

Minutes of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) 2009 Region 4 Meeting Crowne Plaza Mutiara Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 16 August 2009

1.0 Meeting Details

The 2009 ICEC Region 4 meeting was convened at the Crowne Plaza Mutiara Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in conjunction with the annual board meeting of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS). Newly elected PAQS Chairman and ICEC Region 4 Director, Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin presided over the meeting.

The PAQS Board Meeting commenced at 9am and was attended by both PAQS and ICEC delegates. The ICEC meeting commenced at 4.00pm following the conclusion of the PAQS meeting. It should be noted that the PAQS meeting covered many areas and issues related to ICEC Region 4. Separate PAQS minutes were prepared by the PAQS Secretary. The minutes herein cover only the ICEC meeting.

2.0 Welcome & Introductions

Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin opened the meeting and welcomed all the participants. A note of remembrance was made for the ICEC Administrative Manager, Ms. Robyne Nash, who passed away in November 2008. Condolences were expressed for Robyne's family.

3.0 Attendance & Apologies

Attendance

ICEC Executive

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| Mr. Peter Cox | - ICEC Chairman, AIQS Past President |
| Mr. TT Cheung | - ICEC Technical Vice-Chairman, PAQS Past Chairman, HKIS Past President |
| Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin | - ICEC Region 4 Director, PAQS Chairman |
| Dr. Peter Smith | - ICEC Secretary-General |

AIQS (Australia)

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| Mr. Trevor Sanders | - AIQS ICEC Delegate, AIQS President |
| Mr. Terry Sanders | - AIQS General Manager |
| Mr. Trevor Main | - AIQS Representative, Immediate Past PAQS Chairman |
| Mr. Michael Hodgetts | - AIQS Representative |

BSIJ (Japan)

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| Dr. Takayoshi Sato | - BSIJ Vice-President, PAQS Past Chairman |
| Mr. Kenta Fukagawa | - BSIJ Representative |
| Mr. Shinichi Hashimoto | - BSIJ Representative |
| Dr. Kenji Kimoto | - BSIJ Representative |
| Dr. Koji Ota | - BSIJ Representative |

CECA (China)

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| Mr. James Sue | - CECA Representative |
| Mdm. Ma Guizhi | - CECA Vice President & Secretary General |

HKIS (Hong Kong)

Mr. Daniel Ho Chi Wai - HKIS Representative
Mr. Francis Leung - HKIS President
Mr. Antony Man - HKIS Representative
Dr. Paul Ho - HKIS Representative

ISM (Malaysia)

A/Prof Sr Wan Abdullah - ISM President
Dato' Seri Sr Isahak Yusuf - ISM Representative
Sr Eddie Wong - ISM Representative

NZIQS (New Zealand)

Ms. Phillipa Luoni - NZIQS President
Mr. Bruce Glennie - NZIQS Representative
Mr. Gordon Cairney - NZIQS Representative

SISV (Singapore)

Mr. Goh Ngan Hong - SISV QS Division Chairman
Mr. Seah Kwee Yong - SISV Representative

IQSSL (Sri Lanka)

Prof. Chitra Weddikkara - IQSL Honorary President

Observer

Mr. Sateesh Kumar - India

Apologies

Nil

Not represented

Australian Cost Engineering Society (ACES)
Fiji Institute of Quantity Surveyors (FIQS)
Institute of Project Managers of Sri Lanka (IPMSL)
Japan Society of Cost & Project Engineers (JSCPE)
Project Management Associates – India (PMAI)

4.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 10 June 2007 Region 4 meeting in Auckland, New Zealand were taken as read and were accepted without amendment (accepted by Teoh Wooi Sin, seconded by TT Cheung). It should be noted that a Region 4 meeting was not held in 2008 due to the proximity of the 2008 PAQS Congress in Edmonton (when the Region 4 meeting is usually held) to the 2008 ICEC World Congress/Council Meeting in Toronto.

5.0 Matters Arising From Minutes

None.

6.0 Officer's Reports

ICEC Chairman

Peter Cox provided a verbal report on ICEC developments. This included a summary of the outcomes of the ICEC Council Meeting in Toronto, Canada in June 2008 and details of his attendance at the ICEC Region 3 Meeting and African Association of Quantity Surveyors (AAQS) Meeting/Congress in Tanzania. This was followed by attendance at the UN Habitat Forum in New Delhi.

Region 4 Director

Teoh Wooi Sin provided an update on the 2009 PAQS Congress and outlined details of the preparations for the joint 2010 ICEC World Congress and PAQS Congress to be held in Singapore.

Technical Vice-Chair

TT Cheung provided a verbal report on ICEC developments with a particular focus on the further development of the close relationship between ICEC and PAQS. He spoke of the many initiatives that the organizations could share and help develop. This included the development of young member groups.

