

the Director of Water Supplies pursuant to Clause 7 of the Constitution. The Chairman also added that Ir C K WONG, the Director of Drainage Services had accepted the invitation of the immediate past Chairman on 5 October 2005 and since then, been serving as the Vice Chairman of IWAHK in accordance with Clause 9 of the Constitution.

(2) Matters arising from the 2nd EC Meeting

The minutes of the 2nd EC Meeting held on 9 September 2005 were confirmed. Having reviewed the minutes, the members agreed that the items were overtaken by events already.

Regarding the IWAHK Homepage, Mr Allard NOOY commented that the mission statement should be expanded to reflect the work of IWAHK better. The Chairman requested Ir T O LEE to follow up and draft a revised mission statement for the comments of all members.

Ir T O LEE

(3) Chairman's report

(i) Nomination of Ir Dr William C G KO for 2006 IWA Grand Award and Honorary Membership Award

The Chairman reported that with the support of all members, the nomination of Ir Dr William C G KO for the 2006 IWA Grand Award had been formally submitted by end April. Upon receipt of our application, IWAHQ had suggested IWAHK to nominate Ir Dr KO for the IWA Honorary Membership Award in addition to the Grand Award. The suggestion was agreed with the personal consent of Ir Dr KO.

Ir T O LEE added that according to IWAHQ, the results would be made known to the award winners in advance so that they could have sufficient lead time to plan their trip to Beijing. He would keep all members informed of the latest information on this matter. Prof Huang opined that if Ir Dr KO was to be one of the award winners, members should consider attending the presentation ceremony in order to show the support of IWAHK.

Ir T O LEE

(ii) IWA International Water Utility Leaders Forum, 23-24 May 2006, Singapore

The Chairman briefed all members on his recent trip to Singapore to attend the IWA International Water Utility Leaders Forum co-organized by IWAHQ and the Public Utilities Board (PUB) of Singapore. Over 50 delegates from more than 10

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countries and regions participated in the event and a keynote paper entitled “Management of Customers’ Demand for a Good and Reliable Water Supply Service in Hong Kong” was presented by him on behalf of WSD during one of the four sessions. He took the opportunity to meet young researchers from all over the world who were attending the IWA Young Researchers’ Conference alongside the forum. A networking session was arranged among the CEOs attending the forum with the young researchers in the evening of 24 May 2006 for experience sharing and exchange of ideas and the Chairman was invited to be one of the panellists. Also, after the forum, he had joined a delegation of the HKSAR Government to visit the top management of the PUB and some of its installations as a part of the Total Water Management Study programme. The duty visit was considered fruitful as much was learnt from Singapore’s aggressive approach to manage its water resource. Its wide use of membrane technology in water reclamation and desalination was of high reference value to Hong Kong.

In relation to the forum, Mr Allard NOOY informed the meeting that he had got a set of slides regarding NEWater projects presented by the PUB and Keppel-Seghers during the 3rd Annual Public Private Partnership Asia Summit recently held on 24-26 May in Singapore. Members who were interested to go through the slides could ask him for an extra copy.

All members

[Post Meeting Note: The Secretary had received a paper copy set of the slides from Mr Allard NOOY on 12 June 2006. Interested members could also contact him for a copy of the set of slides.]

(4) Forthcoming IWA, IWA-ASPIRE and Non-IWA Events of Special Interest

During the meeting, the following forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE events were brought up for the attention of all members:

Event	Venue	Period
5 th IWA World Water Congress	Beijing, China	10-14 Sept 2006
7 th International Symposium on Water Supply Technology	Yokohama, Japan	22-24 Nov 2006
2 nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition	Perth, Australia	28 Oct – 1 Nov 2007

Ir T O LEE reported that the deadline for early bird registration for the 5th IWA World Water Congress had been extended from 31 May 2006 to 30 June 2006. All IWAHK members were notified of the extension by e-mail already. He told members that three WSD staff would present papers (one for long session and two for short session) on behalf of the department during the congress. There was another paper from WSD selected for poster presentation. Also, the Director of Water Supplies or his representative was invited to do a presentation on Customer Liaison Group in a communication workshop during the congress period.

The Chairman added that there would be a Governing Board Meeting to be held on 8 September 2006 alongside the congress. He proposed suitable WSD staff be appointed to attend the board meeting on behalf of IWAHK. All members agreed.

Members were aware of the clash of the coming IWA World Water Congress in Beijing with an annual conference to be jointly organized by the Ministry of Construction, China and the Environment, Transport and Works Bureau in Urumqi. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would decide on the lists of delegates from WSD and Drainage Services Department (DSD) respectively for these two events in due course.

Mr Allard NOOY and Prof. HUANG wondered if a technical tour or presentation could be arranged for those overseas speakers of the congress who might stop over at Hong Kong during their trips to or back from China. After some discussions, the meeting agreed that:

- (i) the prior consent of IWAHQ should be obtained before attempting to make arrangements for such an event;
- (ii) target guest speakers should be from Europe or USA;
- (iii) the event should be held after the congress;
- (iv) consideration should be given to host the event jointly with CWIEMHK and/or HKIE.

The Secretary would follow up the matter and keep all members informed of the progress through e-mail. The Secretary

Regarding the 7th International Symposium on Water Supply Technology to be held on 22-24 November 2006 in Yokohama, Ir T O LEE informed all members that a WSD representative

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would present a paper on water quality monitoring at Tai Lam Chung Reservoir during this event to be jointly organized by the Japan Water Research Centre and IWA. He also advised that the deadline for abstract submission for the 2nd IWA-ASPIRE Conference Exhibition would be on 31 March 2007.

(5) 2006 World Water Monitoring Day

The Chairman informed members that IWAHQ had registered their support to the World Water Monitoring Day event in 2006. All members agreed that IWAHK should continue the effort to organize an event this year. The Chairman appointed Ir T O LEE to take up the coordination with other co-organizers, i.e. Education & Manpower Bureau (EMB), EPD, DSD and WSD who had co-hosted the event in 2004 and 2005, to form a working committee for promoting the event in due course. He also sought members' support to look for sponsors when more details of the event were fixed.

Ir T O LEE

All members

(6) Proposed Visit to San Tin Flood Prevention Information Centre or Ngong Ping Sewage Treatment Works Information Centre for Undergraduates

To promote IWA in the universities, the proposal of conducting technical visits to the newly opened DSD's information centres at San Tin and Ngong Ping had been brought up for discussion. Ir C K WONG told the meeting that the information centres were open for the public and he welcomed the proposed visit to DSD's installations by the potential members of IWA. Ir K L WONG suggested to include a visit to some water treatment works of WSD. The meeting agreed to Ir WONG's suggestion and endorsed the proposal. The Secretary would follow up the organization of the activity and keep members informed of the progress.

The Secretary

(7) Date of Next Meeting

There being no other businesses, the meeting ended at 6:50 p.m. The date of the 4th Executive Committee Meeting would be announced later.