

## PSME CRSA Plenary Session Minutes

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### I. INTRODUCTORY PART

At 15:07 PM the formal plenary session commenced

- 2016 President, Engr. Orben Dela Cruz opened the plenary session as the Presiding Officer (To be addressed as P.O. in the foregoing)
- The PSME CRSA Riyadh Chapter members in attendance shall be referred to as General Membership or GM in the foregoing
- The Panel composed of PSME CRSA Past Presidents (To be referred to as PPs/PP in the foregoing) and PSME National Officers in attendance were introduced to the GM.
- PSME Members Engr. Elmar Nicolas and Engr. Dexter Hernandez assisted in addressing the questions
- The P.O. asked each member to state his name before asking his questions directed to the P.O. and the panel.

### II. PLENARY SESSION PROPER

#### 1. Engr. Eric Gayares raised the 1<sup>st</sup> motion to the P.O. to inform the GM about the PSME National Status

1.1 The P.O. acknowledged the motion and asked it to be seconded

1.2 PP Julius Dela Torre seconded the motion and its discussion proceeded

1.3 The motion was forwarded to the VP Foreign Affairs (VP-FA) and VP International Operations (VP-IO) and they were requested by the P.O. to provide information to the GM.

1.4 The VP-IO and VP-FA responded accordingly

1.4.1 VP-IO, Engr. Carlito Agpay addressed the body about the motion:

1.4.1.1 The national issue is on-going, from the leadership standpoint

1.4.1.2 The case is still on-going/under the deliberation of the court as to who the legitimate PSME National President is in accordance with the Philippine Laws

1.4.1.3 The VP-IO referred to the Branch 24 decision last August 2016 stating about the recognition, denial, claims of damages, and other point which does not mention anything about who is the 2016 National President of PSME.

1.4.2 VP-FA, Engr. Ransam Pirote further elaborated on the legalities related to the motion raised

1.4.2.1 The VP-FA noted that there are still two (2) personalities claiming the PSME National presidency

1.4.2.2 The VP-FA noted the he believes there is only one PSME, the question is only on the leadership

- 1.4.2.3 Both sides are claiming numbers/statistics of supporters but there were no complete documented proofs for the said claims to be verified
  - 1.4.2.4 Most of the chapters have attended the convention headed by Engr. Conti
  - 1.4.2.5 The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) recognizes Engr. Conti's group as of this time
  - 1.4.2.6 As of the moment, Engr. Conti has been elected as PSME National President for 2017 for the PSME National Office currently supported by many PSME Chapters including majority of Middle East Chapters
  - 1.4.2.7 The VP-FA concluded by noting that as long as there is no court order and new proclamation to supersede the previous resolution by the PRC supporting Engr. Conti's presidency, he is still recognized as the PSME National President
2. **Engr Sammy Fernandez, PME, AE raised the 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to the P.O. by asking the question "Why did the Board of Mechanical Engineering (To be referred in the foregoing as BMEs) attended the conventions/conferences/activities of Engr. Demdam's group if PRC where they are assigned/employed recognizes Engr. Conti's group?"**
- 2.1 The VP-FA answered "Even if BMEs attended Engr. Demdam's group's events it does not manifest that Engr. Demdam's group is already the PRC-recognized group as the BMEs do not represent PRC as a whole."
  - 2.2 The VP-FA also noted that the BME did not release any signed written document expressing their support to Engr. Demdam's group and informing all PSME Chapters worldwide to support Engr. Demdam's group, otherwise this would have been considered by PSME Chapters worldwide prior to coming up with a final decision as to which group to support
  - 2.3 The VP-FA continued by saying "Only the court can decide as to which group is recognized. As of the moment, the court has not released any final decision regarding the case. Each group is still waiting for the court's decision."
3. **PP/Engr. Restituto Sibug raised the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion by inquiring for a General Membership votation by raising of hands to ascertain as to which group at that moment will be supported by the PSME-CRSA Riyadh Chapter for 2017.**
- 3.1. The motion was acknowledged by the P.O.
  - 3.2. The motion was seconded.
  - 3.3. PP/Engr. Rowell Somido requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted
  - 3.3.1 PP Somido noted "The PSME CRSA Riyadh Chapter's decision to support Engr. Conti's presidency in 2016 was referred to the previous resolution during the

