
PROPOSED
INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS SRI LANKA
NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA
CHAPTER



BACKGROUND...



A quick recap...

The President of IESL (Institute Engineers Sri Lanka)

requested:

LSF (Lak Saviya Foundation)

to provide assistance in:

forming an IESL chapter in Australia



WHY LSF?

The president and few other executive members of IESL happened to know a few LSF members who had been part of IESL whilst in Sri Lanka



WHAT IS LSF?

LSF is a charity organisation as well as an NGO in Sri Lanka.

LSF is engaged in many projects in Sri Lanka in the areas of:

- *Education*
- *Health*
- *Environment & Sustainable Development*
- *Information Technology*

LSF do these with the specific objective of helping the destitute and the needy.



In executing these projects:

LSF had the opportunity and the privilege to work in co-operation with many Engineers in Sri Lanka.

THUS

IESL and LSF have a mutual respect

As they

*Share common ground in education, environment
and infrastructure*



WHAT IS LSF'S AGREED ROLE IN OUR OBJECTIVES?

*LSF being an established Organisation in NSW Australia, and
having substantial links with Sri Lanka:*

Including NGO status

*LSF is in a reasonable position and has the capacity to help
establish an IESL chapter in Australia.*

LSF AGREED TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO;



- *Act as an advertising and networking medium to Engineers, primarily in NSW and possibly in other states*
- *Help create the initial member base*
- *Organising meetings..... like today's!*
- *Giving administrative/secretarial and limited financial support until the stable running of an IESL chapter in Australia.*
- *In the future (if necessary) to assist in the expansion of the established IESL chapter in NSW to other states*
- *If necessary, further support after the establishment of an IESL chapter in Australia, by mutual agreement*

As Such...

- *IESL had discussions with LSF in June 2008*
- *IESL advised its members about this initiative*
- *LSF called the initial General Meeting in Sept 2008*
- *And appointed a working committee to carry out the groundwork for the formation of IESL NSW Australia Chapter.*

WORKING COMMITTEE



In the beginning the working committee comprised of

1. Palitha Manchanyaka, (President)
2. Tissa Wijayasinghe (Secretary and LSF rep.)
3. Vajira Samarasinghe
4. Maya Amaraweera
5. Anuradha de Silva
6. Nihal Fernando
7. Mahen Mahendraverman
8. Joy Perera
9. Mahinda Karunaratne
10. Ashok Peiris
11. Athula Amarasinghe
12. Dayantha Jayarathne

WORKING COMMITTEE



Subsequently, three members; viz,

- Palitha Manchanyaka
- Mahen Mahendraverman
- Joy Perera

Resigned citing personal reasons.

*The Working Committee wishes to thank them
for their valuable contributions*

Gurusamy Jeyaprakash kindly consented to join the working committee and we thank him for his commitment

THE CURRENT WORKING COMMITTEE



1. Nihal Fernando, (President, newly elect.)
2. Tissa Wijayasinghe (Secretary and LSF rep.)
3. Vajira Samarasinghe
4. Maya Amaraweera
5. Anuradha de Silva
6. Mahinda Karunaratne
7. Ashok Peiris
8. Athula Amarasinghe
9. Dayantha Jayarathne
10. Gurusamy Jeyaprakash

