

**International Water Association
Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK)**

Minutes of the 11th Executive Committee Meeting

Venue : WSD Headquarters Conference Room, Room 4819, Immigration Tower

Date : 15 October 2013 (Tuesday)

Time : 5:45 p.m.

Present

Ir L T MA	Director of Water Supplies (<i>Chairman</i>) Water Supplies Department (WSD)
Ir C C CHAN	Director of Drainage Services (<i>Vice Chairman</i>) Drainage Services Department (DSD)
Ir Bobby M T NG	Deputy Director of Water Supplies (<i>Secretary</i>) Water Supplies Department (WSD)
Ir H S WONG	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical (<i>Treasurer</i>) Water Supplies Department (WSD)
Prof G H CHEN	Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, HKUST
Ir C Y FONG	Managing Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd
Prof X Y LI	Professor of Environmental Engineering Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
Ir Alan H L MAN	Vice President and Managing Director – North Asia Pacific, Black & Veatch Water
Ir Alex Y W NG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

In Attendance

Ir C M LAM	Senior Engineer/Headquarters, Water Supplies Department (WSD) (<i>Note Taker</i>)
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(1) Welcoming remarks

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 11th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK). The Chairman introduced new members from WSD, Mr Bobby M T NG and Mr H S WONG who have taken up the post of Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Chairman encouraged all members to continue to be proactive for the betterment of the water industry. More views from different sectors including the industries, professional institutions and academia should also be gathered in formulating strategy in meeting the challenges ahead.

All to note

(2) Matters arising from the 10th Executive Committee Meeting (29 August 2011)

The Minute of the 10th Executive Committed Meeting had been circulated and confirmed as correct.

All to note

(3) IWA Governing Assembly Meeting held on 14 September 2013, Istanbul, Turkey

Ir C M LAM reported that WSD Staff, Mr. W L LEUNG, Assistant Director/New Works had been appointed by the Chairman to attend the meeting. The Governing Assembly Meeting was opened with the Annual General Meeting (AGM), and followed by the Joint Meeting of the Governing Assembly and Strategic Council (JM).

All to note

During the AGM, Prof. Helmut Kroiss was elected as President of IWA with effect from 9/2014 to 9/2016. Tokyo, Japan was endorsed by the Governing Assembly as the host for the 2018 World Water Congress & Exhibition. The Governing Assembly supported the recommendation by the IWA Executive for hosting the 2017 IWA Development Congress & Exhibition in either the South-East Asia or Latin America regions.

As for the JM, Governing Assembly were consulted and invited to exchange views on various topics including developing Young Water Professionals Country Chapters;

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interactions between Governing Members and Specialist Groups, and development of IWA communication strategy etc. IWA Executive Director, Mr. Ger BERGKAMP presented the draft “1st Outline & Strategic Priorities Areas” (copy attached in Appendix I) for collecting views from Governing Assembly so as to develop the 2014-18 Strategic Plan. The Chairman welcomed views from all Co-opted members, which would be collected by the Secretariat for a response from IWAHK during the regional level consultation later this year.

(4) 10th IWA-ASPIRE Council Meeting held on 10 September 2013, Daejeon, Korea

Ir C M LAM reported that WSD Staff, Mr T H CHAN, Senior Engineer and Mr K C YAN, Waterworks Chemist had been appointed by the Chairman to attend the meeting in conjunction with the 5th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition. The meeting confirmed the Minutes of the 9th IWA-ASPIRE Council Meeting held in Busan, Korea which the Vice Chairman has also attended. During the meeting, IWA President, Dr Glenn DAIGGER expected Asian region to take up a more important role in the IWA global affairs. Presentations/reports from various host countries were made for the followings:

All to note

7th International Young Water Professional Conference
7-10 December 2014, Taipei

6th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition
20-24 September 2015, Beijing

7th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition
2017, Kuala Lumpur

2018 IWA World Congress
Tokyo has submitted a proposal

(5) IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technology (LET 2015)

Prof G H CHEN conducted a short presentation on the preparation of LET 2015. The Conference will be held in HK in June 2015. Prof G H CHEN solicited the support

All to note

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from IWAHK and presented the necessary preparation tasks and relevant timeline. It was anticipated that a local organising committee should be formed by early 2014. General discussions on choice of venue, sponsorship packages and logistic requirements were made. The Chairman suggested that the content of LET 2015 should have theme related to Hong Kong, and Ir Alan H L MAN and Ir C Y FONG could provide comment from the perspective view of local experts.

(6) World Water Monitoring Challenge (WWMC) 2013

Ir C M LAM reported that World Water Monitoring Challenge 2013 in Hong Kong will be held in conjunction with Open Day of Ngau Tam Mei Water Treatment Works on 2 November 2013. Around 120 secondary students in two batches will be invited to carry out the test for WWMC. Technical guided tour will also be provided to the student prior to the test. Waterworks chemists would take charge of the test as usual and brief participants on the testing instructions. IWAHK would be the co-organiser of the part for WWMC and the expenses of which would be absorbed by WSD.

All to note

(7) New Term (2013-2015) for Co-opted Membership

The Chairman informed members that according to Rule 10 of the IWAHK Constitution, the co-opted membership should be for 2 years and that the current one has expired on August 2013. In response to verbal invitation from the Chairman, all existing Co-opted members were pleased to accept the invitation and to continue serving on the regional committee for another 2 years. The meeting agreed to the above co-opted memberships for the term 2013-2015 and appointment letters would be issued in due course.

All to note

Secretary

[Post meeting notes : Appointment letters were sent on 22 October 2013]

(8) Vote of Thanks

Ir Alan H L MAN proposed a Vote of Thanks to the Chairman as he will start his pre-retirement leave on 13

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November 2013. Members in the meeting extended their hearty appreciation and special recognition of the invaluable contribution made by the Chairman in injecting fresh impetus and sharper sense of direction into the work of IWAHK over the years.

(6) Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7:00 p.m. The date of the 12th Executive Committee Meeting would be announced later.