

The Institute of Marine Engineers 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting 1981

The Ninety-second Annual General Meeting was held at the Memorial Building, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3, on Thursday 12 March 1981 at 5.30 p.m.

The President, Mr L. D. Trenchard, was in the Chair.

The President welcomed Commander Don Wilson, Past Chairman of the Canadian Institute of Marine Engineers, to the meeting, and in his introductory remarks referred to the Finniston Report, giving a summary of the affairs leading up to the present position and outlined the principal points on which CEI could not agree with the Department of Industry. In answer to letters he had received about the status of seagoing engineers, the President commented that the question of corporate membership had to be in accordance with the requirements of CEI and if the Institute were to leave CEI this would be a retrograde step, one of the results of which would be the loss of Chartered Engineer status of this Institute by members. The Institute was awaiting the outcome of the Finniston Report which it was hoped would be soon. The opportunity might then present itself to re-draft the By-laws approved by the Annual General Meeting in 1978 to extend corporate membership to the suitably qualified seagoing engineer.

The President then referred to his visit at the Inauguration Ceremony of the Institute of Marine Engineers (India) whose members enjoyed dual membership with London Institute. The President continued by briefly outlining the position of this Institute's members in Canada in that some action was required from London for the reinstatement of our technical services. This was hoped to be achieved by dual membership.

Annual Report of the Council and Accounts for the Year ended 30 September 1980

The Director and Secretary (Mr J. S. Robinson) presented the Annual Report and the Honorary Treasurer (Mr G. McNee) presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1980.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts was moved by Commander E. C. Pidgeon and seconded by Mr J. McAfee.

Before putting the motion to the meeting the President asked if there were any questions relating thereto.

Mr Geddes enquired as to the present position of the member of Council who had been the subject of comments made at the Annual General Meeting in 1980 and the President explained that the matter was under active consideration by a sub-committee of Council which had been appointed for this purpose.

Mr E. R. Hall in referring to By-law 81 raised the question of attendance by non-members at the Annual General Meeting. He also referred to the past practice *re* application forms of members and nominations forms for Council. On this latter point the President indicated that Council's attention would be drawn thereto and reassured Mr Hall that with regard to attendance at Annual General Meetings By-law 81 did not indicate that non-members may not be present. In reply to further questions by Mr Hall the President indicated the role of the By-laws Group in relation to By-laws being submitted to Privy Council and also the duties of the Membership Committee as an agent for the Council in processing applications for membership. The President also explained the reasons for the registration fee paid to CEI. Further comments by Mr Hall on the entertainment of members with 50 years' membership was answered by Commander L. F. Clark who informed the meeting that this was done both by Headquarters and Branches.

Mr R. Hook raised the question of the placing of the Memorial Book in a prominent place of honour and the President indicated that this matter would be looked into.

There being no further questions the President put the motion for the adoption of the Report and Accounts to the meeting and declared the motion carried.

Re-appointment of Auditors and authorisation for Council to fix their remuneration

The following motion was put to the meeting by Mr R. Crawley, seconded by Mr N. Hunter and carried:

That the Auditors, Messrs Finnie Ross Allfields, be re-appointed to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and that the Council be authorised to fix their remuneration.

Report of the Scrutineers

Before handing the Scrutineers' Report to the President, Mr G. Victory commented on the number of invalid ballot papers by reason of not complying with By-law 54, i.e. any ballot paper not recording the correct number of votes shall be void. He suggested that By-law 54 should be amended to allow for votes to be cast only where a contest occurred.

The President thanked Mr Victory for his suggestion and proceeded to read the Scrutineers' Report which was that the following were duly elected:

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| President | Mr J. McNaught |
| Deputy President | Commander E. C. Pidgeon |
| Honorary Treasurer | Mr G. McNee |
| Vice-Presidents | Dr J. Cowley |
| | Mr J. E. Gander |
| | Rear Admiral P. R. Marrack |
| | Commander M. B. F. Ranken |
| | Mr S. Speed |
| | Mr R. M. Duggan |
| | Mr M. Falcus |
| | Mr C. R. Ford |
| | Mr F. A. Hay |
| | Mr S. W. Nicholls |
| | Mr E. Shawcross |
| Member of Council | Mr A. J. Couchman |
| Associate Member of Council | Lt Commander A. C. Moore |

Vote of thanks to Scrutineers and appointment for 1981/82

Mr R. H. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers for the efficient services they had rendered. He also proposed that Messrs A. L. Covell, T. Kameen, R. F. Thomas and G. Victory be reappointed Scrutineers for 1981/82. The motion was seconded by Mr J. Wharton.

The President put the motion to the meeting and declared it carried.

By-laws

(i) Proposed by the President and seconded by Mr J. McNaught that By-law 23 be amended to provide for Associate Members to use designatory letters as follows:

'Each Associate Member whose name has been entered by the Registration Board in the Section of the Register for Technician Engineers may use the title of the class of membership to which he belongs and use after his name the designatory letters "A.M.I.Mar.E." and in accordance with the Royal Charter and By-laws of the Council of Engineering Institutions the style and title of "Technician Engineer C.E.I." and use after his name the designatory letters "T.Eng.(C.E.I.)."

The President put the motion to the paid-up Corporate members present and declared it carried.

(ii) Proposed by the President and seconded by Mr J. E. Gander that By-law 37 be amended to allow for reinstatement to the Membership

Roll with a qualifying period of three years as follows:

Reinstatement to the Institute may be allowed at the discretion of Council of those deleted from the Roll under By-laws 35 and 36 within a maximum period of three years from the date of deletion. After that period readmission to the Institute may be allowed on re-application and re-election of those deleted from the Roll under By-laws 35 and 36, to the class of membership for which the candidate is qualified in accordance with the By-laws in force at that time. The Council may, in such cases of reinstatement and readmission, require that the applicant shall pay, by way of extra subscription, the whole or some part of any arrears of subscription previously unpaid by him, or in the case of any other monetary debt, that he shall pay the whole of such debt.

The President put the motion to the paid-up Corporate members present and declared it carried.

Vote of thanks to the President

Mr J. McNaught in proposing a vote of thanks to the President referred to the very able manner in which he had carried out the duties of President; he had dealt with many complex matters during the year, had worked untiringly for the Institute and has also been an excellent ambassador during his visits abroad. Mr Trenchard deserved the heartiest vote of thanks from all concerned.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

In reply Mr Trenchard thanked Mr McNaught for his kind remarks. He commented that the Institute had been his hobby for 50 years during which time he had enjoyed working for it. He had made a large number of friends and was grateful for the support given to him by the Secretaries, Chairmen and members of Branches. His thanks were also due to all those present, to members of Council and staff of the Institute for the great help given to him during his year of office.