

AEARU
Association of East Asian Research Universities

Minutes of the
Sixth Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2000
POSTECH, Pohang, Korea

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
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I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS FROM OUTGOING CHAIRPERSON AND INCOMING CHAIRPERSON

A. Turnover of AEARU Chair from former Chairman President Chung, POSTECH, to the new 2000-2002 Chairperson President Hasumi, the University of Tokyo.

1. Chair Shigehiko HASUMI called the 6th Board of Directors Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He greeted everyone and noted that the office was transferred to the University of Tokyo and as of January 1, 2000, he began his term as Chair of AEARU. He introduced Ms. Keiko MATSUI, the new secretary of AEARU, who took over the work of Ms. Dana Walker.
2. Ms. MATSUI gave a greeting and commented that she had started this job as secretary of AEARU on April 1. She said she realized that all AEARU activities were supported by the member universities and she is looking forward to working with everyone.
3. Chair HASUMI asked the previous Chair President Sung-Kee CHUNG to give a greeting. President CHUNG welcomed everyone to POSTECH. He commented that the 5th AGM and 5th BOD Meeting held at Taiwan University were successful despite difficulties caused by the recent earthquake there. In January everything was transferred to the hands of President HASUMI and the University of Tokyo. He mentioned that if anything was accomplished during the last two years, it is attributed to the active participation of the member universities and it was his privilege to serve AEARU.

B. Turnover Update

4. Chair HASUMI informed the Board that since the last AGM there was one change in the presidents of member institutions. In December 1999, Professor XU Zhi-hong took over from Professor CHEN Jia-er as the President of Peking University.

C. Review of Draft Minutes from the 5th AGM and BOD Meeting

5. Chair HASUMI asked everyone to review the minutes from the 5th AGM and 5th BOD Meeting held in Taiwan last October. A draft was sent to all member universities last November with a request for any revisions. Thus these are the revised and edited minutes. It was noted that Ms. Loretta PANG's name should be added to both. There were no other changes.

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II. VICE CHAIRPERSON CHEN'S REPORT

6. Vice Chair Wei-Jao CHEN expressed gratitude for the support everyone showed by attending the meeting in Taiwan last year. He announced that

he had just been re-elected the President of Taiwan University for his third term, and thus would be able to continue serving as Vice Chair of AEARU.

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Review of 1999 Workshops

7. Chair HASUMI asked everyone to review a chart titled *AEARU Activities: Member University Participation, 1997-1999*. Fifteen workshops have been held between 1997 and 1999. The data about HKUST's 2nd Computer Science Workshop was not on the chart, so Chair HASUMI asked President Chia-Wei WOO to give an update. President WOO asked everyone to refer to a 1 page report which was distributed and made a special note of the fact that this Workshop was held in conjunction with another important conference, the International Computer Science Conference, so scholars could attend more easily. He felt this was something good to keep in mind for future workshops. The attendance was quite high with around 60 attendees from 9 universities.

B. Members' Participation

8. Chair HASUMI asked everyone to look again at the chart of participation of member universities at all the workshops and camps held so far. He noted that there was a variety in the level of participation but he felt that this did not necessarily reflect the level of enthusiasm a university had for AEARU activities and the decision to participate in a particular workshop or camp should be at the discretion of each university.
9. President WOO mentioned that at the 5th BOD Meeting it was suggested that this chart should regularly be updated and distributed to each member university so that schools showing weaker participation could see the data and try to work harder. Participation could not be forced but should be voluntary. Regarding the number of participants of the 2nd Computer Science Workshop, a report with explanation was sent to the Secretary after the Board Meeting stating: "We are not able to supply the specific figures as requested. The reason is as follows: The workshop was held in conjunction with the International Computer Science Conference. Approximately 60 people attended the workshop. There were delegates from 9 AEARU universities. There were also attendees from the associated conference. Since HKUST did not count the number of participants from each AEARU member institution, a breakdown cannot be provided." It was also noted that there were some blanks in the column for the 1st Computer Science Workshop held by Tsing Hua-Hsinchu. Chair HASUMI said that the chart would be updated and then mailed to all member universities.
10. President WOO also suggested that a summary about each workshop be placed on the website including the numbers and schools participating. He felt it was impressive that AEARU was such an active organization.

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Workshop
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It was decided that after each workshop or camp, a one page summary should be sent to the Chair of AEARU within 3 months so that it could be sent to each member university.

