

IEEE Madras Section
Minutes of the AGM held on 14th June 2023(Wednesday)

**Meeting Venue: Urvashi Hall, Hotel Palmgrove,
Chennai**

Agenda 1: Welcome address:

The Section Chairman Dr. K. Porkumaran Welcomed all the senior members and other professional members present. In his speech he highlighted the following :

Major programs conducted in the section:

HUB congress conducted in Coimbatore and planning to conduct in various regions, Student project funding 2022-23, Industry conclave, Faculty Development Program, IEEE Madras Section Global Leadership Connect and awards received by various SBs, IEEE Volunteers are mentioned below:

IEEE Computer Society, Madras Section received "T. Michael Elliott Distinguished Service" Distinguish award 2023 to Mr. H. R. Mohan

Runner Up in Best Outgoing Student Award Category in Shri Pralhad P Chhabria Award 2023

Ms. Reshmaja K Ramesh, BE, ECE, SRM VEC,

IEEE India Council Awards 22

Outstanding SB AWARD : St. Josephs College of Engineering

Outstanding Student Volunteer Award : Aasik, St Joseph's College of Engineering

Outstanding WIE Student Volunteer award : Abinata, St Joseph's College of Engineering

IEEE MGA YP AWARD 22 : Mr. Abdul Halik

IEEE R10 Outstanding Volunteer Award 22 : Dr. N. Kumarappan, Immediate Past Chairman IEEE Madras Section

IEEE SIGHT Volunteering Award 22 (Honorary Mention): Dr. Darwin Jose, Chairman, IEEE Education society Madras Section

MGA EXEMPLARY STUDENT BRANCH AWARD 2022 : Panimalar Institute of Technology, Sai Ram Engineering College

DARREL CHONG AWARD 2022 : Panimalar Institute of Technology – Silver, Jeppiaar Institute of Technology - Silver

MGA OUTSTANDING BRANCH COUNSELOR AND BRANCH ADVISOR 2022 : Mrs. Benisha, Jeppiaar Institute of Technology

INDIA COUNCIL OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD 21 : Dr. Nithyavathy N, Past Chair, IEEE WIE MAS

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOCAL AND REGIONAL IEEE YP AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES 21: Ashvanth B

WIE INSPIRING STUDENT AWARD 21: Indhumathi Gunasekaran, Panimalar Institute of Technology

INDIA COUNCIL BEST STUDENT 21 VOLUNTEER AWARD: Indhumathi G, Panimalar Institute of Technology

IEEE RICHARD E. MERWIN SCHOLARHIP SPRING 2022

Sridevi P - Panimalar Institute of Technology

Dasa Saranya - Panimalar Institute of Technology

Akshaya S - St Joseph's College of Engineering

Priyanka J - St Joseph's College of Engineering

Ulageshwari – S.A. Engineering College

Anusha V - Jeppiar Engineering College

Shobana L – Jeppiar Institute of Technology

Niranjana Kumar S - Sairam Engineering College

Swathi K - Sairam Engineering College

IEEE RICHARD E. MERWIN SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2023

Lohitha P – Panimalar Institute of Technology
Harini K – Sai Ram Engineering College
Gokula Krishnan R – Jeppiaar Engineering College
Abishal N S – St Joseph College of Engineering

IEEE SIGHT Funding 4 Projects

Sairam Engineering College (2)
Kumuraguru College of Engineering (2)

IEEE EPICS Funding

Sairam Engineering College
Sri Krishna College of Engineering and Technology
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NEW SOCIETY CHAPTER, SB, SBC Started

New Section Society Chapter - 2

New Student Branches - 2

Student Branch Society Chapter Opened

Agenda 2: Secretary's Report - detailing the earlier AGM details held on 28th Sep 2022 and confirm and approval of Minutes of AGM held on 28th Sep 2022.

