



INDIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

NHPC Office Complex,
Sector-33, Faridabad – 121003, Haryana, India

ISEG Council Meeting

Venue: Online meeting via zoom app

On 30th August, 2020 at 16.00 hrs

MINUTES OF THE ISEG COUNCIL MEETING

The second meeting of the ISEG Executive Council was held at 4.00 pm on 30.08.2020 through virtual mode due to continuance of the precautions in light of COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was attended by 21 participants.

The meeting started at the scheduled time. Due to other preoccupations, the President, Sh. AK Singh, could not join the meeting. In absence of the Hon'ble President, the meeting was conducted by the Secretary, ISEG. At the outset of the meeting the Secretary, ISEG, welcomed all the participants, especially the senior patrons of the Society, Dr. Gopal Dhawan, -Ex-CMD, MECL, and Sh. RN Misra, Ex- CMD, SJVN. The following issues were discussed in the meeting:

1. **Status of Calendar of activities of ISEG for Year 2020 and 2021 in light of COVID-19 pandemic and Introduction of web-lecture series by ISEG:** The secretary, ISEG, appraised the house that due to prevailing restriction due to COVID-19, the planned activities of ISEG like organization of scheduled events viz. EGCON-2020 and Geotechnical Orientation Programme may not be feasible. Instead, the Society may consider organizing some online events like webinars. After detailed deliberations, it was decided that the Society will organize monthly webinar sessions comprising of max. 2 lectures of 1.30 hrs each in one session. It was unanimously decided to develop proper mechanism and advertisement for attracting maximum viewership. The webinar will be free of cost for the participants and participation certificate shall also be issued by ISEG for encouragement of students and research scholars.

Further, it was decided to provide an honorarium @Rs. 4000/- per lecture to the presenter for a lecture of normally 1hr 30 minutes.

2. **ISEG Membership Drive:** The secretary, ISEG, appraised the house about the various efforts being taken up to increase the membership of the Society. He appraised the house that 17 new members have joined ISEG which includes 14 life members, 1 annual member and 1 institutional member. The house expressed happiness on joining of **THDC Limited** also as an Institutional member apart from



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NHPC. The council members were requested to make all out efforts to bring as many members into the Society as possible. It was decided that every council member will try to bring 5 new members into the society. It was also decided to rope in other organization as **institutional members** to increase the outreach of the society.

3. **Membership of IAEG for the year 2020:** The Secretary, ISEG, appraised the house that so far 35 members have joined IAEG out of which 26 are with bulletin and 9 are without bulletin. It was agreed that as membership of IAEG highlights the strength of ISEG as a national group at the International forum, every effort should be made to increase the IAEG membership to over hundred. Poor membership of IAEG reflects badly on the reputation of the country. It was desired that all the council members should subscribe the IAEG membership immediately.
4. **Publication of ISEG Newsletter October, 2020 issue and Request for submission of papers/articles for upcoming issue of Journal of Engineering Geology:** The secretary, ISEG appraised the house about the status of the editorial activities and invited the Sh. Vipul Nagar, Jt Editor to present the detailed status of the publication related activities. The house was appraised about the status of publication of Newsletter and Journal of Engineering Geology by the society. The ISEG Newsletter April 2020 Vol 16 (1) has been published and the October issue is under preparation. With untiring efforts of the editorial team it has been possible to bring out the Journal of Engineering Geology Vol 42 (2017) in Feb '20, volume 43(2018) in April '20. The Vol 44 (2019) is scheduled to be released this month and Vol 45(2020) shall be released by Jan' 20. The Secretary mentioned the difficulties being faced in bringing out the volumes of the journal due to paucity of articles. Dr. Gopal Dhawan, advised that every council member must contribute at least one article for publication in the JoEG. He emphasized the need for regular publication of the JoEG as this journal is the first choice when anyone looks for Indian case histories in the field of engineering geological applications. The efforts of the editorial team were highly appreciated.
5. **Permanent Office space for ISEG:** The Secretary, ISEG, told that NHPC has been requested for providing a suitable space for working office of the society within the office premises. However, there is a need for a permanent office of the society near the emerging areas in Faridabad/Greater Noida. It was proposed to search for accommodation in the business premises. It was advised by the senior patrons to attempt to first create a fund for the same and obtain income-tax exemption for this. Anyone willing to contribute to this cause must be compensated in his tax liabilities. Once a suitable corpus is created, the society may go for purchasing a flat in the new sectors, which are well connected by metro and road. It was also pointed out by the members that once an office is taken in any area, there shall be need for regular watch and ward and maintenance and upkeeping expenses.
6. **Format of new certificate of the ISEG Membership:** Secretary, ISEG proposed to provide a proper membership certificate to all the members in line with other scientific



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societies. So far, the membership certificate is being issued on society letterhead. Dr. Gopal Dhawan and Sh. M. Raju intimated that previously ISEG used to issue certificates to the members. Dr. Gopal Dhawan showed his own membership certificate and requested ISEG to issue certificates for future members on similar lines. It was decided to take cognizance of the old format also while finalizing the new format of certificate.

