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THE BAHRAIN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS

# **Report of the Board of Directors**

# 2016 - 2017

## **Presented to the Ordinary**

# **Annual General Assembly Meeting**

## On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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## First: Executive Summary

The General Assembly held its ordinary meeting on 15 March 2016, where Mr. Masoud Al-Hermi was elected as the chairman by acclamation. The following members were elected to join the Board of Directors:

- 1- Mr. Abbas Ali Al-Watani
- 2- Ms. Reem Ahmed Al-Otaibi
- 3- Mr. Amer Ali bin Rajab
- 4- Ms. Reem Ebrahim Khalfan

The Board of Directors held its first meeting on 15 March 2016 under the chairmanship of Mr. Masoud Al-Hermi, where the nominations and distribution of positions of the Board were made as follows:

- Mr. Abdul Nabi Alsabah	Vice Chairman
- Mr. Jawad Jaffar Al-Jabal	Executive Secretary and Director of External Affairs
- Mr. Abbas Ali Al-Watani	Treasurer
- Mr. Jameel Khalaf Al Alawi	Director of Conferences
- Mr. Amer Ali bin Rajab	Director of Membership and Profession Affairs
- Mr. Ayman M. Nasser	Director of Training
- Ms. Reem Ebrahim Khalfan	Director of Media & Public Relations
- Ms. Reem Ahmed Al-Otaibi	Director of General Activities

By virtue of resignation letter dated 7 November 2016 submitted by Mr. Amer Rajab, the first reserve Mr. Mahdi Al-Jallawi has replaced him as the Director of Membership and Profession Affairs.

During its term which ends today, the Board of Directors held nine ordinary meetings and 3 extraordinary meetings. During these meetings, the Board prepared, planned for and followed up the implementation of various programs and activities for the Society.

At the beginning of the term, the Board set up a work plan that took into consideration the plans and programs adopted by the previous Board as well as the proposals and recommendations of the General Assembly and benefited from the available resources. The plan also included some activities that intended to foster the Society's relationship with the authorities, professional, social and scientific societies and institutions, both inside and outside Bahrain, particularly the Federation of Arab Engineers and Gulf Engineering Union.

Despite the economic situation in the region, the Society has managed to overcome many difficulties and organized its programs in full as planned. On the other hand, the Board took into consideration the benefits of membership and in order to maximize the value added, it has organized a series of events and enabled the members to have access to such programmes and actively take part in them.

We, at the Society's Board of Directors, believe that it is our obligation to mention the fact that all of the achievements of the Society were only made possible through many preparatory meetings, correspondence and communications. The burdens were shouldered by a small number of members who have passion to volunteer work.

They dedicated all their resources and most of their time, notwithstanding their busy schedule, to undertake the tasks assigned to them and to highlight the activities of the Society in honorable form as detailed in the report in your hands. For this reason, we have to remind you that we are in dire need for you to spare part of your precious time and join the active engineers caravan through participating in the permanent and temporary committees and to attend the events that are organized by the Society.

During the past year and the beginning of this year, many activities and events were organized in line with the work plan, summary of which is as follows:

- 1- The Society has presented its opinion regarding many draft laws related to engineers such as the implementing regulation for organizing the practice of engineering and the organizational conditions for construction etc.
- 2- BSE Training Center held 6 training workshops during 2016.
- 3- Bahrain Society of Engineers celebrated the "Bahraini Engineers' Day" on 04 October, 2016, during which a number of Engineers were honored and honorary membership was awarded to them.
- 4- The Activities Committee organized a number of events including thirteen lectures during the "Tuesday Forum" which covered various topics and also organized quality workshops and site visits to many sites for members.
- 5- The Activities Committee also organized two dinner events "Ghabgah" during the holy month of Ramadan.
- 6- The Media Committee issued two issues No. 62 and 63 of Al Mohandis Magazine during this electoral cycle, as well as releasing 7 issues of "Al Mohandis Times" bulletin during the same period. The Committee also continued its media coverage for all events and activities organized by the Society. The social media facilities were largely used in this process in addition to the communication features related to mobile phones applications.
- 7- On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 BSE signed a memorandum of understanding with the Federation of GCC Chambers (FGCCC), under which will be coordinated to organize several joint activities and training courses.
- 8- Ms. Huda Sultan continued to represent the Society in the meetings of the Supreme Council for Women, delegated by the Board of Directors, and took part in the activities and events organized by the Council during 2016, including celebration of Bahraini Women Day, training programs and introductory visits. A meeting with the Secretary General of Supreme Council for Women took place, during which the issue of allocating a year to celebrate the Female Engineers' Day was discussed. This was announced during the celebrations organized in the Supreme Council for Woman under the auspices of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabika bint Ibrahim Al Khlaifa, Chairwoman of the Supreme Council for Woman.

