



## **Institution of Engineering and Technology**

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees met on 12 June 2006.

The Board received a presentation of the IET Web Development Programme. The main issues to be addressed were e-commerce, navigation, content management and quality control. User requirements were being collected and usability testing and focus groups would start in July 2006. There was a three-year plan starting with a twelve-month intense product development phase. It was agreed that the Board would receive regular progress reports on the Programme.

The President reported that the Weekend Volunteers Conference on Integrated Knowledge Networks held in May 2006 had been very successful and it was important that the matters arising from it should be followed up vigorously.

The Board noted a report on the Membership Subscription Rates for 2007. Following discussion, the Board agreed to select the option suggested by the Younger Members Board and approved the proposals for new rates that did not vary on the basis of the age of members. It also agreed that a phased transition for existing members of up to two years would be introduced.

Following a report from the Younger Members Board, the Board agreed that it should in future report to the Board of Trustees, rather than to the Membership and Regions Board. The proposed new terms of reference of the Younger Members Board were approved, subject to proposals for a new constitution for the Board, which would be brought to a future meeting for approval.

The Board noted a report from the Audit Committee and approved that there should not be a re-tender for the IET Group Audit in 2006.

The Board noted a report from the Finance and Investment Committee and approved the proposal that there should be automatic rebalancing of the Institution's investments to maintain the arrangement specified in the initial instructions to the investment managers.

The Board noted a report from the Membership and Regions Board. The Board of Trustees approved the new terminology for Geographic Networks, comprising "Local Networks" linked together where appropriate to form "Regional Networks", and also the UK structure for such groups.

The Board noted a report from the Council and agreed:

- (a) that the terms of reference of Council should be amended so that Trustees should be non-voting members of Council and the chairman of Council should be elected by members of Council;

- (b) that a report on each Council meeting should be published on the Institution website, and that the Agenda and Minutes of all Boards and Committees should be made available to Council members, subject to the exclusion of sensitive material;
- (c) that there should be an International Focus Group comprising all members of the Main Boards and Council resident outside the United Kingdom to provide a global focus on all structures of the Institution, and make recommendations to the Main Boards and Council.

The Board noted a report on Technical and Professional Services Board and approved:

- (a) adoption of the name “Technical and Professional Networks”;
- (b) the merger of the Human Factors Engineering and Systems Engineering PNs.