Lead the IET

Put your expertise to good use and lead the IET towards an even brighter future, impacting engineers around the world. Volunteer for one of our governance roles.

With rapidly advancing technologies and the development of innovative solutions to global challenges, the importance of engineers and engineering has never been greater.

In a governance role, you will contribute to setting and delivering the vision, mission and strategy of the Institution, supporting engineers, collaborating with industry, academia, governments and other institutions, and inspiring young people into the profession.

You will contribute to the sound government of the Institution by participating in its robust decision-making processes. You will make a difference to the profession and to the individual engineers with whom you will work. There are vacancies for Trustees, Council and Committee members, which need to be filled by members from all sectors of the profession. The IET welcomes nominations from candidates that reflect its global and diverse membership, including candidates with disabilities, as they are currently under-represented in the governance of the IET.

How to Apply

- See page 2 for a list of vacancies for both elected and appointed positions.
- For an elected position, submit a nomination by 11 January 2024. Nominations may be emailed to governance@theiet.org or submitted by post or use the optional nomination form at theiet.org/about/governance/elections/
- For an appointed position, email governance@theiet.org or write to the IET by 4 April 2024.
Vacancies for the Session Starting on 1 October 2024

More information about Boards and Committees and the skills required are on page 4.

Board of Trustees

The vacancies and eligibility are:

Two Vice Presidents
Fellows and Honorary Fellows.
At least one Vice President must be a current or past Trustee, or a current member of Council, or have been a member of Council or a Main Board in the previous three years.

Two Ordinary Members
Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows.
Ordinary Members must have been a Trustee, or a member of Council or a Main Board in the previous three years. At least one Trustee must be aged less than 36 years at the commencement of their period of office.

Council

There are vacancies for:

Six Ordinary Members

Communities Resourcing Committee

There is a vacancy for:

One Ordinary Member
– under the age of 30.

Information about the current members of the Board of Trustees, Council and Committees can be found at theiet.org/about/governance/boards-and-committees/

Appointments

There are vacancies for appointed members of the following:

– Council. Three Ordinary Members.
– Communities Resourcing Committee. One Ordinary Member, under the age of 30.
– Americas Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members resident within the Americas region, at least one under the age of 30.
– Asia-Pacific Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members resident within the Asia-Pacific region.
– Europe, Middle East and Africa Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members resident in the Europe, Middle East and Africa region, at least one under the age of 30.
– South Asia Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members resident within the South Asia region, at least one under the age of 30.
– United Kingdom Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members resident in the United Kingdom, at least one under the age of 30.
– Technical Networks Communities Committee. Two Ordinary Members, at least one under the age of 30.
– Young Professionals Committee.
  Six Ordinary Members, under the age of 30.

Board of Trustees Nominations

The Board of Trustees has nominated the following candidates for election to the Board of Trustees and Council.

For Vice President
Professor Timothy Dafforn BSc PhD FIET, Professor of Biotechnology, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, United Kingdom

Professor Paul Needham FREng PhD CEng FIET, Head of Engineering Air & Space Products, Chief Engineer Historic Aircraft, BAE Systems, Salmesbury, United Kingdom

For Ordinary Member of the Board of Trustees
Mark Goudie MEng CEng FIET FIES, Whole System Manager, SP Energy Networks, Glasgow, United Kingdom*

Ian MacGillivray BEng CEng MIET, Systems Engineer and Consultant, Malaga, Spain

Dr Jeremy Creasey BSc PhD CEng FIET, Principal Consultant, PA Consulting, Chepstow, United Kingdom

Professor Will Drury MEng PhD CEng FIET, Executive Director, Innovate UK, Ware, United Kingdom

Katherine Jackson BSc MEng CEng MIET, Energy Specialist, Energythinker Consulting, Wilmslow, United Kingdom

Olaf T Y Li BEng LLB MIET, Assistant Operations Manager, JF Thermal System Limited, Hong Kong SAR

Eur Ing Dr Kenny Otiaba PhD CEng MIET, Project and Continuous Improvement Manager, AstraZeneca UK Limited, Luton, United Kingdom

Andrew Hughes BEng CEng FIET, Managing Director, AGH Engineering Limited, York, United Kingdom

Members may nominate additional candidates for all the above positions.
Nominations by Groups of Members

Members of the IET are invited to nominate candidates for election to fill vacancies for Trustees, Council and Communities Resourcing Committee members arising on 1 October 2024. The election of Trustees is described in Bye-laws 69-75.

Membership of the Board of Trustees is limited to Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows, who should be registered members or similarly qualified. The office of Vice President is limited to Fellows and Honorary Fellows. Candidates can be proposed and supported by Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows.