WORKING COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



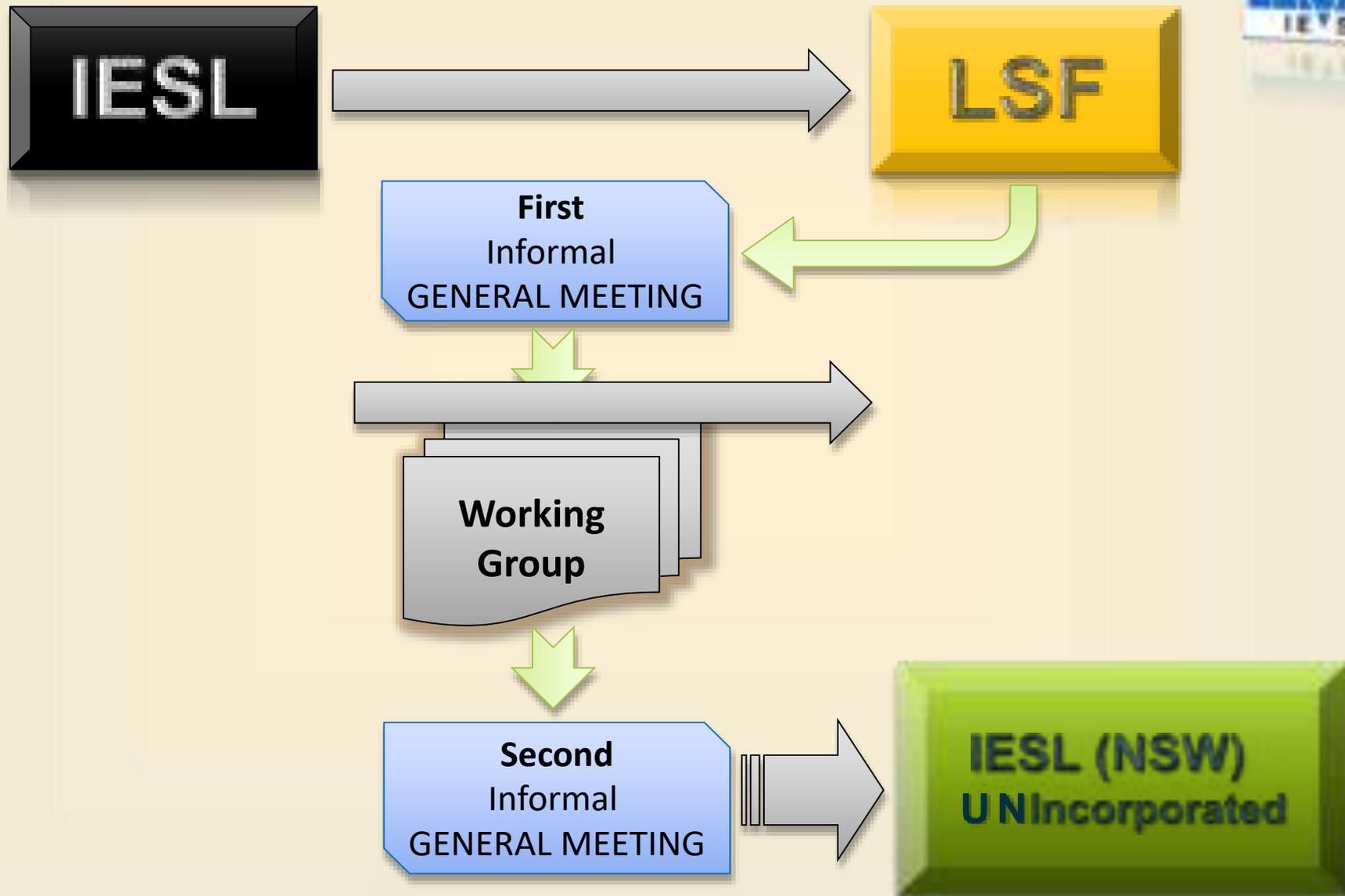
- *Working Committee met 4 times*
- *Started on a potential member database*
- *Had extensive discussions with the parent body*
- *Identified possibilities and suitable framework for IESL Aust Chapter*
- *Made proposals to IESL Committee*
- *IESL agreed and instructed LSF to form IESL NSW Chapter*

WORKING COMMITTEE CONTD.

