

IIEE Bataan Chapter conducts General Membership Meeting and Technical Seminar

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Though the chapter has just been resurrected for over a month as of press time, the recently concluded ***IIEE Bataan-Chapter General Membership Meeting and Technical Seminar*** held at the Audio Visual Room of Bataan Peninsula State University – Main Campus last November 14, 2009 turned out to be a huge success.



Registered electrical practitioners of Bataan as well as the students started pouring in the venue at 10 o'clock in morning. The first part of the activity was projected as a membership meeting to be facilitated by the chapter officers while the second part was allotted for technical presentations of invited resource persons.

The program started with Engr. Benjamin Alamani, Chapter President, expressing his welcome remarks to all the attendees particularly to Engr. Jonathan Favi, the Region 2 Governor and Engr. Hil Luzares, the chapter treasurer of Bulacan as guests in the said activity.



Then, after calling the order of the meeting and declaring the quorum, Engr. Reynaldo Borja read the minutes of the previous meeting followed by Engr. Nelson Andres with the minutes of the last Executive Committee (Execom) Meeting.

Later, Engr. Guillermo Lacson, chapter treasurer, was tasked to discuss the financial concerns of the chapter based on its manual of operation.

Regional Governor Jonathan Favi inspired the chapter with his presentations on the recent activities and accomplishments initiated by other chapters through his governance and eventually encouraged the Bataan chapter to strive alike while lending his support. Engr. Hil Luzares also shared his experiences with Bulacan Chapter in rebuilding the chapter since Bulacan is undergoing the same. It was inspiring to witness the involvement of IIEE with different sectors of society to improve quality of living.



After the recital of the IIEE Pledge of Code of Ethics, Engr. Alamani discussed some feedbacks in the attendance of Bataan chapter officers and members in the 34th Annual National convention held at SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia, Pasay City and in the 1st IIEE Regional General Meeting and Team Building Seminar in Bocaue, Bulacan.

He also launched the proposed IIEE mini library to be housed at BPSU by donating 3 books- the Philippine Electrical Code one and two.

Afterwards, the Chapter President encouraged all Registered Electrical Engineers to apply for PEE as he mentioned the requirements and also gave insights to some possible topics and helpful tips. He also tasked the chapter BODs to lead in the promotions to increase the members of the organization.

In the latter part of the activity, Engr. Edwin C. Zaldivar, the Chapter Vice President for Internal Affairs, instituted the first of the scheduled four presentations presenting the company profile, financial and operational statuses of the Peninsula Electric Cooperative (PENELCO) which gave useful information to all the electrical energy consumers of Bataan.

He was followed by Engr. Val C. Panganiban of ABB who discussed Environment and Health Safety in Industrial companies. He also stressed out that company should prioritize first the building of safety culture in their environment more than buying sophisticated protections.



Representatives from ABB discussed their company structure and operations in the country and gave feedbacks on their latest products of different applications. Also, since most of the attendees came from distribution and generation sectors, they stressed out some valuable products like reclosers, circuit breakers and others.

Lastly Engr. Hil Luzares, Treasurer form the Bulacan Chapter, presented two topics starting with the "Latest Innovations in Power back-up solutions" and "Nuclear Power Plant" which he found valuable to Bataeños.



Attendees became interested with topics from the Nuclear Power Plant since most of the Engineers present in the activity were around during the Bataan Nuclear Power Plant fiasco in the 80's.

He also cited some commentaries of significant people which were published and pointed out some of his insights about some sensitive issues.

Engr. Alamani wrapped up the activity by thanking the attendees, the guests and the sponsors for making IIEE-Bataan Chapter's first activity after the fall, an unforgettable and informative one. He awarded IIEE T-shirt, pins and stickers to the lucky winners of the fun game BATAAN Acronym contest which was announced in between technical presentations.

Later in the evening, the chapter officers and some members together with R2 IIEE Governor Jong Favi got together in one accord for a meaningful fellowship.