9- The committee concerned with preparation of a feasibility study for the Engineers Complex Project has completed its task. Having reviewed all the offers provided by the consulting offices, and upon recommendation of the Committee, the Gulf House Engineering was selected to prepare the new building designs and to supervise the execution of the project. The Consulting Works Agreement was signed on 6 February 2017 and it is expected to complete the Engineering designs and tenders award within 10 months.

#### Dear BSE members,

The Board of Directors has successfully accomplished many different events and activities in a professional manner and in a way that reflects the distinct role of Bahraini Engineers and as such the Society has become an example to follow throughout the Kingdom. However, these achievements remain beyond our aspirations, as we were hoping to achieve many ideas and plans that were discussed by the members of the Board of Directors in their meetings during the last period. There is no doubt that the next Board will continue to work very hard to attain further achievements for the benefit of the engineering profession and the engineering sector in our beloved country.

The following are some recommendations and proposals for review and implementation by the next Board:

- 1. Due to the fact that there are members who have failed to pay their membership subscriptions on a regular basis and the debts have accumulated in our books, we recommend to consider the members in default for more than 3 years as inactive members, and to treat the accumulated amounts as bad debts. Meanwhile we recommend to stop charging them further subscriptions and to deny them membership benefits.
- Three years have elapsed since the appointment of M/S. Talal Abu Ghazalah for auditing the accounts of the Society, quotations have been obtained from three audit firms and hence the Board recommends to appoint M/S Jawad Habib (BDO) for auditing the accounts of the Society during the period from January until December 2017.

## Second: External Relations:

#### 1. Gulf Engineering Union

The Bahrain Society of Engineers has effectively took part in all the activities organized by the Gulf Engineering Union last year, which we summarize as follows:

- a. The meeting of the Supreme Council and Follow-up held in Mekkah on 28 October 2016 were attended by BSE.
- b. His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime Minister received in his office, on 23 November 2016, both the Chairman of the Society and the Secretary General of the Union, Mr. Kamal Al Hamad and discussed means of supporting the Gulf Engineering Union.

- c. The Society hosted two workshops on 23rd and 24th of December 2016 which were held at the Gulf Hotel. The first workshop discussed the topic related to "Developing Systems and Strategies of the Union" while the second workshop focused on "Activating the Uniform GCC Engineering Classification". Representatives from all GCC institutions took part in the workshops.
- d. BSE President attended a workshop on "Qualification and Classification of Engineers" held in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman on 19 January 2017.
- e. A delegation from BSE took part in the events that were organized in parallel with the 20<sup>th</sup> Gulf Engineering Conference which was held in Dubai during the period 21 until 23 February 2017. The delegation was headed by Mr. Masoud Al Hermi, and included Mr. Ayman Nasser, Mr. Jameel Khalaf Al Alawi, Ms. Reem Ebrahim Khalfan and Ms. Mahdi Al- Jallawi. Moreover, the delegation also attended the 4th Arabian Tunneling Conference & Exhibition, and the official delegation took part also in the meetings of the Supreme Council of Gulf Engineering Union.
- f. BSE hosted the signing ceremony on the Memorandums of Understandings between the GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre and each of Bahrain Society of Engineers, UAE Society of Engineers and Gulf Engineering Union.

