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## Section activities:

### 2016 Section Annual General Meeting

#### Date and Venue of Section 2016 AGM

23 February 2017 (Thursday) at CB-A, G/F, Chew Yei Ching Building, HKU

#### Agenda of Section 2016 AGM

1. Chairman's report
2. Confirmation of 2015 AGM Minutes
3. Endorsement of 2017 Office Bearers of IEEE Hong Kong Section
4. Section Annual Report
5. Section Financial Report\*\*
6. Any Other Business

\*\*Mr YW Liu, 2016 Interim Treasurer did not present any Section Financial Report/ information.

#### Notes of 2016 AGM

##### Section Officer Bearers 2017 confirmed

I, William Cheung, assumed duty of Section Chairman since 1 January 2017 in accordance with IEEE Hong Kong Section Bylaws after I assumed the Chair-Elect office at the 2015 AGM (in March 2016).

This 2016 AGM was held successfully. The following 2017 Officers were endorsed at the AGM.

Chair-elect:	Dr Vincent Tam
Section Secretary:	Dr Alvin Kwan
Honorary Treasurer:	Dr Beta Yip



Office Bearers: Beta Yip, William Cheung and Alvin Kwan

##### Several members made a scene at AGM 2016

As stipulated in IEEE Bylaws, section 9. GEOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATIONAL UNITS (GOU) Section 9.4 F Section Officers (Appendix):

- “3. The Section Chair shall serve as Chair for all meetings of the Section and the Section ExCom.
4. The Section Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the coordination of all Section activities. At the request

of the Section Chair or in the absence of the Section Chair, the Section Vice Chair shall chair meetings of the Section, Section Committee, or Section ExCom.”

It was my duty to chair the 2016 AGM. Unfortunately, several ordinary members, namely, Mr. YW Liu, Mr. Edward YH Cheung, Dr. Ricky WH Lau and Dr. CT Tse, were making a scene. They were yelling and shouting to insist on not following the IEEE Bylaws and stopping me, as the 2017 Section Chair, from chairing the 2016 AGM. They insisted on that the 2016 AGM should be chaired by 2016 Section Chair, the immediate past Section Chair. They insisted on that 2016 Section Chair could not assign me (2016 Vice-Chair/Chair-elect) to chair the 2016 AGM as stipulated in IEEE Bylaws. This was highly improper and against IEEE Bylaws. These people were invited to leave, but they refused. As a result, IEEE Bylaws was ignored and the 2016 Section Chair chaired the 2016 AGM in order to proceed with AGM.

Here, I like to present my Chairman report in this newsletter, which was impossible to be presented in the 2016 AGM since several ordinary members were continuously yelling and shouting to interrupt me during the meeting when I talked.

#### 2016 AGM Chairman's report

##### 1. Welcome remark

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of us and our families to have good health and happiness in the Year of Rooster.

Hong Kong Section has been playing the critical role in supporting chapters, student branches and affinity groups in organizing technical and educational activities for the Hong Kong and the global communities.

Currently, we have about 9000 members in HK, so Hong Kong Section ExCom has to support 9000+ members, about 200% more members than that in the end of 2015.

##### 2. Irregularities/problems in 2015 propagating through 2015 AGM (in March 2016)

For the 2016 officer bearers last year, Hong Kong Section received four nominees from two sources.

- a) On 6 November 2015, the 3rd ExCom meeting approved the following nomination for the

2016 Section Chair-elect post by petition:

Chair-Elect: William S W Cheung

- b) On 15 January 2016, the 4th ExCom meeting approved the nomination for all three posts by the 2016 IEEE Hong Kong Section Nomination Committee (Chair: Dr. Ricky Lau, Members: Dr. Henry Chung and Mr. Edward Cheung):

Chair-Elect: Y W Liu  
Secretary: Peter Tam  
Treasurer: Charles Surya

Because there were two candidates for the 2016 Section Chair-elect post, an election was conducted via the IEEE vTools Voting system by Mr. Edward Cheung as the Voting Manager. No election was conducted or needed for the two other posts with only a single candidate.

