

28 June 2024

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the
COUNCIL
held on Thursday, 20 June 2024 at 15.00 hrs (BST)
via Virtual Meeting**

Present: Mr Mark Goudie (Chair)
Mr Rob Anderson
Mr Paul Ash
Dr Imran Shafique Ansari
Mr Wolf Byttner
Mr Jolyon Caplin
Professor Andy Downton
Ms Sophie Harker
Mr Russell Jobbins
Ms Susan Jones
Dr Gopichand Katragadda (President)
Miss Macauley Kenney
Mr King On Lee
Professor Wai Yie Leong
Mr Yew Kee Lim
Ms Sena Mathobela
Mr Ben Obiri-Bonney
Mr Alan Palmer
Mr John Peckham
Mr Sam Presley
Dr Stephen Pybus
Mr Ami Singh
Mr Alkis Spyrou
Eur Ing Ms Thilini Wasundara
Mr Farooq Yaqub
Eur Ing Dr Ahmed Zobaa

By invitation: Ms Yewande Akinola (Trustee)
Professor Tim Dafforn (Trustee)
Mrs Katy Deacon (Trustee)
Mr Warren East (Trustee)
Ms Anni Feng (Trustee)
Dr Simon Hart (Trustee)
Ms Samantha Hubbard (Trustee)
Ms Abbie Hutty (Trustee)
Dr Carol Marsh (Trustee)
Professor Ronjon Nag (Trustee)
Colonel Andy Rogers (Trustee)
Ms Mamta Singhal (Trustee)
Professor Sarah Spurgeon (Trustee)

In attendance: Mrs Toni Allen (Chief Engagement and Growth Officer)
Mr Ed Almond (Chief Executive and Secretary)
Mrs Morna Dason-Barber (People Director)
Ms Fiona Dew (Strategic Planning Manager)
Ms Sandra Godman (Head of Strategy)
Ms Sara Killingworth (Portfolio and Product Management Director)
Mr Christopher Knibb (Governance and External Engagement Director)
Ms Eloisa de la Maza (Governance Executive)
Ms Michelle Richmond (Interim Operations Director)
Mr John Sullivan (Chief Technology Information Officer)
Mr Simon White (Chief Finance Officer)
Mr Andrew F Wilson (Head of Governance)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Eur Ing Dr Larissa Suzuki.

2. Conflicts of Interest

Mr Byttner declared that he was a Trustee of Foothold, the IET Benevolent Fund.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2024 (CO(24)M1) were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. Actions Taken or Outstanding

- 4.1. Council noted a report on actions taken or outstanding since the previous meeting (CO(24)4).
- 4.2. Council noted a report on tracking the outcome from proposals made by Council over recent Sessions (CO(24)5).

5. President

- 5.1. The President spoke about his activities during the Session 2023/24.
- 5.2. He drew attention to a recent meeting between the Board of Trustees and the Charity Commission, staff organisational changes, his visit to the Local Network in Hong Kong, and his webinars on “Engineers and AI: The key to delivering a resilient future.”

6. Main Boards

- 6.1. Council received oral reports from the Chair of each Main Board.
- 6.2. Mrs Deacon gave a report on the meeting of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to the discussion of the EDI Strategy, data collection and target setting, the Neurodiversity Toolkit, and the Disabled Engineers Network.
- 6.3. During discussion about the Networks set up by the Board, it was commented that some of them appeared to duplicate groups set up by other societies or by employers.
- 6.4. Ms Akinola gave a report on the meeting of the Knowledge Services and Solutions Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to print on demand of publications, and a refresh of the IET Digital Library.

- 6.5. Ms Hubbard gave a report on the meeting of the Membership and Professional Development Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to the revision of the Terms and Conditions of Membership Regulation, and the Engineering Council plans for HRB contextualised registration.
- 6.6. Dr Marsh gave a report on the meeting of the Volunteer Engagement Board held earlier in the day and drew attention to discussion of volunteer compliance, career mentoring, and the closure of the Volunteer Support Working Party. The Volunteer Engagement Board intended to request funding for the mentorship pilot and replacement of the compliance portal for volunteers.

7. Member News

- 7.1. Mr Pybus presented an oral report on behalf of the Member News Steering Committee. It was noted that from October 2024 *Member News* would be printed as a section of *E+T* magazine, so its frequency would increase.
- 7.2. Members commented on the plans to rename *Member News* as *Your IET*, and most members indicated a preference for this rather than the alternatives under consideration. It was also suggested that the name should attempt to indicate the content. Several members commented a preference for less comment advertising IET activities, preferring articles of genuine interest to members.

8. Report to the Board of Trustees

It was agreed to refer to the Board of Trustees the comments about EDI networks duplicating groups set up by other societies (Minute 6.3 refers).

9. Vote of Thanks

- 9.1. Council agreed to record a Vote of Thanks to those members who would retire from Council on 30 September 2024.
- 9.2. The President proposed a Vote of Thanks to Mr Goudie for chairing Council during the Session 2023/24.

10. Feedback on Council Meeting

The Chair invited Council members to give feedback on the Council meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, 3 October 2024 at 15.00 hrs (BST).