#### 2. Gulf Engineering Entities:

BSE President attended the workshop on Qualification and Classification of Engineers upon invitation from Saudi Council of Engineers, which was held in cooperation with the Federation of Engineering Institutions of Islamic Countries (FEIIC) in Jeddah City, Kingdom of Saudi Arabic in May 2016.

#### 3. Federation of Arab Engineers

#### a. 27<sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference (29 – 30 March 2016):

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, the Bahrain Society of Engineers organized the 27<sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference, under the theme "Reality of Transport in the Arab World and the Prospects of its Development and Integration between the Arab States". This 2-days conference took place on 29 and 30 March 2016, at Diplomat Hotel. This conference was attended by HE Dr. Essam Sharaf, former Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, who was the key speaker in this conference. Engineers from most of Arab countries took part in this event and presented papers on the topics of the conference.

#### b. Side Activities:

During the conference period, the meeting for the Executive Bureau was held before the ordinary session No. 72 of the Supreme Council of the Federation of Arab Engineers. The Federal Female Engineers Committee also held a meeting that included all the members of the Committee from Arab countries. In this meeting certificates were presented to the leading female Engineers where Dr.. Lamya Faisal, nominated by BSE was honored.

#### c. Information Communications Technology (ICT) Committee:

FAE Federal Committee of Information Communications Technology organized "Arab ICT Forum" under the auspices of Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Telecommunications Regulatory Authority, under the theme "Information Communications Technology To Support the Economic Development". The event was held at Gulf Hotel on 25 October 2016 and was attended by representatives from most Arab Engineering entities who submitted their papers related to the topic of the Forum.

#### d. Permanent Bureau Meeting:

Mr. Jawad Jaffar Al-Jabal, Executive Secretary and member of the Permanent Bureau took part in the two meetings of the Permanent Bureau of the Federation of Arab Engineers which was held on 11 and 12 July 2016 and the other meeting was held in Cairo on 20 November 2016.

#### e. Meeting of Federation's Supreme Council in Algeria:

A delegation from BSE attended the meeting of Federation's Supreme Council in Algeria, during the period from 24-25 February 2017. The meeting was represented by its President and the Executive Secretary,

#### 4. Global Engineering Organizations

a. The Society's relationships continued in the same usual pattern with international Engineering entities such as World Federation of Engineering Organizations "WFEO" and FIDIC. However, the relation was distinct with the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers "ASHRAE" upon accepting the Bahrain Society of Engineers, as a partner member, in middle of July 2016. According to this initiative, the two parties shall cooperate in organizing conferences, training courses and exchanging publications.

On the period from 25 January and 2 February 2017 and during the presence of BSE President Mr. Masoud Al-Hermi for attending the Winter Conference in Las Vegas, he requested to host the Regional Centre of ASHRAE for Training. This means, if his request is approved, BSE Training Centre will witness a remarkable progress.

b. Meeting with the representatives of the British Institute of Civil Engineers was held for the purpose of forming a chapter that will be active under the umbrella of BSE. During the meeting, the issue related to organization of joint projects was discussed.

## THIRD: Conferences and Exhibitions

The year 2016 was eventful and fulfilling for the Bahrain Society of Engineers. We witnessed various Conferences & Exhibitions which made a mark in the hearts of aspiring engineers as well as a highly elite crowd. International Conferences and exhibitions were held by the Bahrain Society of Engineers in conjunction with diverse Organizations and Institutions. These events helped spreading awareness on several issues and made an impact on the participants in their respective fields. The Society takes great pride in being responsible for bringing The Kingdom of Bahrain at par with the latest developments in engineering and technology. We are indeed honored to have had the opportunity to play a key role in facilitating these events.

Below, is a list of the events organized by the Bahrain Society of Engineers since the last AGM in the year 2016.