- *Formulated a draft constitution*
- *Developed a draft structure for the Chapter*
- *Developed operating guidelines*

*To be approved/amended
by this forum or
future committee and the general body*

STEPS IN FORMING IESL (NSW)



FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Foreseeable benefits and advantages

To exchange information and knowledge

- *Earlier this year one of our colleagues, Kapila Nanayakkara, from Snowy Mountains Engineering Corporation (SMEC) delivered the Vimalasurendra lecture at IESL Sri Lanka.*
- *Similarly many of our engineers have taken part in discussion or delivered lectures in Sri Lanka.*



FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Support for Migrating Engineers from Sri Lanka

Vehicle for a migrating engineer from SL to get the support for relocation and employment

- *Most of us have helped and/or been helped by, our fellow engineers in this crucial step.*
- *With an IESL chapter in Australia, an opportunity arises to do this in a more organised manner.*



FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Support for Engineering Students

*Help and support for Engineering Graduates and students
in areas such as...*

- Industry knowledge
- Careers advise
- Work experience
- Advise on job search
- Mentoring



FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Networking: Expand IESL member base

Aiding IESL in forming a branch in Australia....

in turn help our country of birth by expanding their (IESL) member base

Who knows what the limit is?

Possibility to expand to other parts of the world where Sri Lankan Engineering expatriates are working.

FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Engineering Prudence

Positively influence Sri Lanka on matters relating to engineering prudence



Water fuelled car.....?!

FORESEEABLE BENEFITS



Accessibility to Information and People

Potential help to SL in engineering related business development, primarily by way of:

accessibility to information and the right people (network).

There maybe others we didn't foresee... maybe you see more!

PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTIONS



- *Form IESL (NSW) Chapter*
- *IESL NSW Chapter will be an unincorporated body initially*
- *NSW Chapter to operate under a draft constitution*

DUTIES OF IESL (NSW) CHAPTER



- *Work with IESL to identify the suitable organisational framework*
- *Implement suitable organisational framework for Australia*
- *Organise Inauguration Meeting*
- *Promote membership*



INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS SRI LANKA

(NSW) Australia Chapter

Operating Guidelines

ORGANISATIONAL

- *Liaise with IESL for policy and procedural matters*
- *Arrange for the Incorporation of the Chapter in NSW*
- *Maintain Incorporation status of the Chapter*
- *Liaise with IEAust to develop a mutual relationship with IESL & IEAust*

ADMINISTRATIVE

- *Hold Committee meetings, AGM, SGMs as per the constitution*
- *Maintain a Chapter membership register*
- *Channel relevant IESL correspondence to the Chapter membership*
- *Liaise with IESL on behalf of Chapter membership*

FINANCIAL

- *Collect and disburse funds*
- *Keep financial activity records*
- *Raise funds through appropriate means*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- *Form Learned Groups to promote and advance the science and practice of engineering*
- *Arrange Seminars etc, on topical technical subjects*
- *Facilitate professional mentoring of young engineers*
- *Voice professional opinions on technical matters at relevant forums*

SRI LANKA LINK



- *Provide forums to share and exchange Australian and Sri Lankan Engineering experiences*
- *Facilitate the mutual exchange of expert knowledge through appropriate means*
- *Voice professional opinions on Sri Lanka matters of technical and/or national development nature*
- *Provide avenues for cross communications between Sri Lankan and Australian engineering*

SOCIAL INTERACTION AND WELFARE

- *Organise events to foster social interaction of Chapter members and their families*
- *Assist newly arrived Sri Lankan Engineers to settle-in and to find suitable employment placements*
- *Participate in charitable endeavours*

THANKS...



Working Committee wishes to express its sincere thanks to

➤ *LSF for:*

- *Their assistance in numerous ways*
- *And its commitment to work in cooperation with the IESL, NSW Chapter in the future*

➤ *Other members who helped us in various ways to make this project a success*



THANK YOU...

*Prepared by the working committee of the
IESL NSW AUSTRALIA CHAPTER*

AGENDA



1. *Welcome by President LSF*
2. *Introduction by President working committee*
3. *Presentation by working committee covering background, the progress made so far and the proposed way forward.*
4. *Questions and answers session*
5. *Formation of new committee*
6. *Official handing over*



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Salient Points of The Constitution to be discussed and agreed

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. *Name*
2. *Membership*
3. *Structure of the working committee*
4. *Any other*



THE END...

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On behalf of the
Working Committee for creation
of the IESL NSW Chapter*