In the 2015 AGM held in March 2016, Henry Chung, representing the Nomination Committee, disclosed the election results and declared that I, William SW Cheung, won the election. I was then endorsed and confirmed for the Chair-elect post. However, Henry Chung did not declare the other 2 posts for Secretary and Treasurer, who should have won un-contested, for AGM endorsement and confirmation. After the 2015 AGM, I chased the Nomination Committee about this for several times on the status of the two posts but in vain.

In a Section ExCom meeting held on 13 May 2016, YW Liu (who lost the election, was no longer a Section Office Bearer and had no official role in representing Section) suddenly claimed that the other two candidates who won by default had resigned from the posts. He then said it was not possible to operate Section without Treasurer and Secretary because nobody could settle the ExCom dinner meeting expenses in that evening. After lengthy discussion, Section ExCom appointed **YW Liu** as the **Interim Secretary** and **Treasurer** in that meeting.

### 3. *Problems after the ExCom meeting held on 13 May 2016:*

- a) 2016 Interim Section Treasurer YW Liu  
I refer to IEEE Bylaws section 9. GOU Section 9.4 F Section Officers (Appendix):

*“6. The duties of the Section Treasurer shall include the development of a Section budget for approval by the Section, accounting of all Section funds, keeping financial records, and submitting the financial operations report of the Section to the IEEE Senior Director – Financial Services.”*

In year 2016, Interim Section Treasurer YW Liu

- i) refused to reveal who the unknown official authorized signatories of Hong Kong Section's bank accounts were when asked, (even though the three consecutive Past Section Chairs were unclear who the authorized signatories of Section's bank accounts were.)
- ii) would not reimburse expenses of some members. One of them was more than \$300,000 which was in Sections' credit card account collected on behalf of a Hong Kong Section Chapter, and
- iii) was very uncooperative in presenting Section financial status. He was the only one who knew how much the Section balance and expenses in year 2016 were.

- b) 2016 Interim Section Secretary YW Liu

I again refer to IEEE Bylaws section 9 GOU Section 9.4 F Section Officers (Appendix):

*“5. The duties of the Section Secretary shall include correspondence, the keeping of the minutes of the committee meetings, mailing notices, and submission of meeting and officer reports to the MGA department at the end of each year and such other duties as are assigned to him/her by the Chair.”*

In year 2016, Interim Secretary YW Liu was not performing the duties properly as stipulated in the above IEEE Bylaws. He

- i) set meeting agendas without consulting Section Chair and Chair-elect,
- ii) called section meetings without consulting all Section Office Bearers,
- iii) did not record the true facts in the minutes, and
- iv) did not circulate confirmed minutes to Section ExCom members after amendments were accepted.

On 4 January 2017, Section ExCom received an email from YW Liu that he resigned from the post of Treasurer with immediate effect few days before the 1<sup>st</sup> ExCom meeting of 2017.

After his resignation, he refused to hand over the Finance matters to Section, so Section has no access to Section's money to make payments for operation and Chapters' reimbursement claims. Section has no knowledge of Section's income, expenses and balances for 2016.

#### 4. Section needs to have finance control back and proper accounting:

In attempt to gain access to Section's money and bank accounts, the solution at this AGM is as follows:

- i) endorse to confirm the candidates, who were approved by Section ExCom in the 1st ExCom meeting of 2017, for Section Office Bearer posts today at the AGM,
- ii) report to the Police Licensing Office of Hong Kong Police to record the changes of Office Bearers and business address because Hong Kong Section is registered as a Society with Society Office,
- iii) obtain certificates of these changes from the Police Licensing Office,
- iv) Section ExCom to approve change of bank signatories today in a special ExCom meeting immediately after today's AGM.
- v) present the ExCom decision and certificate from Registration Office to the banks to change the bank signatories.

#### 5. Report of Appointments of Section officers

As I was the only one Section Office Bearer in the 1<sup>st</sup> ExCom Meeting of 2017, we needed more manpower to operate Section. According to IEEE Bylaws section 9. GOU Section 9.4 F Section Officers (Appendix)

***"8. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by a majority vote of the Section ExCom."***

Section ExCom appointed the following members (each with more than 15 years professional volunteering experience as Committee members of IEEE and International Bodies) in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of 2017.