SI. No	Name of Conference	Dates	Venue	
1	27 <sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference	29 – 31 March, 2016	Diplomat Radisson Blu	
2	Bahrain International Property Exhibition 2016	3 - 5 Nov, 2016	Bahrain Intl Exhibition Centre	
3	4 <sup>th</sup> Maintenance Conference & Exhibition 2016	12 - 15 Dec, 2016	Gulf Hotel	

## 1. 27<sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference

The 27<sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference was organized by the Bahrain Society for Engineers and the Federation of Arab Engineers under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Bahrain. The Event was held during 29 – 31 March at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel.

The event showcased 48 Technical Papers were presented in 3 parallel tracks in addition to 6 keynotes and a panel discussion in the fields of Land, Air & Marine Transport. The event was supported by 3 Gold Sponsors and 18 organizations including government, educational, media and other societies exhibited during the exhibition held in conjunction with the conference. The event was attended by over 250 delegates. Special recognition for Best Scientific Research award and best Woman Engineer's award were also a part of the event.

## 2. 9<sup>th</sup> Bahrain International Property Exhibition 2015:

In 2016, Bahrain Society of Engineers organized the 9th edition of the Bahrain International Property Exhibition (BIPEX 2016) held during 3 – 5 November 2016 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center under the patronage of H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Abdulla Al Khalifa, Deputy Prime minister, Kingdom of Bahrain.

The event marked a major success in the journey of Bahrain Society of Engineers with 20 sponsors supporting the event in various categories. The event became a unique platform for over a total of 50 exhibitors and media partners covering over 5100 sq. mtrs. The event showcased projects over BD 20 Billion which attracted a footfall of 8500 people visiting the show over 3 days.

The event also featured open forum on topics Opportunities & Potential for Bahrain Tourism & Hospitality Industry and Regional & Industry trends in the Tourism & Hospitality Industry and the potential impact upon Bahrain. The forthcoming BIPEX in 2017 is scheduled from  $26^{\text{th}} - 28^{\text{th}}$  October 2017.

## 3. 4<sup>th</sup> Middle East Maintenance & Exhibition (MAINTCON) 2016:

The Bahrain Society of Engineers and the Gulf Society for Maintenance & Reliability organized the fourth edition of Maintcon during 12 – 15 Dec 2016 held under the patronage of H. E. Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, Minister of Oil, Kingdom of Bahrain, at the Gulf Intl Convention Center, Gulf Hotel.

The event held under the theme "Value Driven Maintenance & Reliability". The event featured 4 Pre-conference workshops, 6 Keynote Speakers in addition to 54 technical papers presented in 3 tracks over 2 and a half days and concluded with a panel discussion. CMRP certification examination was also part of the event.

21 sponsors supported the event with Saudi Aramco & SABIC being the Diamond Sponsors. The event was also supported by GFMAM & Saudi Council of Engineers. 37 exhibitors showcased the latest technologies and trends in the maintenance & reliability sector. The event was a huge success with over 1000 participants from around 21 countries.

SI. No	Event	Dates	Venue	
1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Airports Arabia Conference	9 – 10 Oct 2017	Art Rotana, Amwaj Islands	
2	Bahrain International Property Exhibition (BIPEX 2017)	26 – 28 Oct 2017	BIEC -Hall 1	
3	21 <sup>st</sup> Gulf Engineering Forum	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018	To be decided	

#### Upcoming Conferences & Exhibitions Scheduled for 2017

With the current financial situation in the region we anticipate that we will face difficulties in organizing conferences in the same pace compared to the past years. The situation is very challenging with strong budget cuts affecting directly on the training for major oil and gas companies and the government organizations. In this circumstances, BSE board have decided to form a "*Consultative Committee*" for the conferences in order to review the existing strategies and plan for the future conferences with new ideas and themes.

We hope the BSE members continue to actively participate and contribute to our upcoming conferences and committee. Your support and commitment towards the society's activities have encouraged us in fulfilling and promoting our vows to remodeling the future.