Secretary-General

Peter Smith discussed the changes in ICEC Administration with the appointment of Ms. Andrea Fogarty as the ICEC Administrative Secretary. He then spoke about various ICEC initiatives including further development of the ICEC website, new publications and revisions to the ICEC Strategic Plan.

7.0 Membership Reports

At the preceding PAQS Board Meeting, delegates of PAQS member associations provided written reports for their association and verbal updates to these reports. These included reports by the following ICEC Region 4 member associations: AIQS (Australia), BSIJ (Japan), CECA (China), HKIS (Hong Kong), ISM (Malaysia), IQSSL (Sri Lanka), NZIQS (New Zealand) and SISV (Singapore). Accordingly, there was no need to repeat these reports at the Region 4 meeting. The PAQS reports by ICEC member associations are by reference made a part of these minutes

(NOTE: Copies of any documents made a part of these minutes by reference are available from the ICEC Secretariat upon request).

8.0 Reports From Other Regions

Observer Report

Mr. Sateesh Kumar is a Director of the Indian branch of Padghams, a quantity surveying firm. He is a colleague of ICEC Chairman, Peter Cox, who is the managing director of this branch. Sateesh was invited to give a verbal report on quantity surveying developments in India. He stated that development of the quantity surveying profession in India was gaining considerable momentum but there was a great need for the development of quantity surveying university degrees and certification/continuing professional development programs. There are currently no quantity surveying degrees in India with quantity surveying practitioners largely having engineering backgrounds/qualifications. The National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) offers diploma courses in quantity surveying and is currently the most recognized education provider in the field. He noted that the RICS have recently set up branches in India and are helping to develop the professional recognition of quantity surveyors in India and to assist the development of the profession generally. Sateesh stated that the assistance of PAQS, ICEC and other international associations in assisting with the development of the profession in India would be very welcome. This led to general discussion about the Indian developments and a range of suggestions and comments were made.

9.0 New Members

Peter Smith noted that the Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (ICES) from the United Kingdom and the Nigerian Institute of Appraisers and Cost Engineers (NIACE) were elected as the latest new ICEC members at the ICEC Council Meeting in Toronto in June 2008.

10.0 Potential New Members

Peter Smith noted that PUJA-B, the Brunei Institution of Architects, Engineers & Surveyors (PUJA-B), a PAQS member association, has expressed interest in joining ICEC. Other potential new members include the Institution of Surveyors India (ISI), PMI Netherlands, the UK Institution of Civil Engineers and AACE-I chapters in Saudi Arabia, Iran and India. Discussion was held on other possibilities in the Philippines, India and Thailand.

11.0 Cooperation With Other Bodies

Peter Smith noted that ICEC continues its co-operative relationships, dialogue and mutually supportive agreements with PAQS, AAQS, IPMA and FIG. The European Council of Construction Economists (CEEC) have recently expressed interest in forming a collaborative relationship with ICEC.

12.0 ICEC Strategic Plan

Peter Smith noted that the revised ICEC Strategic Plan was approved at the ICEC Council Meeting in Toronto in June 2008. He thanked ICEC Administrative Vice-Chairman, Mr. Carsten Wredstrom, from the Association of Danish Project Management for his considerable work in driving these changes. The new strategic plan is available on the ICEC website.

13.0 UN NGO Consultative Roster Status

Peter Cox provided an update on ICEC's Consultative Roster Status on the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This included his recent attendance at the UN Habitat Forum in Delhi. This was followed by discussion on how this could be developed in to something tangible for ICEC member associations. It was suggested that ICEC and PAQS could work together to submit a research proposal to UN Habitat. Professor Chitra Weddikara from the IQSSL (Sri Lanka) offered to help develop this proposal.

14.0 Advantages and Responsibilities of ICEC Membership

Peter Smith and Teoh Wooi Sin provided a reminder of the main advantages and responsibilities of ICEC membership. This included the sharing of publications amongst member associations and the use of members' individual web pages on the ICEC website for promotional purposes.

15.0 International Standards

Peter Cox encouraged members to submit their list of standards and publications to the ICEC Secretariat for inclusion on the ICEC website.

16.0 Calendar of Events

Peter Smith provided details of ICEC Region meetings already held or to be held in 2009 and the joint ICEC World Congress/Council Meeting and PAQS Congress in 2010 in Singapore.

17.0 Certification/Accreditation

Peter Smith encouraged all member associations to seek ICEC accreditation of their CPD and Certification programs if this had not already been done. Details and application forms appear on the ICEC web page.

18.0 ICEC World Congresses

Peter Smith noted that after Singapore in 2010 the 2012 ICEC World Congress will be held in South Africa (most likely June 2012). The 2014 ICEC World Congress will be hosted by Region 2 (Europe) but the nomination for the host/venue was still being discussed.

19.0 Other business

No other business was raised.

20.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm. Teoh Wooi Sin thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Smith
ICEC Secretary Treasurer