7. **Proposal for increment in the ISEG website AMC charges:** The website of the society is being maintained by M/s Bappa Aditya Shee, at Kolkata. The website maintenance charges are being paid at the rate of Rs. 8000/- (Rs. Eight thousand only) per annum since 2013. M/s Bappa Aditya Shee has requested to increase the charges in line with increase in the prevalent market rate. The house discussed the proposal and it was agreed to increase the AMC charges to Rs. 10, 000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand) per annum.
8. **Proposal for revamping of the ISEG website:** The ISEG website www.isegindia.org was developed about 8-9 years ago and the same is hosted on http server. For introduction of many new feature the website needs to be moved to https server. Many of the prospective members enquire about the online payment facilities. The website looks outdated and needs to be revamped. In this connection a formal offer has been received from M/s Bappa Aditya Shee, Kolkata the website manager. This would require a one-time expenditure of Rs. 40,000/- plus applicable taxes. Further, SSL Certificate, Web server domain registration and additional space for Web Site Hosting space have to be purchased separately. Hosting the website on https server and introduce payment gateway shall also be done. The proposal was accepted for implementation by the house. The detailed modalities in this regard shall be finalized by the Secretary, ISEG.

The secretary, ISEG, expressed his sincere thanks to all the participants. He appreciated the senior members especially for being able to attend this meeting and share their valuable suggestions.

The list of the attendees is annexed at annexure-1

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ANNEXURE-I

List of Delegates who attended the Second Executive Council Meeting					
Sl. No	Membership No		Name	Designation	ISEG Portfolio
1	LM	340	Dr. Gopal Dhawan	Ex-CMD, MECL, Ex-ED (Geotech) NHPC	Ex-President, ISEG 2013-15
2	LM	1349	Sh. R.N. Misra	Ex-CMD, SJVNL	Ex-President, ISEG 2016-17
3	LM	664	Sh. M. Raju	EX DG, GSI	Vice President, ISEG 2018-19
4	LM	1428	Shri Pradeep Singh	Dir (Tech), Ministry of Mines	Vice President, ISEG 2020-21
5	LM	1341	Dr. Saibal Ghosh	Director, GSI	Secretary ISEG 2018-19
6	LM	1408	Sh. S.L. Kapil	ED (Geotech & PID), NHPC	Secretary ISEG 2020-21
7	LM	1226	Sh. Vachaspati Pandey	SM (Geology), NHPC	Joint Secretary, ISEG 2020-21
8	LM	1212	Sh. Nihar R. Bhattacharjee	Director, GSI, Kolkata	Joint Secretary, ISEG 2020-21
9	LM	1277	Dr. Mridul Srivastava	Supdt Geologist, GSI, Dehradun	Treasurer, ISEG 2020-21
10	LM	1269	Sh. Arindom Chakraborty	SM (Geology, NHPC)	Jt. Secretary, ISEG 2016-17 and 2018-19
11	LM	1525	Sh. Vipul Nagar	SM (Geophysics), NHPC	Joint Editor, ISEG 2020-21
12	LM	1517	Sh. Dharmendra Kumar	Sr. Geologist, GSI	Council Member, ISEG 2020-21
13	LM	1522	Sh. Satish Kr. Goyal	MD, Spar Geo Infra	Council Member, ISEG 2020-21
14	LM	1431	Sh. Sunil J. Ganvir	SM (Geology), NHPC	Council Member, ISEG 2020-21
15	LM	1360	Sh. Amitabh Sharan	CEO, EGE Consultants, Faridabad	Council Member, ISEG 2020-21
16	LM	1236	Sh. Saikat Pal	AGM, EIL, New Delhi	Convener, ISEG Delhi NCR Chapter 2020-21



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17	LM	1420	Dr. A. P. Singh	Director, Explore India Pvt. Ltd., Noida.	Co-Convener, ISEG Delhi NCR Chapter 2020-21
18	LM	1232	Sh. Prashant Rai	SM (Geology), NHPC	Treasurer, ISEG Delhi NCR Chapter 2020-21
19	LM	1437	Sh. Ajay Singh	SM (Geology), NHPC	Council- Member, ISEG
20	LM	1521	Dr. Ashit Swain	Supdt. Geologist. GSI, Gangtok	Council Member, ISEG
21	LM	1370	Sh. Vivek Sharma	SM (Geology), NHPC Limited.	Invited member

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