



**MINUTES**  
**of the Special General Meeting of**  
**THE INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**held on Wednesday, 17 May 2007 at 6.00 pm**

Sir Robin Saxby, President, in the Chair

**1. Announcements**

The President opened the Special General Meeting and made the following announcements:

- (a) the meeting had been convened to consider the eight Resolutions set out in the Notice of Meeting.
- (b) there was a typo in Resolution 5, where “65(d) and 65(f)” should read “68(d) and 68(f)”. This error has been drawn to the attention of the Privy Council Office who had indicated that if the Resolution was passed, the Privy Council would require (as the latitude wording in the resolution enabled them to do) that the resolution should take effect as if the references to Bye-laws 65(d) and 65 (f) were references to Bye-laws 68(d) and 68(f), as it was clear from Document A that they were intended to be.
- (c) only Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows of the IET had the right to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- (d) a live webcast of the meeting was being made via IET.tv
- (e) he had decided to use all undirected proxy votes assigned to him as Chairman of the Meeting in favour of the Resolutions.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

The notice convening the meeting, circulated to members in March 2007, was taken as read.

**3. Resolutions**

3.1 Professor Colin Davidson moved the Resolutions:

**RESOLUTION 1**

*Council and related matters*

THAT, conditional upon the approval of Resolution 6 below, Bye-laws 3 (in relation only to the insertion of a new definition of “the Council”), 53, 77 and 85 be amended and new Bye-laws 85A, 85B, 85C, 85D, 85E and 85F be inserted in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “A” annexed hereto and the Byelaws be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council shall require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree.

## **RESOLUTION 2**

### *Chief Executive and Secretary*

THAT, conditional upon the approval of Resolution 7 below, Bye-laws 3 (in relation only to the amendment of the definition of “the Chief Executive”), 5 (in relation only to the amendment of “Chief Executive”), 26, 68(c), 82, 88 and 90 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “A” annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council shall require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree.

## **RESOLUTION 3**

### *Voting at General Meetings*

THAT Bye-laws 3 (in relation only to the insertion of a definition of a “poll”), 38, 42 and 44 be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “A” annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council shall require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree.

## **RESOLUTION 4**

### *Membership categories, registered members and post-nominals*

THAT Bye-laws 3 (in relation only to the insertion of definitions of “registered member” and “similarly qualified”), 4, 5 (in relation only to the amendment of “register”), 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 22, 30, 32, 33 and 40 be amended, Bye-law 21 be deleted and a new Bye-law 8A be inserted in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “A” annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council shall require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree.

## **RESOLUTION 5**

### *Election and removal of Trustees*

THAT Bye-laws 3 (in relation only to the insertion of a definition of “session”), 61, 62, 63(b), 64(a), 64(c) (in relation only to the deletion of “with post-nominals or Member without post-nominals”), 65(e), 68(d) and 68(f) be amended and a new Bye-law 63A be inserted in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “A” annexed hereto and the Bye-laws be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council shall require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree.

## **RESOLUTION 6**

### *Council and other matters*

THAT, conditional upon the approval of Resolution 1 above, the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Institution passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly convened and held on 21 February 2007, namely that Articles 2 and 6 of the Institution’s Royal Charter be amended and a new Article 9A be inserted in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “B” annexed hereto and the Royal Charter be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council may require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree, be and it is hereby confirmed.

## **RESOLUTION 7**

### *Chief Executive and Secretary*

THAT, conditional upon the approval of Resolution 2 above, the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Institution passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly convened and held on 21 February 2007, namely that Article 10 of the Institution’s Royal Charter be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked “B” annexed hereto and the Royal Charter be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable

Privy Council may require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree, be and it is hereby confirmed.

## **RESOLUTION 8**

### *Voting at General Meetings*

THAT the Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Institution passed at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly convened and held on 21 February 2007, namely that Articles 16 and 17 of the Institution's Royal Charter be amended in the manner shown in column 2 of the document marked "B" annexed hereto and the Royal Charter be further amended as the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council may require and the Board of Trustees of the Institution shall agree, be and it is hereby confirmed.

- 3.2 The Resolutions were seconded by Professor Colin Aitchison.
- 3.3 The President invited contributions to the discussion.
- 3.4 The President called polls on each of the Resolutions. The results of the polls were:

#### **Resolution 1: Council and related matters**

21,598 votes in favour; 322 against (98.5 percent to 1.5 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 2: Chief Executive and Secretary**

21,541 votes in favour; 382 against (98.3 percent to 1.7 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 3: Voting at General Meetings**

21,507 votes in favour; 414 against (98.1 percent to 1.9 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 4: Membership categories, registered members and post-nominals**

21,331 votes in favour; 592 against (97.3 percent to 2.7 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 5: Election and removal of Trustees**

21,475 votes in favour; 449 against (98 percent to 2.0 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 6: Council and other matters**

21,568 votes in favour; 356 against (98.4 percent to 1.6 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 7: Chief Executive and Secretary**

21,524 votes in favour; 400 against (98.2 percent to 1.8 percent of those voting).

#### **Resolution 8: Voting at General Meetings**

21,473 votes in favour; 452 against (97.9 percent to 2.1 percent of those voting).

## **4. Vote of Thanks**

It was agreed to record a Vote of Thanks to the Charter and Bye-laws Review Working Party.

## **5. Close**

The President closed the meeting.