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**MINUTES OF THE 2ND(2020-21) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON
SATURDAY, THE 17APRIL 2021, AT 1930 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) 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
Prof (Dr) Ashwini Kunte	Member

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 1ST (2020-21) MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON 08 DECEMBER 2020 THROUGH ZOOM**

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

ITEM-2 ACTION POINTS ON PREVIOUS MINUTES AND PROGRESS MADE

2.1 The Chairman started the meeting on Zoom with a welcome note and briefed the present members on the previous Minutes of the December BoA meeting.

2.2 The Chairman informed that following previous set rules, the categories that had received single nominations during the year 2020 were returned back to the

nominees and were given the option of re-submission, if they felt like reapplying in the same category during 2021.

- IETE Flt Lt Tanmaya Singh Dandass Memorial Award- Shri Varinder Singh, DGM, BEL, Panchkula
- IETE -Corporate Award for Performance in Development of Software in Large Enterprise Category- Smt G K Durga, GM, BEL, Bangalore.

2.3 The above-mentioned nominees were approached for necessary permission to include their nominations for consideration in 2021 awards processing cycle. Since their willingness has been received, their updated nominations on receipt would be sent to respective jury members for its due evaluation in re-applied categories in 2021. This was as per the fresh revised recommendations of the BoA meeting held in Dec 2020.

2.4 The Chairman further informed that the present IETE Corporate Awards' proforma was circulated amongst the Board Members on 9th Dec 2020 for their suggestions and inputs so that it could be further simplified for the ease of applicants as discussed in previous Dec meeting. However, he said there have been no inputs from the members.

2.5 The database of all relevant organizations/institutions that are usually approached for nominations with the President's letter was also circulated within the Board Members on 9th Dec 2020 for review and possible expansion of the list. He apprised the Board that no additional names were received from any of the members.

2.6 The Chairman said that various social media applications like Facebook, WhatsApp, apart from emails(to Centers, Corporate members, Org Members, ISFs and various Govt Depts.), advertisement in ELCINA magazine, personal follow ups were also being done for publicity of IETE Awards 2021.

2.7 The Zonal mentors have been requested to publicize "Call for Nominations-2021" during their zonal seminars, events for more publicity (13th April 2021).

2.8 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-3 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR IETE AWARDS-2021

3.1 Informing the Board on the number of nominations received till 16 April 2021 the Chairman said that twelve (12) packets were received so far and the last date of receiving of the nominations is 31st May 2021.

3.2 The "Call for Nominations-2021" for IETE Main & Corporate Awards have been published in Nov-Dec 2020 & Jan-Feb 2021 issues of IETE Technical Review and IETE Journal of Research. This announcement is also present on official

website://www.iete.org and Facebook page for wider promotion. The Jan-April 2021 issue of IETE Newsletter will also carry a half-page notice of the IETE Awards notice.

3.3 During deliberation, Lt Gen Rajesh Pant, Member BoA, offered his support in disseminating IETE Awards "Call for Nominations" amid his professional known circle especially seeking more nominations for those categories wherein IETE gets less or almost nil response like IETE Corporate Awards.

3.4 Prof Saini, Member BoA, desired the names along with criteria of those IETE awards to be circulated wherein less or no nominations are received usually.

3.5 This is for the information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 JURY FOR IETE -DR SUDHAKAR RAO AWARD

4.1 The Chairman informed that a request email was sent to the Board of Awards Members on 12 March 2021 seeking inputs for expert jury names for the above mentioned newly instituted award.

4.2 Later, a request mail had been sent to Dr Sudhakar Rao on 19th March 2021 asking him to suggest few names from the field from his known circle for the above mentioned award.

4.3 The expert names suggested as jury members by Dr Sudhakar Rao were as follows:-

- Prof Deb Chatterjee, University of Missouri, USA
- Dr Clency Lee-Yow, CEO, Custom Microwave Inc., USA
- Dr C Ravipati, Principal Engineer, Intelsat Corporation, USA
- Prof Malay Tripathy, Amity University, Noida, India
- Prof MV Kartikeyan, IIT Tirupati
- Prof Subhashini Ratna, NIT Rourkela
- Mr Sagi Sravan, ISRO Ahmedabad.

