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Board of Trustees

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

(Paper by Mr Andrew F Wilson. If you have any questions on this paper before the meeting please contact Mr Andrew F Wilson on +44 (0)20 7344 5415 or by email afwilson@theiet.org)

1. Issue

To receive a report on the Special General Meeting (SGM) held on 15 June 2023.

2. Timing

Board of Trustees meeting, 4 September 2023.

3. For Note

The Board of Trustees is invited to note the result of the SGM held on 15 June 2023.

4. Resolutions

4.1. An SGM of the Institution of Engineering and Technology was held on 15 June 2023 at 2.30 pm at the Institution of Engineering and Technology, Savoy Place, London WC2R 0BL, to consider the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 1

THAT, conditional upon the approval of Resolution 3 below, Articles 5 and 10 of the Institution's Royal Charter be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "A" annexed hereto subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

RESOLUTION 2

THAT Bye-laws 25, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 33 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

RESOLUTION 3

THAT conditional upon the approval of Resolution 1 above, Bye-laws 3, 28, 49, 53, 67, 73 and 97 be amended and new Bye-laws 38A-B and 89A-G be inserted in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

RESOLUTION 4

THAT Bye-laws 29 and 30 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

RESOLUTION 5

THAT Bye-law 40 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

RESOLUTION 6

THAT Bye-laws 7, 22, 34, 54, 55, 63, 64, 99 and 104 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as subject to any further amendments required by the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council and which are agreed by the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

5. Voting

The counting of the voting papers took place after the close of the meeting and the results of the poll were:

	For	Against	Abstain	For	Against
Resolution 1	9,522	211	126	97.8%	2.2%
Resolution 2	9,388	325	146	96.7%	3.3%
Resolution 3	9,484	229	145	97.6%	2.4%
Resolution 4	9,445	273	140	97.2%	2.8%
Resolution 5	9,486	231	141	97.6%	2.4%
Resolution 6	9,514	199	145	98.0%	2.0%

6. Result

The SGM approved all proposals for amendments to the Royal Charter and Bye-laws. The Institution's solicitors have communicated the results of the SGM to the Privy Council Office, seeking its approval for the proposed amendments to the Royal Charter and Bye-laws.

7. Conduct of the SGM

7.1. The SGM was conducted on behalf of the IET by Civica Election Services (CES). The majority of votes were submitted online at the dedicated CES website (97% online; 2.8% by post; 0.2% at the meeting). The proportion of members voting online increased from 92.5% in 2016 to 97% in 2023. CES also handled most enquiries from members about problems arising from their use of the website.

7.2. The IET Governance Department also received enquiries from a small number of members on issues relating to the SGM and the voting process. The number of enquiries was far lower than in previous years and none reported serious problems. Two members wrote to record their dissatisfaction with the Bye-law changes relating to the rules on Continuing Professional Development.

8. Risk

No risks relating to the above proposals have been identified.

9. Resources

No resource implications relating to the above proposals have been identified.