

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

**Minutes of the 7th Executive Committee Meeting**

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

**Date** : 23 July 2008 (Wednesday)

**Time** : 5:45 p.m.

**Present**

Ir L T MA	Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Chairman</i> )
Ir K K LAU	Director of Drainage Services ( <i>Vice Chairman</i> )
Ir Alan H L MAN	Director, Black & Veatch
Ir C Y FONG	Director, ATAL Engineering Ltd
Prof Herbert H P FANG	Chair Professor of Environmental Engineering, Department of Civil Engineering, HKU
Dr H Y YEUNG	Principal Environmental Protection Officer, Environmental Protection Department (EPD)

**Absent with Apology**

Ir K W CHAN	Deputy Director of Water Supplies ( <i>Secretary</i> )
Ir David C W CHAU	Assistant Director of Water Supplies/Mechanical & Electrical ( <i>Treasurer</i> )
Mr. Allard NOOY	President (Asia Pacific), Covanta Energy

**In Attendance**

Ir W C FUNG	Acting Assistant Director of Water Supplies/ Mechanical & Electrical
Ir T O LEE	Senior Engineer/Headquarters, Water Supplies Department (WSD) ( <i>Note Taker</i> )

**Action**

**(1) Welcoming remarks**

The Chairman welcomed all members to the 7th Executive Committee (EC) Meeting of the International Water Association Regional Committee of Hong Kong, China (IWAHK). The Chairman also briefed the members of the new chairmanship and vice chairmanship taken up by himself and Ir K K LAU, Director of Drainage Services respectively since March 2008 subsequent to the change of leadership of WSD and Drainage Services Department (DSD).

(2) **Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> EC Meeting**

The minutes of the 6th EC Meeting held on 22 November 2007 were taken as read.

(3) **Briefing on Singapore International Water Week**

The Chairman reported that he had participated, as a member of the Hong Kong SAR Government Delegation led by the Permanent Secretary for Development (Works), Ir C K MAK, in the Singapore International Water Week (SIWW) during the period of 23 to 26 June 2008. The event was well attended by around 5,000 delegates from all over the world. He observed that Singapore was advanced in managing water issues such as resources managing, handling unaccounted-for-water and utilising innovative technologies for water reclamation etc and therefore a lot of insights were gained by the Hong Kong delegation comprising staff members of Development Bureau, DSD and WSD. In this small country, water problems were highly regarded as a national security issue. The Singapore Government had shown strong determination to support the water industry by promoting research and development, implementing appropriate policies and take steps to try out innovative ideas.

Ir Alan MAN who had also participated in the event shared with the Chairman that the country was paying tremendous effort in securing its water supply for sustainable development.

With reference to Singapore's experience in the application of membrane technology, the Chairman said that WSD would hopefully step forward from the trial operations of the pilot desalination plant two years ago to a wider use of the technology on a production scale.

Ir Alan MAN added that the SIWW would be held in 2009 and 2010. Some of his colleagues in Singapore office were involved in the organising committee. He opined that DSD and WSD could make use of these two opportunities to share with other countries the unique experiences in water services such as the interconnection of local reservoirs and chemically-enhanced-primary-treatment (CEPT) of sewage.

**(4) Forthcoming IWA and IWA-ASPIRE Events**

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

Event	Venue	Period
6 <sup>th</sup> IWA World Water Congress <a href="http://www.iwa-vienna2008.org">www.iwa-vienna2008.org</a>	Vienna, Austria	8-12 September 2008
Water Supply Technology 2009 <a href="http://www.intergroup.jp/water/">www.intergroup.jp/water/</a>	Kobe, Japan	10-12 June 2009
Membrane Technology	Beijing, China	1-3 September 2009
3 <sup>rd</sup> IWA-ASPIRE Conference and Exhibition <a href="http://www.aspire2009.org">www.aspire2009.org</a>	Taipei, Chinese Taiwan	18-22 October 2009

Ir T O LEE informed that two WSD colleagues viz Ir David C W CHAU and Ir C K FUNG would attend the 6<sup>th</sup> IWA World Water Congress, Vienna and the alongside board meetings. Ir FUNG would present a technical paper regarding the local inter-reservoir transfer scheme. Another technical paper on the Quality Water Recognition Scheme for Buildings was accepted for poster presentation.

The Vice-chairman added that at least two DSD colleagues would attend the coming congress in Vienna. Meanwhile, he was checking his schedule to see if he would be available to join the event.

The Chairman added that the selected forthcoming IWA events were of good value for the participation of IWAHK members. There were many other water-related conferences around the world organised by IWA from time to time and members could browse the website of IWA ([www.iwahq.org](http://www.iwahq.org)) for details.

Due to the fact that the application of membrane technology was becoming more and more popular, Ir C Y FONG indicated that he or his colleagues in China Office would be interested in attending the membrane technology conference in Beijing.

(5) **2008 World Water Monitoring Day in Hong Kong**

After discussing on the proposal attached to the agenda, the meeting agreed to organise another World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD) event in Hong Kong. However, as members expressed concerns on the requirements of Frontier Closed Area Permits for site access, the meeting concluded that the venue should be High Island Reservoir instead of the originally proposed Muk Wu Raw Water Pumping Stations. Ir T O LEE Ir T O LEE would arrange to revise the proposal taking into account the site constraints and follow up on organising the working committee accordingly.

Regarding invitation of the officiating guest, members agreed that the Secretary for Development – Mrs Carrie LAM who was the officiating guest of last year’s WWMD event would be invited first.

Ir T O LEE had tabled a budget of the 2008 WWMD event for the information of members. A sponsorship of HK\$50,000 would be sought for supply of testing kits and T-shirts. Ir Alan MAN had kindly agreed to follow up the issue by contacting Ir Alan MAN potential sponsors.

[Post Meeting Note : According to the book “Water for a Barren Rock”, 2008 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of High Island Water Scheme. A revised proposal with the venue changed is attached in **Appendix I**]

(6) **Resignation of Mr Allard NOOY and Nomination of Replacement Co-opted Member**

Mr Allard NOOY had resigned from his co-opted membership as a result of his recent career move to Covanta Energy as the President Asia Pacific in March 2008. The meeting had accepted the resignation of Mr NOOY and an official thank you Secretary letter would be issued to him for his contributions to IWAHK.

Regarding nomination of the replacement co-opted member, the Chairman suggested co-opted members to search from the list of members (attached in **Appendix II**) in order to identify if there would be potential candidates for the co-opted membership. The nomination should be able to maintain the appropriate mixture of the overall executive committee representing the interests of different sectors adequately.

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As there was no immediate need of replacement in accordance with the Constitution, the issue would be brought up in the next meeting.

**(7) Date of Next Meeting**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:45 p.m. The date of the 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting would be announced later.