

## **COUNCIL SESSION 2019/2020 DECISIONS**

### **(1). 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting on 26<sup>h</sup> October 2019**

#### **Decisions:**

##### **(1) Appointments to fill the vacancies in the 2018/19 Council:**

1. Chairman- Chemical & Process Engineering Sectional Committee: Eng. W. A. N. R. Wickramasinghe
2. Chairman, Agri. & Plant. Eng. Sect. Com. - Eng. H. C. J. Thilakarathne

##### **(2) Appointments of Chairmen for Standing Committees:**

1. Chairman, Professional Standards Management Committee:  
Eng. K. P. I. U. Dharmapala - President Elect.
2. Chairman, Education Committee:  
Eng. (Dr.) Kamal Laksiri - Vice President
3. Chairman, Finance and Procurement Committee:  
Eng. (Prof.) S. B.S. Abayakoon – President
4. Chairman, TECHNO Committee:  
Eng. K. P. I. U. Dharmapala - President Elect.
5. Chairman, Continuing Professional Development Committee:  
Eng. Granie Jayalath - Vice President
6. Chairman, Professional Affairs Committee:  
Eng. (Prof.) S. B. S. Abayakoon – President
7. Chairman, Library and Publication Committee:  
Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya- Vice President

##### **(3) Appointment of Chairman - YMS**

Eng. Dimuthu Lakmal was appointed by the Council as the Chairman of YMS for the session 2019/2020

##### **(4) Appointment of Chairman - JIY**

Eng. Dayan Herath was appointed by the Council as the Chairman of JIY for the session 2019/2020

##### **(5) Appointments of Members to Editor Posts**

1. Editor – Engineer Journal – Eng. (Dr) P. A. K. Karunananda
2. Editor Transactions - Eng. (Prof.) Jagath Manathunga
3. SLEN Editor – Eng. Lalith Pallegama,
4. SLEN Sub Editor – Eng. Suran Fernando.

##### **(6) Appointments of Directors for the Board of the IESL College of Engineering**

1. Eng. (Prof.) Sarath Abayakoon – P-IESL
2. Eng. K. P. I. U. Dharmapala - PE-IESL
3. Eng. (Prof.) T. M. Pallewatta – IPP-IESL
4. Eng. Granie R. Jayalath - VP-IESL
5. Eng. (Dr.) Kamal Laksiri - VP-IESL
6. Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya - VP-IESL
7. Eng. W N A M Abeysekera – CEO/ES – IESL

**(7) Appointment of Members to the By- Laws Revision Committee.**

Following appointments were made by the Council for the session 2019/2020.

1. Eng. (Prof .) S. B. S. Abayakoon – President IESL 2019/2020
2. Eng. Priyal De Silva – Past President
3. Eng. Chula De Silva – Past President
4. Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya – Fellow Member & VP 2019/2020
5. Eng. P. W. Sarath – Fellow Member & Council Member
6. Eng. (Mrs). Shayama Gunawardena - Fellow Member & Council Member

**(8) Appointment of Members to the Disciplinary Committee**

Following appointments were made by the Council for the session 2019/2020

1. Eng. Priyal De Silva – Past President
2. Eng. (Prof) Mrs. N. Ratnayake– Past President
3. Eng. (Prof) Priyan Dias – Fellow Member
4. Eng.(Dr.) H. H. J Keerthisena– Fellow Member
5. Eng. Russel De Silva– Fellow Member
6. Eng. Bandula Thilakasena– Fellow Member

**(9) Working Committee for Sydney Accord Membership of IEA**

Council established the above committee and appointed Eng. (Dr) Kamal Laksiri as the Chairman of the same for the session 2019/2020.

**(10) Board of Trustees**

Council appointed Eng. (Dr.) Ananda Ranasinghe as the Chairman of Board of Trustees for a 4 year period

**(11) Board of Accreditation**

Council appointed Eng. G. D. A. Piyathilaka as Industry Representative to Board of Accreditation for 4 years period.

**(12) ICT Committee**

Following appointments were made by the Council for the session 2019/2020.

