

**Minutes of Meeting of Wellington IET Local Network
Transpower Seminar Room, 96 The Terrace
Monday 11th June 2007 Commencing 5.30pm**

Present

Brian McGlinchy (chair), David Irecki, Serge Demidenko, Jon Brown, Peter Komisarczuk, David Owen, Shaun Downs, Shepard Mashingaidze, Jackie Foster, Frank Lewis

1. Apologies

Paul Bagg, Peter Browne, Ian Harris, Murray Milner, Peter Vernon, Roger Brady

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes for the following meeting were approved (by):

14th May 2007 (Peter K & Jon)

3. Matters arising not covered below

– **Change of committee meeting day**

With most of the committee at the meeting, there was further discussion on whether to change the committee meeting day to a Wednesday. It was decided to stay with holding the committee meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month.

4. Financial Report

No activity this past month.

5. Correspondence

– **IET President Visit 2008**

Brian noted that he had received some correspondence as to the IET Presidents Visit next year. Brian suggested to HQ that a visit in June may be appropriate, as since the President has a background in power he could talk at the EEA Conference.

6. Webmasters report

Shepherd reported that the website is up to date.

The committee approved David Owen as 'Assistant Web Master'. Shepherd to follow up with HQ re getting David Owen setup to edit the branch web site.

7. Activities Programme

– **Breakfast Meeting, 20th June, Douglas Webb**

Brian reported that 30 people have rsvp'd to date, for the breakfast meeting. The IET, IEEE and IPENZ will be sharing the cost of the breakfast meeting.

Brian also noted that when approaching companies to sponsor the breakfast meeting, TelstraClear provided 3 discount vouchers for use with their services (\$25, \$50 and \$100). The committee decided to not give away these vouchers at the breakfast meeting, but rather at a future event.

Brian also asked Peter K if he could do the vote of thanks. Peter K suggested that John Hine may wish to do it.

– **Prestige Lecture**

Brian noted that this year's prestige lecture will be a talk on 'Inductive Power Transfer' by Prof John Boys. It is to be held in Wellington on the 17th July and Palmerston North on the 18th July. Brian and Frank are to organise this.

Peter K mentioned that the catering could be done through Victoria University, at a reduced rate, since we planned to use the Victoria University Law School lecture rooms to host the talk.

– **Possible future events**

Brian asked the committee for ideas on possible future events. Some of the committee suggestions included:

- For next year, Ralph Craven of Transpower could do a talk reflecting on his past 5 years at Transpower.
- Someone from the Ministry of Economic Development could do a talk on NZ's future energy strategy.
- Prof Gurvinder Virk, from Massey University, is still available to do a talk on robotics.
- Dale Carnegie, from Victoria University, could do a talk on robotics.
- Someone could do a talk on the Wellington trolley bus upgrade.
- Someone from Citylink could do a talk on the Wellington City Council proposal to roll fibre out to the curb by 2012.

8. IET NZ Forum

Brian reported that the next Forum meeting will be held on the 23rd June. Sponsorship will be one of the main points of discussion.

9. Younger Members

Jackie reported that there has been no further progress on setting up a Wellington based YMS. Brian asked the committee for ideas on how to kick start the YMS. Some of the committee suggestions included:

- Doing a talk/meeting when the students return for the second semester (17th July).
- Providing a tour of Weta Workshop.
- Providing a tour of Shide Interactive.
- Possibly the NZDF could demo something.
- Providing a tour of the labs at Telecom.

10. Massey Wellington

Serge noted again that Microsoft will be hosting a Student Day in September at Massey University. Approximately 300-400 students are expected to be on site. It could provide us with an opportunity to promote the IET.

Brian reported that the Palmerston North YMS has a new committee.

11. Liaison with IEEE

No update.

12. Liaison with IPENZ

Brian reported that he is looking for the IET to sponsor the 'Sustainability' prize at the NZEngineering Excellence Awards in November. The amount required would be \$9,000, plus \$1,000 for a table for guests.

Newsletter

No update.

13. AOB

None.

14. Next Committee meeting Monday 2nd July.

Meeting closed 7pm.