



MINUTES
of the Annual General Meeting of
THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
held on Thursday, 21 May 2009 at 5.30 pm

Mr Chris Earnshaw, President, in the Chair

1. Announcement

1.1 The President announced that at the meeting only Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows could vote.

1.2 The President announced that the meeting was being streamed live on the internet.

2. Notice of Meeting

The notice convening the meeting, published in *Member News*, was taken as read.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2008 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. Donors to the Library

The list of donors to the Library was taken as read and noted.

5. Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

5.1 The President moved that the Trustees Report of the IET for the year ended 31 December 2008 be received. The motion was seconded.

5.2 The President put the motion to the meeting and it was carried unanimously.

6. Financial Statements

6.1 The President moved that the statement of accounts and the balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 2008 be received. The motion was seconded.

6.2 Mr Mike Hicks, on behalf of the auditors, Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP, gave a report on the audit.

6.3 The Honorary Treasurer, Mr Colin Porter, introduced the accounts. The President then invited members to make observations or to ask any questions they wished on the accounts.

6.4 The President put the motion which was carried unanimously.

7. Appointment of Auditors

The President moved that the auditors to be selected by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees be appointed as the Institution of Engineering and Technology's auditors for 2009. The motion was seconded and carried.

8. Report from Council

8.1 Professor Robin MacLaren, Chairman of Council, gave a report from Council.

8.2 Professor MacLaren commented that the role of Council was to provide independent strategic advice to the Board of Trustees. Council had worked well with the Board of Trustees and there had been a number of substantial improvements to process during the past year. Council had moved from generalised reports to clearer and more specific recommendations, voted upon to give a clear indication of the degree of support or otherwise. During 2008 Council had commented on the implementation of the Governance Review and the current strategic plan.

8.3 Council was required to report to the AGM on its view of governance of the Institution. During the past year there had been extended consultation with individuals on proposed changes, leading to better informed decisions, which Council considered to be a positive development. However, there had been a corresponding reduction in the number of formal papers considered by Boards on such changes, and on occasion formal notification of proposed changes had been given after a final decision had been taken. Council expected the position to improve, but this year's report from Council to the AGM was 'could do better'.

9. Votes of Thanks

9.1 Dr Nigel Burton, Deputy President, moved "that the best thanks of the IET be accorded to the Honorary Officers and members of all Boards and Committees of the Institution of Engineering and Technology". The motion was put to the meeting and was carried with acclamation.

9.2 The President moved a vote of thanks to the staff of the Institution. The motion was put to the meeting and carried with acclamation.

10. Closure

The President closed the meeting.