

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

Minutes of the 6th General Meeting

Venue : HVRC Conference Room 1, Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley

Date : 12 May 2015 (Tuesday)

Time : 6:00 p.m.

Present

Ir Enoch T S LAM	Director of Water Supplies (<i>Chairman</i>)
Ir K W MAK	Director of Drainage Services (Acting) (<i>Vice Chairman</i>)
Ir C L WONG	Deputy Director of Water Supplies (<i>Secretary</i>)
Ir M C WONG	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical (<i>Treasurer</i>)
Prof G H CHEN	Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, HKUST (<i>Co-opted Member</i>)
Ir C Y FONG	Managing Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd (<i>Co-opted Member</i>)
Ir Alan H L MAN	Managing Director – Black & Veatch Hong Kong Limited (<i>Co-opted Member</i>)
Ir Fedrick Y F KAN	Assistant Director of Drainage Services/Operations & Maintenance
Mr. Samuel CHUI	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (EPD)
Mr. Anthony WK FOK	Senior Environmental Protection Officer, EPD
Ir YU Sai Yen	Executive Director, Gammon Construction Ltd.
Ir Johnson YUEN	Director, Ming Hing Waterworks Engineering Co. Ltd. (Ming Hing)
Ir Dennis CHEUNG	Chief Financial Officer, Ming Hing
Ir Edward MA	General Manager, Ming Hing
Ir Andy LUNG	Contracts Manager, Wo Hing Construction Co. Ltd.
Dr Daniel TSANG	Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Ms YAN Hanlu	University of Hong Kong (HKU)
Ir Harry LEE	Senior Engineer, Arup Hong Kong
Ir. LUK Wai Hung	Chief Engineer, Drainage Services Department (DSD)
Ir. WONG Sui Kan	Chief Engineer, DSD
Ir CHAU Sai Wai	Chief Engineer, Water Supplies Department (WSD)
Ir KAM Wing Kee	Chief Engineer, WSD
Ir LEE Tai On	Chief Engineer, WSD
Ir Patrick KP CHENG	Senior Engineer, WSD
Ir Philip WK CHUNG	Senior Engineer, WSD
Ir Andy CC LOK	Senior Engineer, WSD

Mr KWOK Yau Ting	Senior Chemist, WSD
Ir Samuel LW CHOI	Senior Engineer, WSD (<i>Note Taker</i>)
Ir CHAN Chi Yam	Engineer, WSD
Ir Ken H CHAN	Engineer, WSD
Ir FOK Ka Lai	Engineer, WSD
Ir KU Kwok Pun	Engineer, WSD
Ir LAM Kwan	Engineer, WSD
Ir Johnson KC LEE	Engineer, WSD
Ir LI Siu Lung	Engineer, WSD
Ir LO Tsz Lung	Engineer, WSD

Absent with Apology

Prof X Y LI	Professor, Environmental Engineering Department of Civil Engineering, HKU (<i>Co-opted Member</i>)
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In Attendance

Ir Robert YK CHAN	Executive Director, AECOM
Ir David LUI	Senior Vice President, AECOM
Ir Derrick PANG	Director, Chun Wo Development Holdings Ltd. (Chun Wo)
Ir Alfred LEUNG	Director, Chun Wo
Dr May CHUI	Assistant Professor, Environmental Engineering Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
Ir. Ellen CHENG	Senior Engineer, DSD

Note: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Co-opted Members were referred to Executive Committee (EC) of IWAHK.

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1. Welcoming Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and guests to the 6th General Meeting (GM) of IWAHK.

The Chairman shared his observation when attending the IWA Governing Assembly Meeting in Lisbon last year. He was deeply impressed by other Governing Members that they were very active at the meeting and they were enthusiastic to show the development of water technologies in their own countries. He hoped that the practitioners in the water industry in Hong Kong should seek opportunity to share their experience and knowledge with peers and specialists around the world.

2. Matters arising from the 5th GM and the 12th Executive Committee Meeting (ECM)

The minutes of the 5th GM and the 12th ECM held on 28 March 2011 and 8 December 2014 respectively were confirmed without amendment. The items to be followed up were as follows:

2.1 Co-hosting 8th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition 2019

The Chairman proposed to discuss the item under Item 5 of the agenda below.