Dr. Vincent Tam, also an elected Section ExCom member, as the Interim Chair-elect  
Dr. Alvin Kwan as the Section Secretary  
Dr. Beta Yip as the Section Honorary Treasurer.

Advice was also sought from Region-10 Director in person who was in Hong Kong right before the 1<sup>st</sup> ExCom Meeting. He highly supported this step to get Hong Kong Section moving again.

#### 6. Problem IEEE website domain name *ieee.org.hk*

Hong Kong Section website had been very unstable and unreliable in recent years especially in 2016. Wrong information was displayed when the Site was luckily online. Mr. Edward Cheung in PolyU is still keeping and controlling Section's domain name and unwilling to handover the control back to Hong Kong Section. I have been asking him many times to handover the control back to Hong Kong Section since March 2016, but in vain. As of last night, he still refused.



#### 7. IEEE-life Newsletter

This month, we have launched a new monthly newsletter, IEEE-life Newsletter, to better communicating with members in Hong Kong. I hope this can get member interested on IEEE Hong Kong.

If you like any activities to be include in it, please simply provide written description in word format with a maximum of 500 words and/or up to 2 photos of the activity. We have a template to facilitate that.



8. *Vote of thanks for George Lau, immediate past Section Chair.*

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our hearty thanks to Dr. George Lau, as the 2016 Chairman of Hong Kong, who had led us through such a difficult year.

9. *Thanks to all of you attending the 2016 AGM*

### IEEE Region 10 Annual General Meeting 2017:

Our 2017 Section Treasurer, Beta Yip, attended the R10 AGM on behalf of Hong Kong Section Chair.

*Details of R10 AGM 2017*

<i>Date</i>	4-5 March 2017 (Sat-Sun)
<i>Time</i>	Whole days
<i>Venue</i>	Makuhari Messe International Conference Hall, Chiba, Japan
<i>url</i>	<a href="http://www.ieee.org">www.ieee.org</a>
<i>Organizer</i>	IEEE Region 10 ExCom

About 110 representatives from different Sections of IEEE Region 10 (Asia Pacific Region), as well as the Directors of Region 4 (Central US) and Region 8 (Africa, Europe, Middle East), attended the R10 Annual General Meeting in Makuhari Messe International Conference Hall, Chiba, Japan on 4-5 March 2017. Besides the meeting, training workshops were also held. Dr. YIP Chi Lap, the Honorary Treasurer of Hong Kong Section 2017, attended the meeting on behalf of Hong Kong Section Chair. This year is the Golden Jubilee of IEEE Region 10 and a series of events including the publication of a Commemoration Book will be held.



*Region 10 ExCom presenting their projects in a poster session*



*Some participants in the meeting*



*President-elect 2018 candidate Jacek Zurada*



*President-elect 2018 candidate Vincenzo Piuri*



*R10 ExCom cutting a Golden Jubilee bread*

## Chapter activities:

### Magnetic Chapter

**IEEE Magnetics Society Distinguished Lecture Series 2017: Dr Hendrik Ohldag**  
**Title: Ultrafast and Very Small: Discover Nanoscale Magnetism with Picosecond Time Resolution Using X-Rays**

<i>Date</i>	23 March 2017 (Thursday)
<i>Time</i>	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM
<i>Venue</i>	Chen Kuan Cheng Forum (LT-H), HKUST
<i>url</i>	<a href="http://web.phys.ust.hk/images/stories/com_seminar/170323_hendrik%20ohldag.pdf">http://web.phys.ust.hk/images/stories/com_seminar/170323_hendrik%20ohldag.pdf</a>
<i>Organizer</i>	Physics, HKUST/MAG

