

21 June 2022

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
COUNCIL**

**held on Thursday, 9 June 2022 at 15.00 hrs (BST)
at Savoy Place, London WC2 and via Virtual Meeting**

- Present: Eur Ing Dr Carol Marsh (Chair)
Dr Imran Ansari
Mr Shane Bennison
Ms Kerrine Bryan
Mr Jolyon Caplin
Professor Yue Chen
Mr John Cowburn
Dr Ozak Esu
Miss Anni Feng
Mr Mark Goudie
Ms Orla Hartley
Miss Justina Ho
Mr Russell Jobbins
Mr Bhagvat Joshi
Miss Macauley Kenney
Professor Wai Yie Leong
Mr Ian MacGillivray
Mr Alan Palmer
Mr John Peckham
Professor Ian Phillips
Mr Adam Pocock
Mr Graham Prebble
Colonel Andy Rogers
Mr Ami Singh
Miss Mamta Singhal
Dr David Smith
- By invitation: Dr Bicky Bhangu (Trustee)
Professor Phil Blythe (Trustee)
Professor Bob Cryan (Trustee)
Dr Andy Harter (Trustee)
Dr Gopi Katragadda (Trustee)
Professor Paul Needham (Trustee)
Ms Dawn Ohlson (Trustee)
Professor Kate Sugden (Trustee)
- In attendance: Ms Toni Allen (Director of International Strategic Marketing and Engagement)
Mr Ed Almond (Director of Finance and Planning)
Mr Richard Best (Director of IT and Digital Services)
Ms Morna Dason-Barber (Director of Human Resources)
Ms Fiona Dew (Strategic Planning Manager)
Mr Simon Edwards (Director of Governance and External Engagement)
Mr Nigel Fine (Chief Executive and Secretary)
Ms Sandra Godman (Strategic Planning Manager)
Mr Giles Grant (Director of Knowledge Services and Solutions)

Ms Eloisa de la Maza (Governance Executive)
Ms Alex Taylor (Head of Strategic Engagement)
Mr Andrew F Wilson (Head of Governance)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Sir Julian Young.

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2022 (CO(22)M2) were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to the following correction:

Minute 3: To be added: “subject to the following correction to the list of those present: Ms Orla Murphy to read Ms Orla Hartley”.

4. Actions Taken or Outstanding

Council noted a report on actions taken or outstanding since the previous meeting of Council (CO(22)12).

5. President

- 5.1. Professor Cryan (Deputy President) gave an oral report on behalf of the President. He spoke about the process to select a new Chief Executive and Secretary for the IET and the expected timescale. The Board of Trustees had agreed to appoint Mr Ed Almond as interim Chief Executive and Secretary following the retirement of Mr Nigel Fine at the end of June 2022.
- 5.2. Dr Marsh thanked the Board of Trustees for involving members of Council in the interview process and confirmed that Council supported the decision to make an interim appointment.

6. Main Boards

- 6.1. Council received oral reports from the Chair of each Main Board.
- 6.2. Dr Bhangu gave a report on the meeting of the Knowledge Services and Solutions Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to the financial performance during the year and the publication in early 2022 of Amendment 2 to BS7671:2018, the 18th Edition of the *IET Wiring Regulations*.
- 6.3. Professor Blythe gave a report on the meeting of the Membership and Professional Development Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to the Board’s discussion of the recent fall in the number of members and of registered members and the plans to address this.
- 6.4. Ms Ohlson gave a report on the meeting of the Volunteer Engagement Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to discussion of member consultation in general and a restatement of the Volunteer Engagement Strategy as the Volunteer Vision.

7. Royal Charter and Bye-laws

- 7.1. Mr Edwards introduced and Council noted the proposed amendments to the Royal Charter and Bye-laws (CO(22)13).

- 7.2. The proposed amendments were in three categories: professional conduct, modernising governing instruments, and administration. It had been agreed that there should be a consultation with the membership on two matters, before an amendment was proposed. These were the addition of the words “respect” and “dignity” to Bye-laws 29-30, and an increase in the number of members required to requisition a Special General Meeting.
- 7.3. Council discussed the proposed amendments to the Royal Charter and Bye-laws and during discussion the following points were made:
- 7.3.1. Professor Phillips suggested that members of the general public should be permitted to enquire whether any person claiming to be a member of the IET was a member.
- 7.3.2. Mr Goudie commented on the Disciplinary Regulations.
- 7.3.3. Mr Prebble asked about the number of cases considered each year by the Disciplinary Board.
- 7.3.4. Professor Phillips commented that the outcomes of disciplinary cases were sometimes published in *Member News*, but these notices were difficult to find.
- 7.3.5. Miss Singhal commented that it would be regrettable if members who failed to submit CPD records were expelled from membership in consequence and she suggested that members might benefit from a simple guide to the CPD rules of the IET and the Engineering Council.
- 7.3.6. Dr Bhangu commented that if the words “respect” and “dignity” were added to Bye-laws 29-30, a contextual definition of the terms would also be required. Professor Phillips suggested that the wording might be aligned with the Engineering Council Statement of Ethical Principles for the Engineering Profession.
- 7.3.7. Professor Phillips commented on the suggestion that the number of members required to requisition a Special General Meeting might better be defined as a percentage of the voting members, perhaps 0.5%.

8. Report to the Board of Trustees

It was agreed that there were no matters to be reported to the Board of Trustees.

9. Vote of Thanks

- 9.1. Council agreed to record a Vote of Thanks to those members who would retire from Council on 30 September 2022.
- 9.2. Professor Cryan proposed a Vote of Thanks to Dr Marsh for chairing Council during the Session 2021/22.

10. Feedback on Council Meeting

Dr Marsh invited Council members to give feedback on the Council meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

- 11.1. Monday, 18 July 2022 at 1.00 pm (BST) (virtual meeting).
- 11.2. Thursday, 6 October 2022 at 3.00 pm (BST).