- term of 2009 PP/Engr. Fortunato Simbulan wherein the chapter recognized the PRC-recognized PSME National Office/Leaders.”
- 3.3.2 PP Somido recognized/applauded the level of service given by PSME-CRSA’s 2016 BOD to the supreme members despite of the ruckus in the PSME National
- 3.3.3 Engr. Cecil Chavit requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted
- 3.3.4 Engr. Chavit noted “History repeats itself. The decision of legitimate authorities should be followed. When there is need for us to wait for the court’s decision, we will wait for the said decision. This will maintain our good relationship with fellow mechanical engineers. Do not let ourselves be dragged with our opinions. Everybody has the right to voice out their opinion/s but it does not mean we have to follow that opinion. As a chapter, we have to follow the rule of law.”
- 3.3.5 PP Sibug followed up on his previously raised motion and note “There have been e-mails containing courts’ resolutions but each group has been posting different court resolutions. I would like the supreme members/General Membership to decide which side (Engr. Conti or Engr. Demdam’s group) to take.”
- 3.3.6 Engr. Anthony de Padua requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted
- 3.3.7 **Engr. de Padua afterwards raised the 4<sup>th</sup> motion which is a secondary motion to the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion raised by PP/Engr. Restituto Sibug. He raised the motion to defer the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion stated by PP Sibug and noted that this can cause division in PSME CRSA Riyadh Chapter.**
- 3.3.8 Engr. de Padua’s motion was seconded by PP Rowell.
- 3.3.9 Engr. Fidelito Panugan, 2009-2010 BOD requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted. Engr. Panugan expressed his agreement with the opinion of Engr. Chavit and encouraged the General Membership to accede to this.
- 3.3.10 PP Resty further insisted in his motion to push thru with the votation of the general membership to vote and choose between Reyes and Conti as the 2017 PSME National President.
- 3.3.11 PP Somido requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted
- 3.3.12 PP Somido requested to the P.O. to clarify the items the General Membership will be voting for before proceeding with the votation proper by raising of hands.
- 3.3.13 Engr. Rommel Caparaz requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted.

- 3.3.14 Engr. Caparaz inquired “Kindly explain the pros and cons of joining each of the contending parties before we release a decision.”
- 3.3.15 The VP-FA requested to be recognized by the P.O. and to elaborate on the issue and his request was granted
- 3.3.16 The VP-FA explained the difference between the two motions and the deferment of a motion (4th motion) being higher than the 3rd motion as per Robert’s Rules (Parliamentary Procedure).
- 3.3.17 The P.O. requested for the votation as there were two contending motions presented to the body to agree on.
- 3.3.18 The P.O. noted the need to decide the motion being raised for votation now because of time constraints and the P.O.s proposal was not contested.
- 3.3.19 The P.O. proceeded to clarify the items being voted on to the General Membership
- That the General Membership vote now (Main Motion).
  - That the General Membership vote later when PRC has released its recent decision as to which PSME National Office it recognizes (Motion to defer the main motion).
- 3.3.20 Votation was carried out and **the 4<sup>th</sup> motion to defer the 3<sup>rd</sup> motion won by majority decision** (*Refer to attached video clip and pictures for reference*)

**4. No further motions were raised and no other topics were discussed as the time allotted for the Plenary Session was already consumed. The session’s timekeeper was EVP Milo Per I. Paat**

### III. CONCLUSION

Thus, as it was noted during the formal plenary session that until PRC releases a resolution to supersede their previous recognition to Leandro Conti dated December 18, 2015, PSME CRSA Riyadh Chapter will decide to stand firm to its legal and binding decision made by its elected 2016 BODs in January 2016 as noted on BOD resolution ref: PSME/F-2016-01 dated January 12, 2016.

However, on the contrary, if PRC releases a resolution to supersede their previous resolution stated above, PSME CRSA Riyadh Chapter will respect and comply with the said PRC ruling.  
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