### Technology and Engineering Management (TEM14) Chapter

#### Chapter AGM on 23 February 2017

<i>Chapter AGM</i>	2016
<i>Date</i>	16 March 2017 (Thursday)
<i>Time</i>	6:10PM-7:15PM
<i>Action</i>	2017 Officers Confirmed.
<b>Post/Name/Affiliation</b>	
Chair	Dr. Edwin CHEUNG /IVE
Vice-Chair	Prof. XIE Min /CityU
Treasurer	Dr WL HA /Computime Ltd
Secretary	Dr Walter FUNG /Poly U

#### TEM Seminar details on 16 March 2017

<i>Seminar</i>	Smart Automation
<i>Speaker</i>	Prof. Andrew KUSIAK Department Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, University of Iowa, USA
<i>Date</i>	16 March 2017 (Thursday)
<i>Time</i>	11:00am-11:50am
<i>Venue</i>	B5-208, AC1, CityU
<i>Co-Organizers</i>	Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management (SEEM), CityU
<i>Free</i>	All are Welcome!
<i>Enquiry:</i>	3442 8408
<i>Status</i>	Open

#### TEM Forum details on 20 August 2016

<i>Open Forum</i>	<b>From Digital Leadership to Re-industrialization : Innovators meet Entrepreneurs</b>
<i>Date</i>	20 August 2016 (Sat)
<i>Time</i>	11:30 to 18:00
<i>Venue</i>	V322 Innovation Tower, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
<i>Organizers</i>	Co-organized with SMC Chapter and Polytechnic University
<i>Free</i>	All are Welcome!
<i>Attendances</i>	250
<i>Status</i>	Taken by event

#### Speakers in order of talks:

1. Prof. Cao Jiannong (曹建農教授), Chair Professor & Head, Department of Computing, PolyU
2. Mr Howard Lau (劉漢良先生), Chief Architect,
3. Data Center Solution, Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd.
4. Dr Joseph C. K. Liu (廖子強博士), Director, China Concord Ltd.
5. Dr Bryan Wong (黃兆輝博士), Executive Director, LTBL Co. Ltd.
6. Dr David Chung (鍾偉強博士), Under Secretary,
7. Innovation and Technology Bureau, Hong Kong SAR
8. Dr Abraham Lam (林恒一博士), Director,
9. MEGA Automation Ltd., Fusquare Technology Ltd. (Shenzhen)
10. Dr Thomas Chan Man Hung (陳文鴻博士), Director,
11. China Business Center, PolyU
12. Dr Henry Chan (Associate Professor, PolyU), Dr Calvin Hu (Senior VP, Yonyou),
13. Prof. Ir. Daniel Lai (Professor of Practice, PolyU)



*TEM Forum Speakers and OC members*

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## Newly-elected 2017 Chapters' Officers

### SP Chapter

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Dr. WU Yik Chung
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Dr. PO Lai Man
<b>Secretary</b>	Dr. LO Wai Kit
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr. Huang Kaibin

### EMC Chapter

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Dr. LEE Kam Chuen, KC
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Mr. CHAN Chi Fung, George
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. TANG Chi Kit, Jacky
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr. CHAN Chi Fung, George

### EMB HK-Macau Joint Chapters

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Dr. WAN Feng
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Dr. HU Xiaoling
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. MOU Pedro Antonio
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dr. MOK Kam Ming

### C(016) Chapter

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Dr. WONG Tak Lam
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Dr. KEUNG Jacky
<b>Secretary</b>	Dr. TANG Kai Tai
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr. LAI Kwok Keung

### RA/CS Joint Chapters

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Prof. LIU Lu
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Prof. LI Youfu
<b>Secretary</b>	Prof. ZHANG Li
<b>Treasurer</b>	Prof. YUAN Haidong

## 2017 Affinity Groups' Officers

### Young Professional

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Mr. INASU Anand
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Mr. YANG Peng
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. PARTHIPAN Hari Hara Sudhan
<b>Treasurer</b>	Mr. LIN Zhe

### WIE

	Name
<b>Chair</b>	Ms. JANG Lieny
<b>Vice-Chair</b>	Dr. CHAN Paulina
<b>Secretary</b>	Mr. CHAN Tai Wai, David
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ms. SZE Wun Hau

### *Call for newsletter activities*

- *12<sup>th</sup> day of each month is the cut-off date to be included in the newsletter of that month.*
- *In word format (\*.doc or \*.docx)*
- *Each activity can have a maximum of 500 words and 2 photos*
- *Technical and non-technical activities*



## Appendix

distributions (in keeping with IEEE email policies), postings on Section websites, social media venues, or hard copy distributions.