2.2 Latest Progress of IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater Technology (LET 2015)

The Chairman mentioned that three government departments, namely DSD, EPD and WSD had provided support and participated in organizing the conference. DSD and WSD would arrange a joint technical tour to Sha Tin Seafront Salt Water Pumping Station and SANI demonstration plant at Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works while EPD would arrange a technical tour to the sludge treatment facility at Tuen Mun. Colleagues of DSD and WSD would also present several papers in the conference. The Secretary for the Environment, Mr. WONG Kam Sing would be one of the keynote speakers at the Opening Address.

Prof G H CHEN then made a short presentation on the updated position of LET 2015 (copy of the presentation slides attached at **Appendix I**).

Prof CHEN thanked for the strong support from DSD, EPD and WSD as well as other sponsors viz. Hong Kong Science and Technology Park (HKSTP), AECOM and Torishima.

He appealed to all present to support the event and encourage their staff to participate in the conference.

2.3 Future Arrangement of World Water Monitoring Challenge (WWMC)

The Chairman briefed the meeting about the background of WWMC. It was an international educational programme to build public awareness in protecting water resources. IWAHK had been holding WWMC in the past years because the activity was supported by IWA. However, WWMC was delinked from IWA since 1.1.2015. As discussed in the last ECM, it should be prudently assessed whether IWAHK should continue to support the event as in the past. The form and arrangement of the event should also be reviewed. The details would be discussed in the next ECM.

All EC
Members

2.4 Membership of IWAHK (University Membership)

In response to the enquiries on University Membership raised in the last ECM, the Chairman reported that, after clarification with IWA, a department of an university could apply for the University Membership. The University Membership fee would depend on the number of nominees which was in the range from Euro 480 for 5 nominees to Euro 2,424 for 30 nominees.

2.5 Registration of IWAHK as a Society

The Chairman mentioned that IWAHK had not been registered as a society since its formation for many years. The matter was discussed in the last ECM and it was concluded that registration of IWAHK as a society should be proceeded to comply with the Societies Ordinances. He reported that the registration was completed in March 2015 and the three office-bearers of the society were the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the Secretary of IWAHK.

3. Amendments of IWAHK Constitution

The Secretary reported that the proposed amendments of the Constitution of IWAHK was discussed in the last ECM and a copy of the proposed amendments had been circulated to all Members for comments (copy of the proposed amendments of the Constitution attached at **Appendix II**). He then went through the salient points of the proposed amendments as follows:

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- (a) Rule 3
The proposed amendment was to cover adequate representation from different sectors in the water industry in Hong Kong including government departments, academics, consultants and contractors.
- (b) Rules 4, 5 & 8
It was proposed to replace “IWA Board” by “IWA Governing Assembly” to be in line with the term used in IWA Governance Manual.
- (c) Rule 4 (1st bullet point)
The proposed amendment was to be in line with the Articles of Association of IWA and Operating Procedure for IWA Governing Membership that each IWA Governing Member would have *between one to three* official representatives.
- (d) Rule 4 (4th bullet point)
It was proposed to replace “bid for” by “to propose” according to the wording used in the Operating Procedure for IWA Governing Membership.
- (e) Rule 5
It was proposed to replace “Student” by “University” as Student Membership had been included in Individual Membership.
- (f) Rule 6 & 10
It was proposed to increase the number of Co-opted Members of the EC from 5 to 8 to enhance the representation from different sectors in the EC.
- (g) Rule 7
It was proposed to add “EC of the” before IWAHK to make it clear that the “Chairman” should be referring to the Chairman of the EC of the IWAHK.
- (h) Rule 8 (1st and last bullet points)
It was proposed to add “individual” and “or a nominated representative of an IWA Corporate Member” to make the statement more clear. It was also proposed to delete the last bullet point as nominating representatives to join IWA Specialist Groups could be done by individual Members.

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- (i) Rule 9
It was proposed to delete this Rule as it was covered in Rule 8.
- (j) Rule 10
The proposed amendment was to be in line with the change in Rule 8 above.
- (k) Rule 11
It was proposed to delete “every three to six months and” to reflect the actual situation that the ECM was held once every year in the past.
- (l) Rule 12
It was proposed to delete “Biennial” to provide flexibility for holding the GM more frequently when necessary.
- (m) Rule 13
It was proposed to delete “Extra ordinary” since with the change in Rule 12, GM could be held at any time and it was not necessary to have Extra Ordinary GM.