1. Eng. (Prof) S. B. S. Abayakoon - Chairman
2. Eng. (Prof) Mrs. N. Ratnayake
3. Eng. Dileepa Lathsara
4. Eng. Indika Walpitage
5. Eng. Chandana Gamage

**(13) Legal Committee**

1. Eng. (Dr) Chandana Gamage – Chairman
2. Eng. (Dr) Ananda Ranasinghe
3. Eng. Arjuna Manamperi
4. Eng. A. P. R. Silva
5. Eng. Suran Fernando
6. Eng. Chamil Edirimuni

**(14) Water Forum**

Council appointed Eng. (Dr) Kamal Laksiri as the Chairman of the Water Forum for the session 2019/2020.

**(15) Policy Forum**

Council appointed Eng. M. G. Hemachandra as the Chairman of the Policy Forum for the session 2019/2020.

**(16) IESL Elections for the Session 2020/2021**

Following appointments were made by the Council.

1. Eng. (Rear. Ad.) Ravi Ranasinghe – CRO
2. Eng. (Prof) J.P. Karunadasa- ARO
3. Eng. Kusum Priyananda- ARO
4. Eng. Chulani Perera- ARO

**(17) OPA Forum Members**

Council appointed following Members for the session 2019/2020 as IESL representatives to OPA

1. Eng. (Prof) S. B. S. Abayakoon
2. Eng. (Prof) Dayantha Wijesekera
3. Eng. Nihal Wijeyewickrama
4. Eng. Upali Jayawardane
5. Eng. Dhammika Dhramarathne
6. Eng. Suran Fernando
7. Eng. Manjula Samarasinghe
8. Eng. Navodana Kankanamge
9. Eng. Neil Abeysekera
10. Eng. Saliya Kaluarachchi
11. Eng. Hemal Pieris

**(18) CIDA –National Advisory Council**

Council appointed President, Eng. (Prof.) S. B. S. Abayakoon as the IESL representative to the above committee for the session 2019/2020

**(19) UGC Standing Committees**

Council appointed President, Eng. (Prof.) S. B. S. Abayakoon as the IESL representative to the following UGC Standing committees for the session 2019/2020

1. Engineering and Architecture
2. Technology stream

**(20) Infrastructure Committee**

1. Eng. (Prof) S. B. S. Abayakoon - Chairman
2. Eng. Manjula Samarasinghe – Deputy Chairman
3. Eng. Lalith Pallegama
4. Eng. Banduka Kurruppu
5. Eng. Asitha Bandaranayake
6. Eng. (Major) Indika Samantha

**(21) Transport Sector Committee**

- Eng. (Prof) Ranjith Dissanayake – Chairman CESC (Chairman of Sub-committee)
- Eng. Chamil Edirimuni – Chairman EEESC
- Eng. E.M.P.G.L.G.K. Ekanayaka – Chairman MESC
- Eng. Granie Jayalath – Industry expert
- Eng. (Dr) Thilak Siyambalapitiya

- Eng. Priyal de Silva
- Eng. (Prof) Amal Kumarage
- Eng. Dhammika Jayasundara
- Eng. Sarath Gamini

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**Hony. Secretary**

**(2). 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting on 01<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

1. Council Decided to grant accreditation to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering Honours in Civil Engineering Degree by the University of Peradeniya for intake years from 2018 to 2020
2. Council Decided to grant accreditation to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering Honours in Material Science and Engineering Degree by the University of Moratuwa, for intake years from 2018 to 2020

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**(3). 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting on 06<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

1. Council decided to grant the “Conditional Recognition” for a period of two years for the Honors Degree of Bachelor of the Science of Engineering for Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Mechanical Engineering conducted by the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL). Accordingly, the intake batches of 2013 and 2014 shall be eligible to gain the recognition of IESL for the Honors Degree of Bachelor of the Science of Engineering (Electrical and Electronic Engineering) and Honors Degree of Bachelor of the Science of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) offered by the Faculty of Engineering, SEUSL.
2. Council decided to continue with Engineering Gallery at National Museum.

