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MINUTES OF THE 2ND (2021-22) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 12 APRIL 2022, 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
Dr R K Shevgaonkar

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ITEM 1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 1ST (2021-22) MEETING OF THE BOARD OF AWARDS HELD ON THE 16 NOV 2021 THROUGH ZOOM

1.1 The minutes of the pervious Board meeting was approved, as there were no comments.

ITEM-2 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS-2022

2.1 The Chairman informed the Board members about the publication of "Call for Nominations for IETE Main & Corporate Awards 2022" in the Nov-Dec 2021 and Jan-Feb 2022 issues of IETE JR & IETE TR and sending emails to various institutions, including IITs, NITs, PSUs, CSIR labs and Universities; sending of DO letters with the signature of the President IETE to a few prominent heads of organisations; and inclusion of a full page advertisement in the IETE Newsletter's Sep-Dec 2021 issue and in ELCINA magazine.

2.2 The total number of nominations received till 12 April 2022 was four (04) and the deadline for submitting nominations was May 31, 2022.

2.3 The issue of few nominations received was thoroughly examined. It was felt that the deadline for nominations should be extended. After discussion, it was determined to adapt the following in addition to current practice:-

- (a) Send a letter soliciting nominations from the Secretary General's office.
- (b) For the "call for nominations" emails to be sent to the relevant individual/ higher authorities.
- (c) An email is to be sent to the Chairpersons of the Centres urging that they have to contact the Corporate Sectors in their respective regions.
- (d) To wait until the third week of May-2022, to assess the nominations received and come up with the recommendation for date extension by the Board.

2.4 This is for information of the Board Members.

ITEM-3 SUBMISSIONS OF NOMINATIONS FOR IETE AWARDS-2022

3.1 The Chairman informed that, it was recommended by the Board of Awards at its 1st (2021-22) November meeting and approved by the Governing Council at its February, 22 meeting, the following procedure to be followed:-

- (a) To preserve the "Call for Nominations" proforma in its current form until the Governing Council debates it and a final decision is taken.
- (b) For the award categories, even a single nomination is received in a given year should be forwarded to the Jury Members for consideration, and any recommendations received should be taken into account as has been approved by the Governing Council.*
- (c) To establish an online platform for accepting and preprocessing award nominations in order to alleviate the workload of Headquarters staff and to make it easier for jury members to submit their recommendations. Due to the fact that no decision has been made regarding which software to use and install, to collect nominations for the awards, this year's submission (2022), we should follow the procedure followed last year for collecting nominations, i.e., by email.

3.2 The Chairman informed the Board that the HQ Section noticed high rate of errors in submissions and annexures sent through emails for jury recommendations, owing to the volume of nominations received each year for various awards. Due to staff shortage, the section requested to consider for collecting paper copies from nominees until online software could be installed. But it was not accepted by the members and the Secretary General was informed to help the staff in getting this work done.

3.3 Following extensive debate, the Board suggested that the support section can send all nominations by emails to the jury members for their recommendations. Dr R K Shevgaonkar proposed that HQ staff should find out the procedure adapted for

processing Awards by Organisations such as INAE, INSA, and NASI and put up to the BOA committee at the earliest.

3.4 This is for the information & approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM-4 IETE-SMT MANORAMA RATHORE MEMORIAL AWARD.

4.1 It was notified that an email was received from Prof T S Rathore, the award's founder, and he requested that his affiliation (as underlined below) be included to the criterion for award announcement: -

IETE- Smt Manorama Rathore Memorial Award (2022): This award has been instituted by Prof (Dr) T S Rathore, Life Fellow of IETE and Ex-Chairman of IETE Mumbai Centre in memory of his wife Smt Manorama Rathore. The award is given to a person for significant achievements in the field of electronics and / or communication during the last 05 (five) years. The award consists of a medal and a citation. The recipient is invited to deliver a lecture at the IETE Centre nearest to the location of the awardee.

4.2 After careful consideration, the Board decided not to recommend any changes to the award criteria, as the award was established in memory of an Individual, not to recognize the Institutor's accomplishments. Accordingly, a letter from the Chairman BoA, be sent to the institutor outlining the BoA's decision.

4.3 This is for the approval of the Governing Council.

ITEM 5 INSTITUTION OF NEW AWARDS: DR C J REDDY

5.1 The Chairman informed the Board Members about Dr C J Reddy's two awards that IETE introduced this year (2022) and having obtained seed capital (each of Rs 3 lakhs) for the following two awards:-

(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.

5.2 The Chairman invited Board members to suggest experts names in the Area for the jury for these two awards and also suggested that the HQ Staff to approach the institutor for proposing jury names.

5.3 This is for the information & approval of the Governing Council

ITEM-6 IETE-BIMAL BOSE AWARD

6.1 It was stated that the IETE-Bimal Bose Award awarded, the largest cash reward (Rs 30,000) among all other awards and was currently judged by a jury panel of five specialists, one of whom did not make recommendations last year in 2021. As a result, it was requested that the number of jurors in this category be increased to ensure a more equitable selection of recipients.

6.2 **Description of IETE - Bimal Bose Award:** The award is given to a person for outstanding original contribution in the field of Power Electronics. The award consists of a cash prize of Rs.30,000/-, a citation and a travel subsidy of Rs.5,000/-.

6.3 The following experts from Power Electronics and a past recipient of this award were notified to the Board for consideration as expert jury members on the panel.

- (a) Dr H M Surywanshi, Director, NIT Hamirpur
- (b) Dr Sujit Kumar Biswas, Jadavpur University
- (c) Dr Chandan Chakraborty, IIT Kharagpur

6.4 It was recommended that this list with their biodata to be sent to the Board members by mail for the approval and also to suggest any new inclusions.

6.5 This was for the approval of the Governing Council.

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

The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to all the Members and Staff.

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Date: 22 April 2022

Gp Capt Sonpal Singh (Retd)
Secretary General

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