C. AEARU Brochure

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| 11. | Chair HASUMI explained that at the last AGM it was decided that a brochure describing each member university should be printed. He asked President CHUNG to explain and give an update. President CHUNG stated that each member university had submitted a four page introduction about their school and it had been placed on the website which was now hosted by the University of Tokyo. Each university had been asked to check their school's pages and send in any corrections. President CHUNG reiterated POSTECH's commitment to print the 70-80 page brochure once the final editing was done. The web site was viewed through a live Internet linkup and also a photocopied version of the web site brochure pages was distributed. | POSTECH |
| 12. | Since some of the statistics and information were out of date, several asked for one more round of editing. Because of the need for the constant updating of statistics, it was discussed whether just an internet publication was sufficient or whether the project should be changed to a brief and general one page introduction of each school (20 page brochure) or whether to just add an insert with updates. After much discussion it was decided that it would be beneficial to have a 70-80 page printed brochure for the historical record and that it would not be too expensive to update and print every 3 years or so. | ALL |
| 13. | It was decided that the University of Tokyo would be responsible to prepare a brief introduction to AEARU as a whole, and that Vice Chair CHEN would check it. Each university would be asked to check the information on the website for their school and send updates or minor changes to the University of Tokyo by the end of June. Each regional BOD Member will be responsible to contact the member universities in his region (Chinese Mainland: USTC, Hong Kong: HKUST, Japan: U. Tokyo, Korea: POSTECH, Taiwan: Taiwan U.) and encourage them to e-mail or fax their revisions by the deadline. If a university wanted to change a photo it would be allowed. POSTECH will print each university's pages and photos along with the AEARU Introduction. | U. Tokyo

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D. Web Site, Web Site Task Force

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| 14. | Chair HASUMI noted that the web site was being administered by the University of Tokyo. He felt that it was not necessary to form a task force with representatives chosen from each university since the University of Tokyo could maintain the site. Everyone agreed. | U. Tokyo |
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E. Student Summer Camp Alumni Association

15. President WOO explained that the students who had participated in the Camps had suggested the idea of a Summer Camp Alumni Association and that he felt it was good for students to keep up the network of relationships even 10 to 15 years later when students were in business. But he stated that the students could organize this themselves and it would not be too difficult for a few people to handle by e-mail. Chair HASUMI reiterated that AEARU would give moral support and would encourage this, but would not be responsible to form it nor financially support it.

IV. PREVIEW OF 2000/2001 ACTIVITIES

A. Finances – AEARU’s Future

16. Chair HASUMI mentioned that at the AGM last year it was brought up that establishing an AEARU Foundation would be difficult because of legal problems in each country. At that time, President C. L. LIU from Tsing Hua University-Hsinchu, mentioned that Taiwan might be the most suitable location if a foundation was to be set up. Since there was no new information it was decided to ask President LIU to present a report on his findings at the AGM in Osaka.

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B. Workshops

17. Chair HASUMI reported that ten workshops and camps are being planned for 2000/2001.

18. Student Summer Camp (Topical), HKUST, July 30-August 5, 2000
President WOO reported that all three Schools with undergraduate students at HKUST want to participate this year. Invitations went out in April and so far nine member universities have expressed interest: Fudan, KAIST, Kyoto, POSTECH, Taiwan, Tohoku, Tokyo, Tsing Hua-Hsinchu, Tsukuba. He asked that each regional board member contact the universities in his region to encourage them to attend. The theme is the economy and environment.

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19. Student Summer Camp (General), University of Tokyo, Aug. 4-11, 2000
Chair HASUMI reported about the upcoming camp. The theme will be “Urban Problems: Community as a Key to Disaster Prevention, Welfare and Environmental Management.”

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20. 2nd Cultural Workshop, University of Tokyo, October 20-21, 2000
Chair HASUMI reported about this workshop that will be held just after the AGM in October. The topic is “Postmodernism: Its Conditions and Problems in Asia.”

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21. 1st Business School Deans and Faculty Management Workshop, KAIST
Chair HASUMI asked if anyone had information about this workshop. President CHUNG said he would talk to President Duk In CHOI of KAIST and look into it. KAIST
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22. 2nd Microelectronics Workshop, Peking University
No one knew the dates for this workshop. Peking U.
23. 4th Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Workshop, POSTECH
President CHUNG mentioned that this workshop will be held in November. The topics are Genomics and Biochip Technologies. Preliminary response from member universities is quite high because these are hot topics in this area. POSTECH
24. The other four planned workshops are:
- 3rd Web Technology Workshop, Tsinghua University-Beijing, Aug. 22-23, 2000, in cooperation with Asia-Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) Tsinghua-Beijing
 - 3rd Computer Science Workshop, Peking University, August, in conjunction with the 16th IFIP World Computer Congress (Aug 21-25, 2000) Peking U.
 - 1st Environmental Workshop, HKUST, Jan.9-10, 2001 HKUST
 - 1st Science & Technoparks Workshop, Tsing Hua–Hsinchu/KAIST (2000 or 2001) TH-Hsinchu
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Chair HASUMI commented that ten workshops is a good sign for the future of AEARU. It was suggested that each regional board member be responsible to contact the schools in his region about each workshop and also to get information about workshops whose dates are not listed. Dates still are not known for the 2nd Microelectronics Workshop (Peking University), the 1st Business School Deans and Faculty Management Workshop (KAIST) and the 1st Science and Technoparks Workshop (Tsing Hua-Hsinchu/KAIST). Information will be reported to the AEARU Secretary at the University of Tokyo. BOD

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V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 5th AGM

25. It was suggested at the last AGM that each International Affairs Director accompany the president to AEARU meetings. It was noted that every Board Member brought his International Affairs Director except for Vice Chair CHEN who said he would bring his Director to the AGM in October. Int'l Affairs
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- It was brought out that this is just a suggestion, but it helps for them to get to know each other personally since they do most of the work.