The Vice Chairman enquired whether all Individual Members of IWA in Hong Kong should be included in the IWAHK. The Chairman responded that the view from Dr. Tao LI, Director of Great China Office of IWA had been sought. Dr. LI advised that it would be adequate if IWAHK could comprise IWA Members of different sectors including government departments, academics, consultants and contractors and it was not necessary for IWAHK to include every single Individual Members in Hong Kong.

There was no further comment and the proposed amendments of the Constitution of IWAHK were passed in the meeting.

4. Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events

The Secretary reported the following forthcoming IWA events :

- (a) The 12th IWA Leading Edge Conference on Water and Wastewater, Hong Kong, China, 30 May – 3 Jun 2015

This event has been reported by Prof CHEN in Item

2.2 above.

- (b) 10th International Symposium on Water Supply Technology in Kobe 2015, Kobe, Japan, 20-22 Jul 2015

WSD would contribute two oral presentations in the Symposium.

- (c) 12th IWA Specialised Conference on Design, Operation and Economics of Large Wastewater Treatment Plant (LWWTP 2015), Prague, Czech Republic, 6-9 Sep 2015

DSD has submitted 3 abstracts/papers to the Conference.

- (d) 10th Urban Drainage Modelling Conference 2015, Mont-Sainte-Anne, Canada, 20-23 Sep 2015

DSD has submitted 2 papers to this Conference.

- (e) 6th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition, Beijing, China, 20-24 Sep 2015

Several papers/presentations would be provided by DSD and WSD for the Conference. Prof. CHEN added that he and Prof. XY LI would be the keynote speakers in the Conference.

- (f) 6th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition, Brisbane, Australia, 9-13 Oct 2016

The Secretary also reported the following events relevant to the water industry although they were not events of IWA:

- (g) 第十一屆深、港、珠、澳供水界學術交流會, Shenzhen, China, 16-17 Sep 2015 (tentative)

- (h) Singapore International Water Week 2016, Singapore, 10-14 Jul 2016

The Chairman appealed for the support for these events.

5. Co-hosting of 8th IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition 2019

The Treasurer briefed the Members about the background of IWA-ASPIRE. ASPIRE was the abbreviation of Asia Pacific Region which comprised 15 Governing Members of IWA in the region. The ASPIRE had organized the IWA-ASPIRE Conference & Exhibition biennially as a platform for sharing and networking for water professionals. The hosting countries of the past and upcoming conferences were as follows:

- 1st, 2005, Singapore
- 2nd, 2007, Perth, Australia
- 3rd, 2009, Taipei
- 4th, 2011, Tokyo, Japan
- 5th, 2013, Daejeon, Korea
- 6th, 2015, Beijing, China
- 7th, 2017, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

During the last IWA-ASPIRE Council Meeting held alongside IWA World Water Congress in Lisbon in September 2014, the representatives from Macau had in passing mentioned about their preliminary plan to consider submitting a bid to host the 8th IWA-ASPIRE Conference in 2019. After the meeting, the representatives from Macau indicated about the possible option of co-hosting of the event with Hong Kong.

He added that Hong Kong had hosted a water industry related conference, namely Water 96, in 1996 and its scale was similar to the current IWA-ASPIRE Conference.

The Chairman mentioned that according to his understanding, a proposal should be submitted in the coming IWA-ASPIRE Council Meeting to be held in Brisbane in Oct 2016 for hosting the event in 2019. He then invited Members to offer their views on this issue. Members were supportive of IWAHK to host the event in 2019 or 2021 and were confident IWAHK had the capability to hold the event successfully. The hosting of the ASPIRE event would be discussed at the next ECM.

All EC
Members

6. Appointment of New Secretary and Treasurer

The meeting agreed that Ir. CL WONG and Ir. MC

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WONG to take up the posts of Secretary and Treasurer of IWAHK respectively subsequent to the retirement of former Secretary and Treasurer. Regarding the vacancy arising from the retirement of the Co-opted Member of EC, Mr. Alex YW NG, a replacement would be arranged in due course.

7. Presentation on Total Water Management

Ir. SW CHAU of WSD and Ir. SK WONG of DSD made a joint presentation on Total Water Management in Hong Kong (copy of the presentation slides attached at **Appendix III**).

8. Date of Next Meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. The date of the next GM would be announced in due course.