The Board of Directors would like to extend its appreciation and gratitude to those entities that generously supported and continues to support Bahrain Society of Engineer and our activities. Those are, but not limited to Saudi Aramco, SABIC, BAPCO, ALBA, GPIC, BANAGAS and all the Bahrain Ministries and Authorities. BSE Board would like to acknowledge the national and international organizations especially GSMR & NACE for their support in jointly organizing various international conferences & exhibitions with BSE. Finally, we would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to all Conference Committee members and Volunteers for their dedication and commitment in working together as a team towards achieving BSE's objectives and goals.

## FOURTH: Engineering Courses and Administrative Training

Bahrain Society of Engineers – Training Centre (BSETC) has organized 16 courses which were marketed during 2016 and actually conducted 6 courses. The organized courses were selected according to the received requests from BSE engineers, recommendations from previous trainees, feedback from employers and market survey. There were 4 free seats offered to BSE members, as part of the benefits offered to BSE members.

It is worth mentioning that the BSETC similar to many other local training centers had very low number of registrations in the offered courses in 2016. This was mainly due to the cancellation of the levy scheme by ministry of labour and the financial problems faced by GCC and particularly Bahrain due to the low oil market prices which led to cut down of the training budgets by many of BSETC main clients like the governmental ministries ,oil companies ,and the private sector . This has resulted in low registration number in the marketed courses and consequently in low income from the courses in the in year 2016. The implementation of the BSETC rating of "GOOD" standard with the Bahrain National Quality and Qualification Authority for education a& training (NAQQEA).

A course titled "Personal Strategy Development" course was offered to improve the awareness of engineers and other professionals on skills of developing personal life strategy. This course will enable them to improve their future quality of life and in particular their future career plans. The BSE Training Centre has continued to establish alliances with local and international training providers to widen the range of offered courses by BSETC.

BSETC main present and future strategy is to acquire more representations of international certifying bodies for the purpose of increasing the number of offered certified courses to benefit from Tamkeen professional certification scheme of sponsoring the offered courses.

No.	Course Title	Date	Trainer	
1	SMRP Body of Knowledge by (GSMP)	28-31 March 2016	Hussain Al-Ali	
2	Design & Formulation of Urban Development Indicators	4-7 April 2016	Abduljalil Al-Sebea	
3	Contracting using International Contracts Forms (FIDIC/JCT)	10-14 April 2016	Bahaa El-Shal	
4	Problem Solving & Decision Making	1-3 August 2016	Hussain Al-Qassab	
5	Personal Strategic Planning	15-16 October 2016	Mohammed Mustafa	
6	Bahrain Environmental Legislation	19 Nov 2016 & 12 Feb 2017	Mr. Rehan Ahmed	

## **FIFTH: General Activities**

Date	Lecture's title/Subject	Lecturer/Organized with		
19.03.2016	Sustainable Environment	Dr. Shaker Buheji/ Suzan Ajjawi, Mr. Rana Nadeem & Layla Janahi		
31.03.2016	Climate changes development	Mr. Ijaz Ashraf /Mr. Moh'd Asim		
12.04.2016	Partnership between universities and engineering sector in the Kingdom of Bahrain	Mr. Daoda AlJayosi		
19.04.2016	Construction Risks Examining causes & assessing impact	Dr. Hakop Mirzabigan		
30.04.2016	Horse Ridding	General Activities Committee		
15.05.2016	Meeting with the Director General of Urban Planning at the Ministry of Works	Shaikh Hamad Bin Moh'd AlKhalifa		
01.06.2016	Ecological Urbanism in Practice	Dr. Gareth Dorthey		
14.06.2016	1 <sup>st</sup> Ghabga	General Activities Committee		
22.06.2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ghabga	General Activities Committee		
13-15.08.2016	Printing on Silk Workshop	Mr. Ahmed Imam		
19.10.2016	Advanced Reality Modeling by creating 3D Models from Digital Images	Mr. Ermst Van Baar		
25.10.2016	Projects Strategy & Leadeship	Mr. Sayed Bader Alalawi		
08.11.2016	Alba & Nuwaidrat Interchanges project	Mr. Sayed Bader Alalawi		
20.11.2016	Visit to Tatweer Company	vice president Hisham zubari		
21.11.2016	Solar Cell Efficiency Improvement and challenges	Mr. Mohammed Sanduk		
22.11.2016	Arbitration and resolution of disputes Engineering	Dr. Manaf Hamza Mr. Ahmed AlNajem		