B. Proposed Workshops

26. “Go” Contest

It was decided that it is not necessary for AEARU to maintain the Go Contest since Student Summer Camps are very active. If the students want to organize something like this, they can and AEARU will encourage them. Perhaps the students attending the Summer Camps can suggest events they would like to be involved in.

27. Distance Learning

President ZHU Qing-Shi mentioned that this is a very interesting topic and that several universities in China would like to have a workshop on this topic. President WOO said that HKUST would be willing to sponsor a workshop on this topic next year but he would like to broaden the topic to include Online Education. He mentioned that this is very big and it is quickly becoming commercialized. He felt that the universities need to work together to have some influence before all initiative is taken away. If two or three other universities would be willing to help to organize such a workshop, HKUST would be willing to provide the location.

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28. Efforts to link Humanities/Social Sciences with Science/Technology topics for Integrated Workshops

President ZHU said USTC would be willing to sponsor this kind of workshop. Previously they organized the conference on “Archeology with Modern Science and Technology” since USTC had formed a new department to develop scientific ways to do archeology. He felt that this would be an interesting subject and they could find a good location in China that would be good for archeology.

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C. Request by Kyoto University for AEARU Cooperation at the International Conference on Digital Libraries

29. Chair HASUMI presented a letter from Kyoto University President Makoto NAGAO requesting that AEARU cooperate with this conference. This is being co-organized by Kyoto University, the British Library and the National Science Foundation and they would like to add AEARU’s name. Chair HASUMI clarified that this would not involve being a financial supporter, but a moral supporter. Chair HASUMI also noted that this letter was a general invitation to all AEARU member universities to participate in the symposium.

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30. President WOO noted that this would be a new step for AEARU and would be setting a precedent. Probably more and more AEARU will be asked to lend its name. It was discussed whether this should be voted on at the AGM but it was decided that October would be too late.

31. President WOO suggested that AEARU add a “soft” requirement that a one day workshop just for AEARU member universities be attached to the meetings after the other delegates have left. It would be a good

opportunity to discuss what can be done in the future with Digital Libraries and Information Technology. AEARU member universities could share digital information.

32. It was finally decided that the BOD would take responsibility for this decision and would agree to Kyoto University's request. This decision will be reported to member universities at the AGM. U. Tokyo

VI. DATE AND VENUE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- A. 6th AGM at Osaka University, October 18-20, 2000 Osaka U.

- B. 7th AGM at HKUST, Fall 2001

33. President WOO mentioned that the 7th AGM will coincide with HKUST's 10th Anniversary, and AEARU's 5th Anniversary. He said that typically universities invite many presidents to their anniversary celebrations but HKUST would like to mainly focus on AEARU Members. HKUST

34. President WOO made the suggestion of inviting some presidents from European universities to come as observers to the AGM. Several universities have expressed interest in developing a relationship with AEARU. It was decided that it was too late to invite them to the AGM in October and that it might be a good occasion to invite them next year to HKUST's 10th Anniversary and AEARU's 5th Anniversary celebrations.

- C. 7th BOD at Osaka University, with the 6th AGM Osaka U.

- D. 8th BOD

35. President ZHU graciously offered to host the 8th BOD meeting at USTC in May 2001. USTC

- E. 9th BOD at HKUST, Fall 2001, with 7th AGM HKUST

36. Attendance at the AGM by all member universities was discussed. Last year three universities did not send their president or a representative to the AGM in Taiwan: Fudan, Seoul National University and Tsinghua University-Beijing. In order to encourage all 17 universities to attend each regional board member was asked to contact the schools in his region. BOD

V. CONTINUING: OTHER BUSINESS

37. Chair HASUMI brought up an item for discussion concerning whether AEARU should invite Kim Il Sung University from North Korea to join. President CHUNG noted that very little is known about the caliber of this university and that it might be more prudent to invite them as an observer to the Osaka meeting first before inviting them as a member. He suggested that AEARU should get to know them a little more before POSTECH
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making a formal move. President WOO felt that this was an important issue because until now AEARU had based membership on quality and academic level, but this would change the nature of AEARU to become more political. President CHUNG said he would try to get more information on the university. President ZHU mentioned that USTC has an exchange program with Kim Il Sung University and he will also try to get more information.

38. President CHUNG asked how many copies he should print of the AEARU Brochure. This will be discussed in more detail with Chair HASUMI.

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VII. ADJOURNMENT

39. Chair HASUMI expressed his appreciation to everyone and said he looked forward to cooperating on many events. He thanked President CHUNG for holding the meeting at POSTECH and asked that appreciation be conveyed to the President of POSCO also. Chair HASUMI adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.