4.4 In the list circulated amongst the Board members on 6th April 2021 for consideration, the name of Prof Malay Tripathy's was replaced by Prof Shibhan Koul's name, as the later is a known expert in the area and has been more active in his contribution to IETE.

4.5 After due deliberation Board recommended above names for the approval of Governing Council.

ITEM-5 REVIEW OF THE JURY NAMES IN VARIOUS IETE AWARDS

5.1 The Chairman informed the members that, in view of the deceased Jury members in recent past years, viz., Shri Y L Agrawal, Dr R S Khandpur Prof B S Sonde, and also one of the jury member is in the present Governing Council, namely, Dr M H

Kori, some new names had been added in the list. The addition is based on the names as suggested during 2nd (2019-20) BoA Meeting held in May 20, 2020, under the chairmanship of Prof S K Khedkar, while the other new names have been added in the list were due to less number of jury present in that specific panel. These names were as per the individual's expertise and active response each year for other awards evaluation.

5.2 The Chairman informed that the names suggested during May 2020 were of Dr Ashok Ghatol, Dr A A Khan and Prof S Mohan. The first two names are added as per their acceptance in the specific award category but Prof A Mohan was unreachable as he is out of the country.

5.3 The new names added for various awards are as follows: -

S. No	Proposed name	Name of Award
1	Prof A A Khan, Former VC Ranchi University	IETE - Hari Ramji Toshniwal Award; IETE-Lal C Verman Award IETE-Smt Manorama Rathore Memorial Award
2	Prof Shibani Koul, IIT Delhi	IETE - Ram Lal Wadhwa Award, IETE Dr Sudhakar Rao award
3	Dr B B Chaudhari, MIT World Peace University, Pune	IETE-Hari Ramji Toshniwal Award; IETE-NV Gadadhar Memorial Award; IETE-Biman Behari Sen Memorial Award
4	Prof Sushil Thale	IETE Bimal Bose Award;
5	Col K S Chakravarthy, Chennai	IETE-Lal C Verman award IETE-Technomedia Award for Young Women in Engineering; IETE-Corporate Award for Performance in Electronic Components
6	Shri Purushothaman S , ISRO	IETE- Flt Lt Tanmaya Singh Dandass Memorial Award; IETE- Smt Ranjana Pal Memorial Award IETE- Shri Devi Singh Tyagi Memorial Award; IETE-Technomedia Award for Young Women in Engineering;
7	Shri P S Sundaram	IETE- NV Gadadhar Memorial Award
8	Dr Vipin Tyagi	IETE- NV Gadadhar Memorial Award
9	Dr Satyabrata Jit, IIT BHU	IETE-Bapuseetharam Award (Biennial)
10	Prof Anubha Gupta, IIT Delhi	IETE - R S Khandpur Award
11	Dr Sudhakar Rao, USA	IETE-Biman Behari Sen Memorial Award
12	Dr Rajeev Jyoti	IETE- Smt Ranjana Pal Memorial Award

5.4 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 REVIEW OF THE AMOUNT FIXED FOR A NEW AWARD SEED MONEY

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6.1 The Chairman informed the Board that during the previous Governing Council meeting, it was suggested that the Board may discuss the need for review of present seed money that is fixed to initiate a new IETE Award from the point of view of its sustainability and the time limit for its periodic increase. Presently, to initiate a new IETE Award Rs 3 lakhs is to be deposited by the interested person.

6.2 The Members after due deliberation, recommended no increase in the present seed money was required, because the yearly expenses incurred on making plaques, medals, citations(as per the criteria of the awards) were very meager (approx between Rs 1750 to 2000) and the amount being is consumed from the interest earned from the award's seed money. The seed money is always kept intact.

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6.3 At present the interest gained is 6% of the seed money of an award, which is more than the expenditure made on any award's plaque, citation or citations and the cash prices, if any are met from the interest of the seed money of that particular award.

6.4 The Members recommended that at present the current seed money fixed to initiate any new IETE Award is sustainable and issue may be taken up when need arises in the future.

6.5 For the Approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM 7 The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

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Date: 02 July 2021

Pankaj Kumar Sharma
Secretary General

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Chairman and Members of the Board

President and Members of the Governing Council