Oct 2020 from Dr Sudhakar Rao, FIETE, FIEEE, Technical Fellow, Northrop Grumman Space Systems, Redondo Beach, USA 90278, email: skraoks@yahoo.com; Ph: 1-215-500-9655.

6.5 The Call for Nominations-2021 has the new Award included in the list before circulation.

6.6 The members after due deliberation recommended that a request be sent to the Board members seeking their suggestions (within the time limit of 15 days)for suggesting expert jury names for the new award.

6.7 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 INFORMAL MEETING WITH AWARDEES

7.1 The Chairman briefed the Board members about the informal meeting that was held on 24th Oct 2020 with the Awardees of IETE-Shri Devi Singh Tyagi Memorial Award on the request of the Institutor of the Award, Dr R K Tyagi, Former Chairman and

Managing Director, HAL. The meeting was graced by the President IETE and the present Board Members.

7.2 The Chairman said that the objective was to have a meaningful exchange of views between the institution, institutor and the recipients of the award. It was viewed that IETE Awards ceremony session in reality do not permit to have more time for quality connect. The meeting was first of its kind and witnessed one-to-one interactions with the present & past awardees of IETE -Shri Devi Singh Tyagi Memorial Award. The programme was liked by all.

7.3 The Members recommended that IETE should have more of such informal meets in future with the founders of some of the major awards for publicity and to earn goodwill.

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

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

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Date: 30th Dec 2020



Pankaj Kumar Sharma
Secretary General

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