

AEARU 17th Board of Directors Meeting
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Shanghai University

PRESENT

Prof. Qing-shi ZHUPresident, University of Science & Tech. of China
(Chairperson)
Prof. Chan-Mo PARK.....President, POSTECH
(Vice-Chairperson)
Prof. Kojiro IRIKURAExecutive Vice-President, Kyoto University
Prof. Yuk Shee CHAN Vice-President, Hong Kong Univ. of Science & Tech..
Prof. Tzong-Ho BAU..... Vice-President, Taiwan University

SECRETARY

Mr. Zhengkai ZHOUAEARU Secretariat, Deputy Director of International Office, USTC

IN ATTENDANCE

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Ms Serena CHAN University Development Officer, International

University of Science and Technology of China
Dr. Mengping ZHANG Director of International Office

Kyoto University
Dr. Toshio Yokoyama Vice President
Mr. Satoru Endo..... Director, International Affairs Division

POSTECH
Prof. Ki-Sang HongDean of Academic Affairs
Ms. Jung-Hee Yang..... Manager, International Affairs

Meeting Minutes

I. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Vice-Chairperson, President Chan-Mo Park of POSTECH was invited to give some remarks. He said that he has been involved with AEARU for many years. He remarked that because AEARU is famous, many universities want to join and this is an ongoing situation.

II. ISSUE ON THE NEXT TERM'S CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON AND BOD MEMBERS

Chairperson ZHU mentioned that a decision was made at the AGM that voting of next term's chairperson will be by mail. Traditionally the candidate for the next chairperson is the current vice chairperson so President Chan-Mo PARK is the only candidate for next term's chairperson. It was also agreed that voting for a vice chairperson by mail would also take place.

The Board then discussed the candidates for the vice chairperson and two BOD positions. They agreed that the vice chairperson should come from Japan.

President ZHU advised that the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson should be nominated at the AGM by the majority of members so that they should be elected at the same time. It was thought that they could propose a chairperson at the same time as the vice chairperson. This vote should have been made at the AGM, but time was too short. So the AGM meeting decided to vote by mail. There should be two mailing votes - the first for the chairperson and the second for the vice chairperson. Voters should reply by email and fax. If no answer was received, it would be assumed that the answer is yes.

The Board agreed on the two nominations which were an extension of the AGM meeting held earlier in the day.

The issue of BOD members was also discussed. From the Constitution, the BOD should consist of a new chair, a new vice-chair, immediate past chair and two members. According to nominations, the new chair will be from Korea and the new vice chair will be from Japan. The immediate past chair is from China and this means that USTC president will serve for another two years. This is to keep the continuity of AEARU.

Two other members are from Hong Kong and Taiwan. Chairperson ZHU proposed that since there are two member universities in Taiwan they need to discuss it and afterwards make a recommendation. It is not constitutionally necessary to change.

Since Hong Kong University of Science and Technology is the only member in Hong Kong, it may be the permanent member of AEARU representing Hong Kong.

Vice President Yuk Shee CHAN of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology commented some other Japanese university may want to become a board member.

Chairperson ZHU said that Kyoto University will get support from 4 other Japanese universities. He further stated that the Vice chair should have experience as a board member since the vice chair will become the chair two years later. To become a vice chair, the person needs experience and Kyoto University has that experience and also is actively involved in the Association.

III. ISSUE ON APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP BY Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden

This question was raised at the AGM earlier. The BOARD agreed that once AEARU opened up to one institution, they would have to open up to many others. Discussion took place on the effects of KAIST

President Laughlin's proposal made at the AGM. The BOD took the position to do nothing until there is a change in policy. This matter was deferred to the next term under President Park's chairpersonship.

IV. WORKSHOPS AND STUDENT SUMMPER CAMPS PROPOSED FOR 2006

1. International symposium on sustainability science to be held between February 2-4, 2006 and hosted by the University of Tokyo.

This was approved by the Board.

2. Symposium on earthquake hazard along the Pacific Rim - "Global Watch and Environment Impact co-hosted by UC-Berkeley and Osaka University to be held in San Francisco.

This is a joint program by AEARU and APRU. A concern was raised that if this is held in San Francisco, many people may not be prepared to go. However, Chairperson ZHU indicated that they should support and encourage member universities to send people or if member universities have students in America they should encourage them to go.

3. Student Summer Camp (Topical), unscheduled
4. Student Summer Camp (General), unscheduled
5. 7th Workshop on Web Technology & Computer Science, unscheduled
6. 4th Workshop on Network Education, unscheduled

These four workshops have been held every year. The Board cannot make a decision until a university volunteers to organize them. Chairperson ZHU proposed that the Secretariat just keep circulating to members until someone responds. On the other hand, Chairperson ZHU stated that it is not necessary to repeat workshops every year.

7. 4th Workshop for Development and Collaboration of Asian Business schools, Hong Kong University of Science & Technology.

Vice President Yuk Shee CHAN of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology informed that this workshop has been held twice before

and that fewer people are attending due to fewer business schools. He said it was quite likely that this may not take place this year.

8. 3rd workshop on Advanced Materials Research, unscheduled.

This was proposed by Nanjing University. A suggestion was made that a circular be sent out to see if members can host it.

V. TRANSFER OF SECRETARIAT

Transfer of the Secretariat from USTC to POSTECH needs to take place as this takes time. The issue of a new secretary was discussed.

VI. FUTURE MEETINGS

The 12th AGM and the 19th BOD have already been scheduled to be held at POSTECH in Korea.

Chairperson ZHU said that there should be one BOD meeting before then and that a decision should be made immediately so that the BOD meeting will be in order next year, and the confirmation of this meeting will be discussed at that BOD meeting.

The last BOD meeting was held at Kyoto and two years ago it was held in Hefei. BOD Membership representing Taiwan is still under discussion and if Taiwan University continues to serve as a BOD member, then the 18th BOD meeting may be held in Taiwan. If that is not possible, then the meeting may be held at USTC in Hefei.

A suggestion was made for the 18th BOD meeting to be held in March, and the 12th AGM and 19th BOD meetings to be held six months later in September.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson ZHU expressed profound thanks to members for cooperating with him during his tenure as this was his last meeting as chairperson.

A vote of thanks was made to President ZHU for his able leadership.