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**(4). 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 03<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

1. Council made the following appointments to Registration and Accreditation Board.
  - Registration Board (to represent Private Sector) – Eng. Indika Walpitage
  - Accreditation Board (to represent industry) – Eng. Nishantha Rathnayake
  - Accreditation Board (to represent University of Sri Jayawardanepura) - Eng. (Dr) Ms. Ganga Samarasekera
2. Council decided to hold the Engineers’ Night in March 2020.
3. Eng. M. G. Hemachandra was nominated to CIDA Board.

4. Based on the proposal by the subcommittee, Council decided to have the National Engineering Conference in Kandy and to organize it with the assistance of Kandurata Chapter during the month of July. Theme will be related to Engineering Involvements in Agriculture and Irrigation Sectors.
5. Council was informed that Board of IESLCE decided to sell the laboratory equipment of IESLCE to the highest bidder, SLT Campus at Rs. 19 m. All equipment to be cleared before 25th of January 2020.
6. Council requested Civil Engineering Sectional Committee to study the professional review methods of other countries and prepare a more practical methodology, so that, Civil Engineers could obtain their Charter without compromising the standards.
7. Council appointed following subcommittee to define the Role of IESL and propose amendments to the EC Act .
  - Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya – Chairman
  - Eng. (Dr.) Kamal Laksiri
  - Eng. Jayavilal Meegoda.
  - Eng. Sanath Panawennage
  - Eng. Nishantha Rathnayake
8. Council decided to grant leave for IESL Staff according to the shop and office Act and IESL Administration Manual. However, Council empowered the CEO to announce IESL holidays in mercantile holidays to avoid a few members working in IESL premises in those days by consuming resources inefficiently.
9. Council decided to grant accreditation to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering Honours in Mechanical Engineering degree program of University of Moratuwa for intake years till 2020.
10. Council decided to grant accreditation to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering in Production Engineering degree program of University of Peradeniya for the intake years 2015 and 2016.
11. Council decided to grant accreditation to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering degree program in Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering of University of Peradeniya for the intake years 2016 to 2019.

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#### **(5). 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

1. Council appointed following members to outside organizations.
  - Eng. (Prof.) Udayanga Hemapala to the Board of Management of SLIATE
  - Eng. Mangala Silva to the Board of Management of SLSI
  - According to the tradition, Eng. (Prof.) S. B. S. Abayakoon (President) to the Board of Management of NSF
  - Eng. J. Meegoda to the Board of Governors of the UNIVOTEC

2. Council was informed that the building occupied by the IESLCOE was rented to SLT Campus by the SD&CC with effect from the 1st February 2020.
3. Council decided to grant the recognition to the Bachelor of Science of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering degree programme of university of Jaffna, for the intake years 2015, 2016 and 2017 (in addition to the initially granted intake years 2013 and 2014).
4. Council decided to have the World Engineering day on 04<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at the IESL Head office.
5. Council decided to nominate Eng. K. P I U Dharmapala and Eng. Tharindu Navodana to represent IESL at the 16th National Convention of Nepal Engineers' Association.

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#### **(6). 6<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 06<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

1. Council approved the the theme of the Techno exhibition for the year 2020 be “Empower Engineers for a Smarter Sri Lanka”.
2. Council decided to nominate following 7 members as IESL representatives to the ECSL for next 2 years starting from April 2020.
  - Eng. Dr. Ananda Ranasinghe – Current Council Member of IESL
  - Eng. K. P. I. U. Dharmapala – Current Council Member of IESL
  - Eng. Granie Jayalath – Current Council Member of IESL
  - Eng. Kosala Kamburadeniya – Current Council Member of IESL
  - Eng. Tilak De Silva – Current Chairman of ECSL
  - Eng. Arjuna Manamperi – Current Member of ECSL
  - Eng. Jayavilal Meegoda – Current member of ECSL
3. Council was informed that the Appeal Court case CA/WRIT/26/2017 against the IESL was dismissed.
4. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Trustees (BOT), Council decided to appoint Eng. Indika Walpitage to serve in the Board of Management of Benevolent Fund.
5. Council decided to increase the maximum claimable amounts through the Benevolent fund as follows.
  - for Member – from Rs. 200,000/- to Rs. 350,000/-
  - for Spouse – from Rs. 100,000/- to Rs. 175,000/-
6. Council decided that the theme of the National Engineering Conference be “Engineering in Agriculture” (Productivity Improvements and Value Addition).
7. Council decided to grant Conditional Accreditation to the Bachelor of the Science of Engineering Honours in Mechanical Engineering degree program of the University of Moratuwa for intake years 2018 and 2019.