The Section Secretary, Dr. R. Hari Prakash welcomed all the members present. The minutes of the meeting held on 28th Sep 2022 was already circulated along with Agenda.

He informed that Mr. Vincent Jain, Member IEEE has sent a mail (Just few hours before the start of this AAGM) stating that he is unable to attend this AAGM today therefore he has sent the queries through mail to discuss it during the AAGM. This issue was discussed in the EC meeting held just before this AAGM and it was decided by EC to place the same before the AAGM. Accordingly the mail received from Mr.Vincent Jain was displayed to all the members present in the AAGM.

In reply Mr. C. R. Sasi, LM IEEE told that as there are 52 questions, which are quite lengthy hence the members can look in to some important queries alone and remaining EC can reply later. All the members present agreed to this view and the following are the queries addressed during the AAGM on the above referred mail.

Important queries answered are as below:

- 1) Meeting Mode: The AAGM meeting was announced with 21 day notice that the meeting will be held on physical mode with the approval of EC. As Mr. Vincent Jain's request reached at the last minute it was not able to change it as hybrid mode without the approval of the EC and Mr.H.R.Mohan, SM IEEE suggested to hold the AGM in hybrid mode hereafter. Hence the members has approved to hold the forthcoming AGM's in Hybrid mode.
- 2) Meeting was conducted in the name Adjourned AGM because during the previous AGM held on 28th Sep 2022, the accounts was not approved due to some clarification required by the members regarding MASCON 2022. The purpose of conducting AGM is to approve the accounts, since it was not done, the EC has decided to conduct it as Adjourned AGM as per the Expert advice of TN Societies registration department. All the members present unanimously accepted to conduct this meeting as Adjourned AGM.
- 3) Delay in filing the Society Registration Renewal - As the previous EC handed over during 2nd Sep 2022 and due to pandemic situation and no section events were conducted, therefore the TN registration society renewal was delayed. The current EC has done the society renewal for the year 2021 -22. The AAGM Noted the information.
- 4) It was informed to the AAGM that The MASCON 2021 accounts has been completely audited by the HQ very meticulous and it has been reported as "satisfactory".

Apart from the above the following are the other discussions had in the AAGM:

- 5) Mr. Prashant Mohan, Member, IEEE, informed that any major events circulated by Madras Section can be intimated atleast 2 weeks prior to the event for better participation of the members and it was agreed to circulate as early as possible.

The Secretary's report has been approved by members. It was proposed by Dr. N. Venkateswaran(SM91165099) and Seconded by Mr. Sreekanth (SM90353961)

Agenda 3: Presentation on formation and recommendations of ARC(Administrative Reforms Committee) on MASCON 2021 and observations of EC on ARC report.

The Secretary informed that the EC has decided to frame a "Administrative Reforms Committee" (ARC) and shall work with the overall function of Section TORs (Terms of Reference). In that the ARC took up the major agenda – MASCON 2021 and gave their final report. The same was presented and read to the members for their views:

- 1) Mr. C. R. Sasi (LM IEEE), specified on point no.4 regarding code of Ethics. He insisted that the IEEE ethics should be followed for any activity which are to be conducted by the section and under MASCON expenses the amount paid to the judges for the session was routed through the third party Intellect Diligentec Solutions in this firm the then EC member Dr.Thangaprakash was involved is the violation of code of ethics. . Dr. S. Joseph Galdwin the then treasurer of EC, clarified the reason why the payment was routed through third party Diligentec Solutions. The AAGM recommended that such Conflict of Interest by Dr. Thangaprakash should be reported to GIEEE.
- 2) Further, it was informed, Dr. Thangaprakash is a member of India Council representing Madras Section without the current Executive Committee consent. In this regard the section Chair has already sent a mail to Indian Council Chair informing that Dr. Thangaprakash is not the representative of Madras Section and he must be replaced. If one more nominee needed by Indian Council, the Madras Section will nominate the same.

