

# THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF IEM

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**AT** the Inaugural Meeting held on 1 August 1958, members of the IEM Council were elected to organise and carry out the functions and activities of the IEM. Before the end of Sessions 1958/1959 and 1959/1960, the Council arranged to hold the 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Institution on 23 April 1960. Accordingly, the election process to fill Council vacancies for Sessions 1960/1961 and 1961/1962 was carried out in accordance with the IEM Constitution and Bylaws before the end of the Session.

The 1st AGM was held on 23 April 1960 at 2pm at the Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Engineering, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, attended by 22 members (see list attached). The meeting was called to order with En. Yusoff bin Hj. Ibrahim at the Chair.

## Confirmation of the Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting

The minutes of the Inaugural Meeting was circulated among the members. Mr. Chin Fung Kee proposed that the minutes be adopted. His proposal was seconded by Mr. Tong Kay Chor. The minutes was unanimously adopted.

## The Council's Report

Honorary Secretary, Mr. Lau Foo San, reported on the progress of the Institution since the Inaugural Meeting. The Institution was officially registered with the Registrar of Society, Malaya, on 1 May 1959 (Ref. PMM51/59). In the meantime, contacts were established with other international engineering institutions, for example ICE, IMechE, IEE etc. There were good responses from engineers to join the IEM and IEM already had members in every State. The Institution aimed to encourage engineers to come forward to serve the nation during its formative years.

There were 48 members for the years 1959-1960, comprising Members (2), Associate Members (24), Associates (2) and Graduates (20).

Among the activities organised were site visits to Klang Gate Dam and Bukit Nenas Purification Works. The following site visits had been planned for April – July 1960.

- 14 May 1960 - Microwave Station
- 4 June 1960 – University of Malaya
- 9 July 1960 – Malayan Film Unit

The Inaugural Dinner to celebrate the formation of IEM was initially planned for 23 April 1960 but was postponed to 16 July due to the demise of the second D.Y.M.M Yang di-Pertua Agong, Sultan Hisamuddin Alam Shah.

Mr. Lau reported that the Council had decided to publish a bi-annual Journal of The Institution of Engineers (Federation of Malaya) and that Mr. Chin Fung Kee had been appointed Honorary Editor.

Finally, questions were raised from the floor. Among others, Mr. J.G. Daniel sought clarification on the status of the Government's recognition of IEM. The Chairman replied that the new Council would pursue the matter. With the above, the Report was unanimously accepted.

## The Honorary Treasurer's Report

Mr. Ow-Yong Hong Chiew, the Honorary Treasurer, presented the Balance Sheet for the period April 1959 to 31 March 1960, with a total balance of \$1,737.80. Proposed by Mr. J.G. Daniel and seconded by Mr. Tong Kay Chor, the Statement of Accounts was accepted.

## Office Bearers for Session 1960/1961

In December 1959, notice inviting nominations to fill Council vacancies was sent out, followed by the distribution of voting papers. When the ballot box was closed, the votes were counted. The list of successful candidates was presented at the 9th Council meeting (the last for the Session) on 12 February 1960. In accordance with the Bylaws, the results of the election were later presented and announced at the AGM. The successful candidates were:

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| President        | : En. Yusoff bin Hj Ibrahim     |
| Vice President   | : Raja Zainal bin Raja Sulaiman |
| Hon. Secretary   | : Mr. Lau Foo San               |
| Hon. Treasurer   | : Mr. Ow Yong Hong Chiew        |
| Council Members  | :                               |
| Civil            | : Mr. Tong Kay Chor             |
| Mechanical       | : Mr. Dalip Singh               |
| Electrical       | : Mr. Chew Kam Pok              |
| Other Branches 1 | : Mr. Chin Fung Kee             |
| Other Branches 2 | : Mr. Chew Kit Lin              |

## Appointment of Auditors

Two names were proposed, namely Mr. J.G. Daniel and Mr. Kow Tat Cheong. A vote was taken and Mr. J.G. Daniel was appointed Auditor for Session 1960/1961.

## Other Matters

Mr. Joseph Liew suggested that greater publicity be given to the activities of the Institution. He was supported by Mr. Philip Chow who suggested that the Council appoint a Publicity Officer. On the question of recognition by the Government, the Chairman felt that members should take a more active part in making the Institution representative of all engineers in the country. He said it would be easier to obtain recognition when the Institution joins the Commonwealth Engineering Conference.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.05 p.m. Mr. Chin Fung Kee proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair and was seconded by Mr. Joseph Liew.

Since then, the IEM has gone through many AGMs and the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on 20 April 2013. ■

## List of Attendees At The First Annual General Meeting

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| 1. En. Yusoff bin Hj Ibrahim – Chairman / President | 12. Mr. E. Sivapathsundram |
| 2. Mr. Lau Foo San – Hon. Secretary                 | 13. Mr. Kow Tat Cheong     |
| 3. Mr. Ow-Yong Hong Chiew – Hon. Treasurer          | 14. Mr. Philip Chow        |
| 4. Mr. Tong Kay Chor – Council (Civil)              | 15. Mr. Lim Eng Sun        |
| 5. Mr. Chew Kam Pok – Council (Electrical)          | 16. Mr. Khor Chin Poey     |
| 6. Mr. Chin Fung Kee – Council (Other Branches 1)   | 17. Mr. Michael Ting       |
| 7. Mr. Chew Kit Lin – Council (Other Branches 2)    | 18. Mr. Chin Thean Huah    |
| 8. En. Ibrahim bin Arshad                           | 19. Mr. Charles Gabriel    |
| 9. Mr. Joseph Liew                                  | 20. Mr. Khoo Soo Hock      |
| 10. Mr. Thean Lip Thong                             | 21. Mr. J.G. Daniel        |
| 11. En. Mohd. Azuddin G.H.Z Abidin                  | 22. Mr. C.S. Maniam        |

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