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## **(7). 7<sup>th</sup> Special Council Meeting on 09<sup>h</sup> May 2020**

1. Council appointed following subcommittee to study the member grievances and make recommendations to the Council. Council also decided to extend the deadline so that more Members can submit their grievances.

- Eng. Chulani Perera
- Eng. Neil Abeysekera
- Eng. Manjula Samarasinghe

2. Council appointed following subcommittee to study the proposals received from Members and prepare a report on proposed actions to Economic Revival of the Country after COVID 19.

- Eng. Suran Fernando – Chairman
- Eng. Dilepa Lathsara
- Eng. Dimuthu Lakmal
- Eng. P. W. Sarath
- Eng. Prof. T. M. Pallewatta
- Eng. H. C. J. Thilakerathne
- Eng. Dayan Herath
- Eng. Navodana Kankanamge
- Eng. Chulani Perera
- Eng. Dharaka Vitharanage
- Eng. Manjula Samarasinghe
- Eng. Lasantha Ekanayake

3. Council decided to hold the Techno Exhibition 2020 as a Virtual Exhibition considering the situation in the Country.

4. Council decided to cancel “Engineers Night” to be held on 12th June 2020 and also decided not to hold Techno Launch in regular manner.

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## **(8). 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

1. Council decided to increase the minimum post charter experience required to register as an adjudicator to 10 years and inform all currently listed Adjudicators. The guidelines and other documents will be changed accordingly.

2. Council was informed that, the District court case DSP- 017/2016 against the IESL was withdrawn.

3. Council decided NOT to accept the recommendation of Accreditation board to revise the minimum industrial training period to 16 weeks. Council also decided to inform the Engineering faculties to maintain the minimum industrial training period at 24 weeks.

4. Council decided to grant accreditation for the Bachelor of Science of Engineering in Civil and Environmental Engineering Degree Program at the University of Ruhuna for the intake years 2021 to 2025.

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**(9). 8<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (adjourned) on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

1. Council approved the election schedule for IESL Elections 2020/21 submitted by the CRO. The key dates of the elections are as follows.

- Calling for nominations – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020
- Closing of nominations – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020
- Ballot paper posting – 07<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Ballot paper closing – 04<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- Vote count -05<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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**(10). 9<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 03<sup>rd</sup> July 2020**

1. Council decided to make a complaint to TRC, on anonymous emails about IESL or any matters related to IESL Election or candidates.
2. Council accepted the report submitted by the Education Committee, which included the procedure for “Evaluation of Distance Learning Engineering Degree Programs in Sri Lanka for IESL Recognition”
3. Council decided to have the Induction and Graduation Ceremony for year 2020 at BMICH according to the tradition but adhering to the Government Regulations to avoid spreading of COVID 19
4. Council appointed a subcommittee consists of all sectional committee chairmen to come up with a policy document to be followed when IESL is working with sponsors or any other organizations.

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**(11). 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (part 1) on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

1. Following points were highlighted by the IESL representatives during the meeting with HE the President
  - Sri Lanakan Engineers have the capacity of doing all Pre-feasibility and pre-tender work of any kind of Projects.
  - In all engineering projects, it is important to increase the local component.
  - It is important to establish a national plan for development spanning at least 30 year duration
  - It is essential to have Sri Lankan Engineers inputs in all type of projects from start to end.
2. Council decided not to continue with the virtual Techno exhibition as planned previously because of the uncertainty of obtaining sponsorships due to the prevailing pandemic situation.
3. Council decided to send a letter to the Secretary to the Treasury by requesting to appoint an IESL representative to the National Planning Department.

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**(12). 10<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (part 2) on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

1. Eng. (Prof) E O E Pereira Memorial Lecture to be conducted by Eng. (Dr) S B Wijekoon on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.
2. Council decided to appreciate the work done by Engineers and Students during the COVID Period.