Membership of Council and the Communities Resourcing Committee is open to all categories of IET membership including Students and Associates. Candidates can be proposed and supported by all IET members. Applications for appointment to Council and Committees do not require supporters.

Elections will be held in early 2024. A full list of candidates for election, with candidate statements and ballot papers, will be provided to members entitled to vote. The results of the ballot will be published on the IET website.

Candidates are asked to provide a 300-word statement and a two-minute video. Clause 26 of the Rules of Conduct states that members standing as candidates for election to any board or committee of the Institution shall not undertake, or permit to be undertaken on their behalf, organised canvassing by means of circulars or otherwise.

Nominations may be emailed to governance@theiet.org or submitted by post or using the optional nomination form at theiet.org/about/governance/elections/

Nominations for election must:

– be received by 11 January 2024 at 12.00 hrs (GMT);
– be supported by 10 current members of the IET eligible to support the candidate and supporting no other candidates for that position (supporters for a nomination to the Board of Trustees must be Members, Fellows or Honorary Fellows; supporters for nominations to Council and the Communities Resourcing Committee must be members of the IET. Nominations to the Board of Trustees and Council require 10 supporters, but nominations to the Communities Resourcing Committee require only 5 supporters);
– indicate the eligibility and consent of the candidate;
– be legible and accurate so that the identity of every individual is clear.

Nominations are void if these conditions are not satisfied.

Members wishing to apply for appointment to Council or a Committee should email the Chief Executive and Secretary via governance@theiet.org giving their membership number. They will be asked to complete a form giving details of their skills and experience in preparation for the selection process by 4 April 2024.

Introducing Boards and Committees

Find the Board or Committee that is right for you, which draws on your skills and experience and enables you to make a real difference to your engineering community.

Board of Trustees

The IET is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of the President and 15 other Trustees. The Board ensures that the IET complies with its obligations as a Charity and sets the strategy of the organisation. The Board meets seven times a year and is seeking experienced engineers who can bring a wide range of skills and perspectives to the Board.

Members who are eligible can stand for election, with the support of 10 other members. The Board of Trustees has also proposed members for election (for details of the candidates, see page 2). These posts are filled by election only.

Further information about the Board of Trustees can be found at theiet.org/about/governance/board-of-trustees/ and theiet.org/about/governance/boards-and-committees/board-of-trustees-main-boards-and-committee-members/
Council

Council is the top-level consultative and advisory body of the IET, representing the views of the membership at large and offering advice to the Board of Trustees. Council has the right and responsibility of:

- tendering advice to the Board of Trustees concerning the conduct of the IET's affairs generally, including its direction and strategy, and on any other matters referred to it by the Board of Trustees;
- communicating views that are representative of the range of views of members of the IET on these and other matters to the Board of Trustees;
- monitoring the governance of the IET and promoting a culture of continuous improvement.

The elected members of Council serve as Ordinary Members of one of the four Main Boards – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Board, Knowledge Services and Solutions Board, Membership and Professional Development Board, Volunteer Engagement Board. Those Boards require particular skills, detailed below.

Further information about Council can be found at theiet.org/about/governance/council/ and theiet.org/about/governance/council/council-person-specification/

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Board

The purpose of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Board is:

- to be responsible to the Board of Trustees for the planning and implementation of the IET's Equality and Inclusion strategy;
- to provide assurance to the Board of Trustees concerning the effective delivery of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees;
- to monitor performance of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees.

Volunteer Engagement Board

The purpose of the Volunteer Engagement Board is:

- to be responsible to the Board of Trustees for the planning and implementation of the IET's volunteering vision;
- to ensure there are sufficient volunteers, with appropriate skills and experience, empowered and supported to meet the IET's needs in fulfilling its objects;
- to provide assurance to the Board of Trustees concerning the effective delivery of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees;
- to monitor performance of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees.

Knowledge Services and Solutions Board

The purpose of the Knowledge Services and Solutions Board is seeking members with relevant experience.

Knowledge Services and Solutions is the Learned Society of the IET, providing both knowledge of engineering and technology to the global research community, along with workflow solutions (eg Inspek, Inspek Analytics, etc) for both the practice and business of global research. Knowledge Services and Solutions has embraced Open Access and the Open Science agenda.

Membership and Professional Development Board

The purpose of the Membership and Professional Development Board is:

- to be responsible to the Board of Trustees for oversight of the IET's portfolio of membership and professional development products and services, and for its charitable activities in education;
- to provide assurance to the Board of Trustees concerning the effective delivery of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees;
- to monitor performance of strategic programmes as delegated by the Board of Trustees.

Further information about member person specifications can be found at theiet.org/about/governance/boards-and-committees/communities-resourcing-committee-crc/communities-committee-person-specification/