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MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2021-22) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 16 NOVEMBER 2021, AT 1830 HOURS THROUGH ZOOM

The following were present:

Prof (Dr) Gunasekhar Reddy
Dr D S Bormane
Dr R R Deshmukh
Prof G Gnaneshwar Rao
GpCapt R C Goyal (Retd)
Shri S C Jain
Shri Ajay Kumar
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ITEM 1 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

1.1 The Chairman welcomed the new members of the Board of Awards for the year's first meeting (2021-22) and invited them to introduce themselves for the benefit of the entire group.

ITEM-2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3RD (2020-21) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 21 JULY 2020 THROUGH ZOOM

2.1 It was explained that because the G C Minutes from the previous meeting were still pending and no comments on the BoA 3rd (2020-21) Board meeting had been received, the Minutes of the 3rd (2020-21) Board meeting could be approved in principle subject to confirmation by the G C in their Meeting Minutes. If there are any comments, these will be distributed to the members. Otherwise, it will be accepted.

ITEM-3**CONFERMENT OF 2021 AWARDS DURING AIC**

3.1 The Chairman informed the members that, due to the ongoing pandemic scenario, the IETE Awards-2021 were conferred online during the IETE Annual IETE Convention 2021, exactly as they were in 2020.

3.2 The winners actively participated in the event, showing the importance of technology in a COVID setting. Those who could not attend the ceremony had their awards mailed to their postal addresses.

3.3 This is for information of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-2022**

4.1 The Chairman updated the members on the latest version of the "Call for Nominations" for the IETE Main and IETE Corporate Awards-2022, which is published in IETE Journals (JR&TR) and uploaded to the IETE website following review each year.

4.2 The Chairman discussed with the members' notice that the award categories receiving a single nomination in a given year, as determined at one of the previous Board Meetings (1st 2020-21), should be submitted to the Jury Members, and any recommendations received should be taken into account. He stated that the Governing Council should consider the decision reached in deciding the category's winner, because Board Members carefully analyse nominations before submitting them to the Council. The members were all in agreement at this point.

4.3 After due deliberations, members recommended that the "Call for Nominations" proforma be retained in its current form until the Governing Council debates it and then circulated.

4.4 This is for the information & deliberation of the Governing Council.

ITEM-5**SUBMISSIONS OF NOMINATIONS FOR IETE AWARDS-2022**

5.1 The Chairman told the BoA members that, in light of COVID-19, IETE began receiving IETE Award entries through email last year. He also stated that it was decided in the previous G C Meeting to establish a software platform for accepting nominations and processing awards. This would make it easier for HQS staff to handle the Awards and for everyone, including the jury, to submit their recommendations. Given the time required to make a decision on which software to implement and install, this year's submissions should adhere to the approach established last year for collecting nominations through email. The issue was put on the table for discussion.

5.2 The members of the dealing staff were requested to elaborate on their challenges in receiving the nominations in softcopies.

5.3 After hearing about their concerns, Members deliberated, and many agreed that previous Governing Council decisions should be upheld, and that, in keeping with the digital trend, IETE should accept nominations only by email.

5.4 It was also proposed to identify the possibility of locating agencies that provide preconfigured award nomination software or organizations that use such software to process the nominations.

5.5 The Award section was asked to share the following with the Board Members for their consideration & review:-

- a) Pre-requisites for award nominations for distribution to all centers/sub centers to facilitate understanding of the rules and promote more submissions.
- b) To share the existing jury list in order for new expert names to be added based on Board Members' networking.
- c) Distribute prior years' lists of inactive jury members to allow for fresh additions and removal of inactive jury members.

5.6 For the information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-6 INSTITUTION OF NEW AWARDS: DR C J REDDY

6.1 The Chairman discussed the request from Dr C J Reddy, IEEE Fellow, President of AMTA (Antenna Measurements and Techniques Association), and Vice President of Altair's Electromagnetics Division, North America, to establish two IETE Awards in remembrance of his parents.

6.2 The Chairman presented the following information about the two awards, as provided by Dr. C J Reddy's in his request email:

a) IETE - Sri C Viswanatha Reddy Memorial Award

This award has been instituted by Dr CJ Reddy, Fellow of IEEE, ACES and AMTA in memory of his father, Sri C Viswanatha Reddy. The award will be given to a Young Professional who is not more than 35 years of age with a promising career path in the field of electromagnetics, antennas, and wireless communications. The award consists of a medal, and a citation. The recipient will also be invited to deliver a lecture on the work leading to the award on a suitable occasion at the IETE Centre nearest to the location of awardee.

b) IETE - Smt C Ranganayakamma Memorial Award

This award has been instituted by Dr CJ Reddy, Fellow of IEEE, ACES and AMTA in memory of his mother, Smt C Ranganayakamma. The award will be given to a Woman in Engineering, with a proven career path in the field of electromagnetics, antennas, and wireless communications. The award

consists of a medal, and a citation. The recipient will also be invited to deliver a lecture on the work leading to the award on a suitable occasion at the IETE Centre nearest to the location of awardee.

6.3 The Chairman indicated that the donor would like the award, which bears his father's name, to be given to either male or female young professionals under the age of 35. The award named after his mother, on the other hand, should be granted to a female engineer of any age. He also stated that the donor is willing to provide the Corpus fund of Rs 3 lakhs for each award (a total of Rs 6 lakhs) on approval by IETE.

6.4 Following careful consideration, the Board Members proposed that the corpus amount be increased from Rs 3 lakhs to Rs 5 lakhs to ensure the Awards' sustainability for the next 5 years.

6.5 However, it is being brought to the light that in the recent past it had been decided by the G C that the current seed money (Rs 3 lakhs) which is taken from the initiator to launch any new IETE Award is sustainable and the expenditure made on the award's plaque, citation. Medal, if any, are met from its interest gained (i.e., 6%) from its seed money. As a result, if the necessity arises in the future, the subject will be examined and an increase may be considered.

6.6 As a consequence, it is proposed that the Dr. C. J. Reddy Awards, as described above, be allowed to begin with IETE in 2022 and that Rs 6 lakhs (Rs 3 lakhs each) be requested from the donor after G C approval.

6.7 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-7 ANY OTHER MATTER WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

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

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Date: 15 Dec 2021


Gp Capt Sonpal Singh (Retd)
Secretary General

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Chairman and Members of the Board

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