## **SIXTH: Membership and Profession Affairs**

#### Membership Applications:

During past election term 2016/2017, BSE received 142 new membership applications, Having reviewed these applications by Members and Professions Affairs Committee and following submission to the Board of Directors, 3 applications were declined as they failed to satisfy the criterion and conditions, while 14 are still under review, At the same time 24 applications for membership upgrade were also approved.

BSE "Life members" count at the present 480 in addition to 1221 other active members. Thus total members of BSE is 1701.

Membership & Professions Affairs Committee comprises Mr. Mahdi Al-Jallawi, Director of Members and Profession Affairs, Mr. Jawad Al-Jabal, Secretary, Mr. Amer bin Rajab, Dr. Osama Albaharna and Mr. Isa Janahi and Mr. Ahmed Al Khan.

Following is a statistic regarding the applications submitted during 2016 as per various categories and specializations:

membership category	Number
Fellow	-
Active	40
Graduate	29
Supporter	6
Student	31
Total	106

#### New applications approved by membership category in the schedule below:

Applications	bv	specializations
Applications	NY	specializations

Specialization	Number		
Civil Engineering	54		
Mechanical Engineering	9		
Electrical Engineering	9		
Chemical Engineering	12		
Architecture Engineering	10		
Other specializations	12		
Total	106		

#### Hesham Al-Shihaby Scholarship Program

BSE continued receiving and collecting information and documents related to academic grants. Number of students was 17 at the beginning of the year, 3 have graduated while 8 new students were added to the program. Thus, the current total number of students who benefit from this program is 22 students. Total value paid to students in both elapsed terms was BD 4,792.

#### Activities and Events

#### a) Professional Exhibitions

In line with its endeavors to raise the students awareness to attract them to study engineering, BSE organized Engineering Career Expo under the auspices of HE Dr. Majed bin Ali Al Noaimi, Minister of Education during the period 28-29 February 2016 at the BSE premises at Juffair. The main engineering specializations and the related academic fields were highlighted during the event. A small exhibition was also organized for the projects of new graduate students from the Faculty of Engineering at the Bahrain University.

b. An introduction seminar was held at the Seminars Hall on the activities of Bahrain Society of Engineers by Dr. Osama Albaharnah for both Al Eman School on 27 October 2016 and Shaikh Abdul Aziz Al Khalifa Boys Secondary School on 30 November 2016. The event was held to introduce the students to the activities of BSE and the services provided by it in various engineering and training disciplines.

#### c. Conferences & Courses

The BSE offered the opportunity for a total of 95 free seats to the members of BSE from various membership categories, 88 of them attended conferences conducted by the BSE while 4 members attended training courses and workshops. Furthermore, a number of members were also sponsored to attend conferences that were organized by public and private sectors during the same year.

**d.** The BSE will take part in MARTC conference at Ritz Hotel Carlton Hotel during the period 23 – 24 January 2017.

#### Statistical Details of BSE Members in 31 December 2016

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membership category	Number		
Fellow	17		
Member	1034		
Graduate	243		
Affiliate	125		
Student	282		
Total	1701		

#### Table No. 1 Number of Members by Category

Table No. 2 Number of Members by Disciplin
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Category	Civil	Mech.	Elect.	Chem.	Arch.	Others	Total
Fellow	5	5	3	1	-	3	17
Member	352	177	173	58	130	144	1034
Graduate	73	30	30	16	47	47	243
Affiliate	32	20	16	3	6	48	125
Student	97	34	20	28	54	49	282
Total	559	266	242	106	237	291	1701
%	33%	16%	14%	6%	14%	17%	100%