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**(13). 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

- a. Council decided to have a one full day discussion on the proposed changes to the By Laws and have a SGM to discuss on the proposed changes to the By Laws.
- b. Engineering Council of Sri Lanka (ECSL)
  - Council discussed the issues raised by Associate Members of IESL regarding the certificate issued by ECSL. It was said that according to the Act, no action can be taken on this.
  - The proposed amendments to the ECSL Act were tabled at the Council meeting.
  - Council was of the opinion that ECSL does not have right to establish progression paths
  - Council was aware that, only IESL is empowered to work out a progression path
- c. Council decided to extend the deadline of Special route to apply for the Membership of IESL, applicable to members of other foreign Institutes until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- d. Results of the Elections to the Council 2020/2021 was presented to the council by the CRO and Council decided to officially publish the complete election results on the IESL web.
- e. Council decided to remove the path “readmission” and continue with “reinstatement” and reinstate those who were “readmitted” with the same membership number without issuing a new number. Council also decided to issue a letter to the a reinstated Member informing that during his/her membership inactive period (lapsed period), IESL does not undertake the responsibility of his/her involvement in any place as a Member of the IESL and he/she is not entitled to count the lapsed period as valid when applying for HLF and HLM status in the future. A penalty of 25% on the total outstanding subscription is applicable for the lapsed period.
- f. Council empowered President and President Elect to study the delay in conducting the PR process for Feb/March 2020 batch due to COVID 19 pandemic prevailed in the country and decide the Charter effective date so that it would not adversely affect the respective Members.
- g. Council decided to inform the Kotelawala Defence University to resubmit a fresh application for recognition of BSc Electronic & Telecommunication Degree Program offered by them in response to an appeal forwarded by the Dean - Faculty of Engineering of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, citing that the earlier decision of the Council was based on the situation at the time of evaluation.
- h. Council accepted the proposal of conducting General Qualifying Examinations by IESL without using the facilities of UOM.
- i. Council approved the proposal to nominate Eng. Rohan Senevirathne, AGM-Distribution division of CEB, be the resource person to conduct Eng. D. J. Wimalasurendra memorial lecture scheduled for 17th September 2020.

- j. Council appointed Eng. Arjuna Manamperi as the representative of IESL to the ICT Industry Skills Council. Appointment was for one year as per the request of ICT Skills Council.
- k. Council appointed the following committee to study and submit a report on “Sri Lanka Graduates technological Service Minute” proposed by UGC.
  - Eng. (Prof) T. M. Pallewatta (Chairman)
  - Eng. (Prof) J. P. Karunadasa
  - Eng. H. C. J. Thilakerathne

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#### **(14). Special Council Meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

1. Council decided to postpone the scheduled Special General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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#### **(15). 12th Council Meeting on 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**

1. Council decided to sell furniture and other movable items belonging to IESL College of Engineering (IESLCE) through open tender. Bids to be called via IESL Web and other means. Tender Evaluation committee consists of following members.
  - Eng. (Prof.) T M Pallewatta - Chairman
  - Eng. Dileepa Lathsara
  - Eng. Suran Fernando
  - Eng. A P R De Silva
  - Eng. Neil Abeysekera
2. Council appointed following committee to study the Building Collapsed in Buwelikada, Kandy on 20.09.2020 and submit a report to the Council.
  - Eng. Lalith Pallegama
  - Eng. (Dr.) Samith Buddika
  - Eng. Dimuthu Lakmal
3. Council approved Eng. (Prof.) W. P S Dias as the resource person to conduct Eng. A. N. S. Kulasinghe memorial lecture.
4. Council conveyed its objection via another letter to CIDA against the decision of gazetting regulations to facilitate CIDA to register and maintain a directory of adjudicators.
5. Council decided to make an objection to the proposed Consultancy Company Registration process by CIDA, since it would give opportunity to encroach the practicing areas of engineers, by other professionals.
6. Council appointed Eng. (Prof) T. M. Pallewatta as the Chairman of the subcommittee to study the proposed service minutes originated by University Grant Commission (UGC) and prepare a reply.

- Eng. (Prof) T. M. Pallewatta - Chairman
- Eng. (Prof) J. P. Karunadasa
- Eng. H. C. J. Thilakerathne

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