### E. SECTION GOVERNING AND OPERATING DOCUMENTS

1. Section Bylaws: All Sections are required to operate in accordance with the IEEE Constitution, IEEE Bylaws, IEEE Policies, and the MGA Operations Manual. The use of Section bylaws shall be allowed when required to meet the requirements of local laws. All such required Section bylaws shall be submitted for review to the Region Director, who will then forward to MGA staff for review and to obtain IEEE Legal and Compliance department legal approval before submission to the MGA Board for approval.
2. Local Operating Procedures: Sections may maintain local operating procedures documents, which may be used to record the administration and operational processes of the Section. These documents shall not contain any exceptions to the MGA Operations Manual.
3. Addendums: Sections requiring exceptions to the MGA Operations Manual shall submit an addendum request to the Region Director for review. If the request meets with the approval of the Region Director, it shall then be presented to MGA staff for review before submitting to the MGA Board for approval.

### F. SECTION OFFICERS

At a minimum the officers of the Section shall include a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Section may combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. A Section may define in its local operating procedures document if the Vice Chair shall automatically become the Chair at the conclusion of their term.

1. With the exception of the Student Branch Representative, each member of the Section ExCom shall be an IEEE member, in good standing, of Graduate Student Member, Member, Senior Member, or Fellow grade.
2. Pending election of the first officers of the Section, the Region Director shall appoint a Chair pro tem of the Section ExCom, and the Chair pro tem may appoint a Secretary and Treasurer pro tem.

#### **3. The Section Chair shall serve as Chair for all meetings of the Section and the Section ExCom.**

4. The Section Vice Chair shall assist the Chair in the coordination of all Section activities. **At the request of the Section Chair or in the absence of the Section Chair, the Section Vice Chair shall chair meetings of the Section, Section Committee, or Section ExCom.**

#### **5. The duties of the Section Secretary shall include correspondence, the keeping of the minutes of the committee meetings, mailing notices, and submission of meeting and officer reports to the MGA department at the end of each year **and such other duties as are assigned to him/her by the Chair.****

6. The duties of the Section Treasurer shall include the development of a Section budget for approval by the Section, accounting of all Section funds, keeping financial records, and submitting the financial operations report of the Section to the IEEE Senior Director – Financial Services.  
*[MGA Operations Manual, Section 9 page 90]*



### 7. Officer Terms and Eligibility:

- a. All officers shall be elected by Section members of Graduate Student Member, Member, Senior Member, and Fellow grade. Elections for all officers shall take place every one or two years, in accordance with the term of office as defined by the Section.
- b. The term of office for all officers shall be one or two years. A Section must define the officer term as one or two years and record it in its local operating procedures document; if the officer term is not recorded in the local operating procedures document, it shall be two years. An individual may continue in the position until a successor has been duly elected and takes office.
- c. The term of office shall normally be from 1 January through 31 December.
- d. The consecutive period of service in any one office shall normally not exceed four years. All officers shall not serve in any one position, in any single organizational unit, more than six years in total. Exceptions to this rule require approval by the Region Director who will annually report such exceptions to the MGA Board.

### **8. Any vacancy occurring during the year shall be filled by a majority vote of the Section ExCom.**

### **9. Removal from office. In order to proceed with the following options - a two-thirds vote of the Section ExCom is required or 15% of the Section voting members must submit a petition to the Region Director. An individual can only be removed from office in the same manner in which they were elected.**

- a. If the individual was elected at an annual General Meeting, they may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members at duly constituted meeting. Prior to taking this action, the meeting must be announced to the general membership via their normal practice.
- b. If the individual was elected via the general membership (paper or electronic) election, this individual may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total votes cast of the recall election.

*[MGA Operations Manual, Section 9 page 91]*