#### Table No. 3 Number and Percentage of Members by Nationality

Category	Bahraini		Non-Bahraini		Total
	number	%	number	%	
Fellow	16	1%	1	0	17
Member	702	55%	332	82%	1034
Graduate	231	18%	12	3%	243
Affiliate	83	6%	42	10%	125
Student	263	20%	19	5%	282
Total	1295	76%	406	24%	1701

Category	Male		Female		Total
	number	%	number	%	
Fellow	17	1%	-	-	17
Member	911	67%	123	39%	1034
Graduate	155	11%	88	27%	243
Affiliate	117	8%	8	2%	125
Student	117	13%	105	32%	282
Total	1377	81%	324	19%	1701

 Table No. 4 Number and Percentages of Members by Gender

## **SEVENTH: Media & Public Relations Affairs**

#### 1. Introduction:

The Media Committee at the Bahrain Society of Engineers "BSE" aims at enhancing the status of BSE in the Bahraini community being the oldest professional association founded in the Kingdom of Bahrain. It has developed a strategy to reach to the desired goal, through consolidation of BSE relations with all the Arab and foreign media by using all electronic, printed, audio and video means. Following are the major achievements of the Committee during the year 2016:

- Launching social networks for BSE in all available applications such as (Facebook, Instagram and Youtube).
- Renewing the website of BSE through the link: <u>http://www.mohandis.com</u>
- Enhancing ties and links between the BSE and the media in terms of dissemination of news and careful follow-up to ensure that they are properly published.
- Covering the activities and events of BSE committees and publishing them in the Arab and foreign local newspapers.
- Highlighting the activities of the BSE members through arranging interviews and giving them the opportunity to speak about issues related to the BSE activities in the press.

## 2. Press Releases:

During 2016, the BSE issued approximately 32 press releases on various issues covering most of the activities and events of BSE, which were covered in different aspects by the Arab and foreign local newspapers. These press releases were published in all local newspapers operating in Bahrain. This reflects significant attention by the newspapers to the news of BSE.

## 3. Media Coverage of Conferences:

The Media Committee in conjunction with the Conferences Committee covered 6 conferences, and their accompanying exhibitions such as the Arab ICT Forum 2016, Career Expo Week 2016, the 15<sup>th</sup> Middle East Corrosion Conference and Exhibition,

Bahrain International Property Exhibition "BIPEX 2016", the 27<sup>th</sup> Arab Engineering Conference, in addition to the 4<sup>th</sup> Middle East Maintenance and Reliability Conference and Exhibition .

The Media Committee's share of work in these conferences and exhibitions included preparation of press releases, and circulating them to the newspapers before and after the events, in addition to assuming the task of inviting Arab and foreign local press and news agencies and other media to attend the BSE conferences, and then following up with the newspapers to review the coverage published in respect of BSE conferences. It also undertook other assignments, including:

- 1. Maintaining an archive of media coverage.
- 2. Performing the task assigned to it, related to issuing BSE brochures.
- 3. Intensifying communications with the foreign press to expand the circle of public relations.
- 4. Maintaining an archive of photographs of BSE programs for future reference.
- 5. Formation of a media committee for some engineering conferences, where its tasks multiply depending on the type and size of the conference in order to achieve appropriate media coverage of the event.

#### 4. Almohandis Magazine

The Media Committee undertakes the task of preparation and producing the layout and design of Almohandis Magazine in a manner that suits the status of the BSE. It also decides on the contents of the magazine. During 2016, the Committee released issue No. 62 as well as issue No. 63, that was issued at the beginning of 2017. As part of its keenness to follow up the work flow, the Committee holds regular meetings, during which all aspects of the magazine are discussed in terms of the time of release, articles to be published and following up the matters related to its completion. During such meetings, the members take the opportunity to submit their suggestions to develop this publication in terms of increasing the topics and variety of articles and create new sections. The Committee is always on the run to attract new writers and introduce new sections to the magazine.

