

13 January 2021

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
COUNCIL
held on Tuesday, 12 January 2021 at 1.00 pm
via virtual meeting**

Present: Mr David Hogan (Chair)
Ms Kerrine Bryan
Dr Rafael Cepeda Lopez
Professor Yue Chen
Mr John Cowburn
Dr Ozak Esu
Miss Anni Feng
Mr James Garnham
Professor Danielle George (President)
Dr Edward He
Miss Justina Ho
Mr Bhagvat Joshi
Mr Ian MacGillivray
Eur Ing Dr Carol Marsh
Ms Orla Murphy
Professor Ian Phillips
Mr Adam Pocock
Mr Graham Prebble
Mr Sam Presley
Colonel Andy Rogers
Miss Mamta Singhal
Dr David Smith
Dr Christopher To

In attendance: Ms Kelly Bishop (Strategic Planning Manager)
Ms Katherine Bunting (Manager, Volunteer Support)
Mr Simon Edwards (Director of Governance and External Engagement)
Ms Christine Losecaat (Director of IET@150)
Ms Eloisa de la Maza (Governance Executive)
Mr Andrew F Wilson (Head of Governance)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Andrew Ball, Miss Faye Banks, Dr C Muthamizhchelvan, Dr Ronjon Nag and Dr Ejay Nsugbe.

2. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 October 2020 (CO(20)M3) were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. President

- 4.1. Professor George (President) spoke about activities during the first three months of her Presidency.
- 4.2. She drew particular attention to the Roundtable Meeting on the Digital Poverty Alliance, which had been formed by the IET and Digital Access for All (DAFA), the regular meetings between the Presidents of the IET, ICE and IMechE, and the series of interviews with Difference Makers, Honorary Fellows and the finalists for the Young Woman Engineer of the Year Award.
- 4.3. Council members were asked to provide feedback about the Digital Poverty Alliance on Yammer.

5. Actions Taken or Outstanding

Council noted a report on actions taken or outstanding since the previous meeting of Council (CO(21)1).

6. Volunteer Engagement Strategy

- 6.1. Ms Bunting gave a report on the proposed Volunteer Engagement Strategy (CO(21)2).
- 6.2. She outlined the reasons for the Strategy and how it had been created. She emphasised the alignment with the overall IET Strategy 2030 and that the Strategy would be a living document. The proposal would be discussed at the next meeting of the Volunteer Engagement Board and then passed to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- 6.3. During discussion the following points were made:
 - Miss Singhal drew attention to the importance of employer support for volunteering;
 - Professor Phillips commented that the Strategy did not mention COVID-19 and its effects on volunteering, IET activities and networking for the foreseeable future.
- 6.4. Council members undertook to provide further comments on Yammer.

7. IET Strategy 2030

- 7.1. Ms Bishop gave a report on the IET Strategy 2030 (CO(21)3).
- 7.2. She outlined the background to the Strategy, engagement with Council to date and the four main elements (societal challenges, strategic themes, operational expertise and enabling expertise) that made up the Strategy.
- 7.3. During discussion the following points were made:
 - Mr Pocock commented on professional registration issues;
 - Professor Phillips drew attention to the surprisingly modest targets for membership growth.
- 7.4. Council members undertook to provide further comments on Yammer.

8. IET@150

- 8.1. Ms Losecaat gave a report on the programme of activities to mark the 150th Anniversary of the IET (CO(21)4).

8.2. She reported on the plans to deliver the global programme virtually over the next six months, whilst consideration was being given to postponing some events to the following year. She drew attention to The Times/Chicken House Children's Fiction Competition and the IET/Fashion District Manufacturing Futures Prize. A Research Celebratory Publication would reprint ten papers that had changed the world, based on the selection of IET journal editors and citation statistics.

8.3. Council members undertook to provide comments on Yammer.

9. Professional Registration

9.1. Miss Ho reported on the effect of the UK departure from the European Union on the mutual recognition of professional engineering qualifications.

9.2. It was noted that this issue was the responsibility of the Membership and Professional Development Board. An initial statement had been published on the Engineering Council website in early January 2021 and further detail was expected in the coming months.

10. Feedback on Council Meeting

Mr Hogan invited Council members to give feedback on the Council meeting on Yammer.

11. Dates of Next Meetings

11.1. Thursday, 25 March 2021 at 3.00 pm (virtual meeting).

11.2. Thursday, 10 June 2021 at 3.00 pm.