The members present accepted unanimously and approved the same to inform the GIEEE/India Council. It was proposed by Dr. S. Moorthy, (SM 92287558) and seconded by Dr. B. Meenakshi, (SM 94327133)

- 3) Mr. Gopal (SM,IEEE), insisted that any flagship conference MASCON organized should have opened an separate a bank account.
- 4) Mr. H.R. Mohan(SM,IEEE) informed that the MASCON budget should be approved prior by the EC and the budget limit should be maintained. He also added that the income and expenditure should be monitored by the EC so that expenditure over income can be avoided.
- 5) The Secretary, Dr. R. Hariprakash in reply informed that the new EC will stick on to the ARC decisions and EC has proposed to host another flagship conference which will result to set an unique example and make the event grant success and benefit to the members.
- 6) Mr. C.R. Sasi (LM,IEEE) informed that the EC should follow very strictly the Tamilnadu Society byelaws so that to any such problems will not be faced hereafter.
- 7) The Secretary, Dr. R. Hariprakash informed that Treasurer and Secretary attended the Secretary and Treasurer conclave organized by Indian Council at Mumbai and started implementing policies as per the norms informed in this conclave.
- 8) The Secretary, Dr. R. Hariprakash informed that the section bylaws will be amended accordingly that members sending nomination for any office bearer position will be eligible only if they had holded any positions in the previous section Executive Committees and to become a EC member minimum of 7/10 years of service to section should have been completed. This amendment will be kept for approval in the next AGM.

Agenda 4: Presentation of Treasurer's report(2021-22) with updates as per earlier AGM held on 28th Sep 2022.

The Section Treasurer, Dr. S. Radha informed that all the required documents like schedules, Income and Expenditure statement, Audit report has been uploaded on the Madras Section website by 21 days notice and then she presented the audited financial statement of the section for the financial year 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. The following are the major points discussed and clarified to the members:

- 1) Mr. C. R. Sasi, LM IEEE informed that the auditor should sign in the place where the correction is made. Correction : Removed the word "Trust" and added the word "Society".
- 2) The Treasurer's report was approved by the members. It was proposed by Mr.C.R. Sasi(LS7117492) and seconded by Mr. T.S. Rangarajan(M 1109545)

Agenda 5: Presentation of Budget for various activities for the year 2023.

The Section Treasurer, Dr. S. Radha presented the budget for the year 2023 for the member's approval. She explained all the figure allocated on various heads. She highlighted on the below:

- 1) As informed in the GIEEE, Bangalore that all section have allocated a drive to upload all the bank transactions and their corresponding bills. The members present also agreed unanimously.

- 2) Mr. H. R. Mohan(SM,IEEE) has suggested that some amount can be allocated in the budget for attending the major events like Section Congress, R10 Meet etc.,
- 3) The Budget for the year 2023 has been approved by the members. It was proposed by Mr.T.S.Rangarajan (M1109545) and seconded by Dr. Rani Hemamalini(M 95172496). From this year onwards the voucher payment will not be accepted. The payments should be made directly to the vendors through bills.
- 4) Dr. S. Elangovan SM suggested the section society chairs can attend 3 or 4 EC meetings physically and remaining through hybrid mode. The Treasurer informed that their travel can be claimed by the section only if any section society does not have any funds.
- 5) This year onwards the section is the process of getting the TIN and TAN number as advised in the GIEEE office.
- 6) Mr. Prashant Mohan suggested that Executive committee(EC) numbers can be increased to hold various position for organizing various activities by the section.

Agenda 6: Consider and approve the Appointment of auditor 2023 – 24

The members approved to appoint the same auditor for the year 2023 – 24. It was proposed by Dr. S..Elangovan(SM 90535296) and seconded by Mr. T.S. Rangarajan(M 1109545)

The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. P. Sakthivel, Vice- Chairman(academics)

Dr. R. Hariprakash
Secretary,
IEEE Madras Section.