#### 5. Almohandis Times:

The Committee issued seven electronic copies of the newsletter during 2016. Some newsletters were amalgamated with each other. The Committee insisted to cover all the news and activities of the committees BSE in each newsletter.

On the other hand, the Media Committee continued during 2016 its communication with the engineering associations in the neighboring countries to spread the news of Bahrain Society of Engineers in their engineering magazines.

## **EITH: Financial Affairs**

#### 1. Conferences and Training courses :

During the year 2016, BSE had conducted Conferences, Seminars and Training Workshops and the income raised from these conferences and Training courses were BD 765,034 and 22,788 respectively.

The expenditures incurred for these Conferences and Training Workshops were BD 572,099 and BD 34,653 respectively.

The excess income generated from the conferences during the year 2016 was BD 192,935 and for training workshops incurred a loss of (BD 11,865/-.)

The accumulated income from both amounts to BD 181,070 during the current fiscal year 2016.

#### 2. Membership

The annual subscription fees due from the members during the year 2016 was BD 29,455 while it was BD 28,457/- for the year 2015. Out of these membership subscription fee, the income received during the year 2016 was BD 6,080/- and the balance amount is unpaid by the members and is taken to the membership receivable account.

#### 3. Scholarship and Community Expenses

The scholarship fees provision has been allocated during the current fiscal year to the entitled Engineering students is BD 8,392, which will be distributed during the first quarter of 2017. Whereas the scholarship paid to the Engineering students during the year 2015 were BD 16,048. The delay was due to the resignation and replacement of one of the Board member.

#### 4. Rental of BSE Auditorium and Hall:

The rental income of BSE auditorium and seminar room has decreased by BD 1,534/- where the rental income received is BD 8,225 during the year 2016 while it was BD 9,759 in the year 2015.

#### 5. Assets:

The fixed assets during the year 2016 is BD 1,749,813 where it was BD 1,755,207 in year 2015.

The total Current Assets, comprising of the Cash & Bank balances and Accounts Receivables, was BD 2,784,992 in year the 2016 compared to BD 2,689,115 in year the 2015 with an increase in the balance of BD 95,877/-.

The total assets during the Year 2016 is BD 4,534,805 where as it was BD 4,444,322 in the year 2015.

#### 6. Al Mohandiseen Complex

The feasibility study has been finalized and after reviewing all the proposals, the Board of Directors had appointed and signed the agreement with Gulf House Engineering to execute the AI Mohandiseen complex project which is expected to be completed within 40 months with an estimated capital of BD 2,350,000/-.

#### 7. Fixed Deposits:

The total amount saved as fixed deposit at Banks is BD 2,450,738 with an average interest rate of 1.20% basis varying from 0.9% to 1.50% on Fixed and Time Deposits.

#### 8. H.Q. Building:

During the year 2016 the building maintenance expenses is BD 3,576 where it was BD 3,869 during the year 2015, with a slight decrease of BD 293/- in the expenses during the current year 2016.

#### 9. Al-mohandis Journal:

During the Year 2016, we have issued the AI Mohandis magazine which amounted to BD 4,817/- in addition we are continuing monthly with "AI Mohandis times" newsletter which reflects all the events and activities of the Society each month.

#### **10.** Accounts Receivable:

The accounts receivable for the year 2016 was BD 319,693 while it was BD 402,679 in the year 2015. This is mainly from conferences, exhibitions and workshops held during the fourth quarter of year 2016, payment of which is expected to be received during the first quarter of 2017.

#### **10. Financial Summary:**

The excess of income over expenditure for the year 2016 was BD 71,834/- while it was BD 121,155 in year 2015. As agreed in the AGM resolution 10% of the net profit a sum of BD 7,982/- has been provided as reserve for the Members recognition.

#### 11. Recommendations:

The Board of Directors recommends to appoint the Auditing Firm M/s Jawad Habib (BDO) For auditing of BSE accounts for the period from January to December 2017.

## **NINTH: Auditors Report**

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