

THE FIRST TWO SESSIONS OF IEM COUNCIL (1958-1960)

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AT the IEM Inaugural Meeting held on 1 August 1958 at No. 23, Perak Road, Kuala Lumpur, nine engineers were elected as the first IEM Council members to organise and manage the functions and activities of the newly born organisation, The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM). (for details, please refer to 'The Inaugural Meeting' article published in Jurutera, April 2013 issue).

One of the main tasks was to submit its application to the Registrar of Societies, Malaya, to obtain official registration. The IEM was officially registered on 1 May 1959 (Ref: PPM51/59).

Starting from scratch, the Council had worked very hard to lay the foundation of the Institution. During the sessions 1958/1959 and 1959/1960, the Council had held nine meetings to discuss and decide on important matters. Sub-committees were also set up to deal with the various subject matters. Some of the major matters were on:

- a. Refinement of the Constitution and the By-laws. The finished copies were printed and distributed to the IEM members;
- b. Classification of the branches of engineering;
- c. Membership application and approval. Some 13 members were the very first group of engineers who were accepted as Associate Members during the 3rd Council Meeting (bearing the membership No. 001 to No. 013 and two engineers as graduate members). En. Yusof bin Hj Ibrahim, our first IEM President had the honour to be registered under the membership no. 001;
- d. Compilation of a list of universities whose degrees would be acceptable by IEM. The list was accepted during the 6th Council Meeting;

e. Nomination and Ballot papers for the election of IEM Council for Sessions 1960/1961 and 1961/1962 were finalised during the 8th Council Meeting held on 15 January 1960; and

f. Decision on the proposed postponement of the Inaugural Dinner to April 1960.

During the two sessions, the Council had approved 27 Associate Members, 30 Graduate Members and six Associates. The cash balance of IEM at the end of the session was RM 1,606.75.

ELECTION TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCIES

Nominations to fill Council vacancies for sessions 1960/1961 and 1961/1962 were invited. This was followed by balloting. The successful candidates as reported at the 9th Council Meeting on 12 February 1960 were:

President	: Yusoff bin Haji Ibrahim
Vice President	: Raja Zainal bin Raja Sulaiman
Hon. Secretary	: Lau Foo Sun
Hon. Treasurer	: Ow Yong Hong Chiew
Civil Section	: Tong Kay Chor
Mechanical Section	: Dalip Singh
Electrical Section	: Chew Kam Pok
Other Branches No. 1	: Chin Fung Kee
Other Branches No. 2	: Chew Kit Lin

The above election results were announced at the Annual General Meeting held on 23 April 1960. ■

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