



## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ninetieth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS will be held at 76 Mark Lane, London, E.C.3, on THURSDAY, 8TH MARCH 1979, at 17.30 hours for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider and, if thought fit, adopt the Annual Report of the Council and the Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1978.
2. To re-appoint Messrs. Allfields as Auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.
3. To authorise the Council to fix the remuneration of the Auditors.
4. To consider the following Special business.
  - (a) The report of the Scrutineers, and to note the result of the elections to the Council of the President, Deputy President, Vice-Presidents, Fellows, Associate Member and the Honorary Treasurer, and
  - (b) the appointment of Scrutineers to count the votes in connection with elections to Council for the year 1979/80.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL

J. STUART ROBINSON

*Director and Secretary*



# The Institute of Marine Engineers

76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN



## Annual Report of the Council and accounts for the year ended 30 September 1978

The report for the year ended 30 September 1978 indicates that the Institute's affairs during the current twelve months have reached a watershed, being between a period of financial restraint for the previous three years and hopefully one less restricting for the forthcoming year. This presumes that the negotiations for the sub-leases of the Memorial Building (referred to last year as under negotiation) will be satisfactorily concluded from which it follows that the Institute's income from this source would be increased substantially. It has been a matter of great concern to the Council that the existing leases were possibly going to terminate at a moment when the office property market in the City was in a state of ebb. At the time of writing, nearly all negotiations have been finalised and, so far as the remaining few are concerned, there is every prospect of these being settled in the near future.

The year under review therefore has been one of consolidation following on from the last few years of difficulty but also one for devoting time to planning for the future with the accent on expansion and development. A number of ideas are being pursued and in due course reports will be made to the members.

### OFFICERS

Mr. D. H. Alexander succeeded Mr. G. McNee as President and Mr. J. McAfee was elected Deputy President. Mr. J. McNaught was re-elected to serve as Honorary Treasurer.

### COUNCIL

Following the change in the structure of the Institute's management, the Council has received regular reports from the Council Advisory Committee and Marine Management (Holdings) Limited. Details of the work carried out by these bodies are given under separate headings.

In April consideration was given to the new By-Laws at the Annual General Meeting, but to date there has been no reply from the Privy Council. The Council consider it an important step for the future development of the Institute that members other than chartered engineers should play a full part in the management of the Institute's affairs except in such matters as relate to chartered engineers rights and membership of CEI.

During the year two casual vacancies were filled. Mr. C. Barclay filled the casual vacancy as a Fellow and Mr. E. J. S. Agius as a Member of Council.

Captain W. S. Jenks resigned as a Vice-President for personal reasons and the Council had much pleasure in appointing him an Honorary Vice-President. The Council would like to place on record an expression of thanks for the support rendered by Captain Jenks, and, in particular, for the CEI work he has carried out on behalf of the Institute.

The Councils of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and the Institute have recently agreed to set up a joint working party consisting of five to six members from each Council, together with the Secretaries, with the following terms of reference:

"To consider, and report to Council on:—

How our two Institutions' efforts might be developed to advantage in dealing with the many problems we have to face in a period of rapid and fundamental change, not only in the industries in which our members serve, but also in the economic and technological environment we all share as a common experience."

The investigation, which may take some time, will, it is hoped, lead to recommendations for consideration by the respective Councils.

Any member of the Institute who would like to make a comment or contribution within the terms of reference of the working party should write to the Director and Secretary, indicating whether there would be any objections to his or her letter being published in the correspondence columns of the *M.E.R.*

### DEATHS

Deaths during the year are published regularly in the *Marine Engineers Review*.

It is with the deepest regret that the death of Dr. A. W. Davis, Past President of the Institute, is recorded.

### HONOURS

The following members were honoured in the New Year and Birthday Honours lists for 1978:

Commander A. J. R. Smith, R.N., C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E.—O.B.E.  
Lt.-Cdr. J. A. Andrews, R.N., C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E.—M.B.E.  
Lt.-Cdr. P. J. E. Cooper, R.N., C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E.—M.B.E.  
D. T. G. Woon, Esq., C.Eng., F.I.Mar.E.—M.B.E.

### REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr. E. C. Ranson was appointed the Institute's representative on the Lloyd's Register of Shipping Technical Committee.

### DIVISIONS

#### Australia/New Zealand Division

In January 1978 a Divisional Secretary's report was received which forms the basis of this report subject to up-dating where necessary. The committee working on the "Work and Knowledge Analysis for Marine Engineering" completed phase 1 and 2. The final phase, for the compiling of the syllabus, is now being undertaken by the Naval College, Launceston, which College has been specially built for the training of Marine Engineers.

The consultative document "Proposed Structure of Licences for the Australian Merchant Service and Commercial Fishing Vessels" was under consideration and the Secretary indicated that the "Title/Certificate" for the Certificates of Competency and the use of the word "Licence" for the document issued for other grades had been retained after pressure from the Institute's representative on this point.

The Divisional Secretary visited New Zealand and attended a meeting at each of the branches and at the sub-branch at Dunedin. The meetings were well attended and the level of discussion was high.

Arrangements have been put into effect whereby copies of classified advertisements contained in the *M.E.R.* are sent to the Division by airmail.

The Western Australia Branch and the New South Wales Branch both held very successful symposiums.

Arrangements have been made to hold a Divisional Council meeting in Auckland in February 1979. The President and Director and Secretary will attend this meeting.

#### India Division

A meeting was held in Bombay which was attended by representatives of various branches of the India Division. Following this meeting it was agreed to resuscitate the India Council Division and provisional arrangements were made for the financing of the Division and Branches.

There are various proposals under discussion at the time of writing and it is hoped that it will be possible to provide further services for members in India including the provision of a divisional office. It is also hoped that the Institute may be able to help in the provision of library facilities, thereby giving the Division a physical focus.

### BRANCHES

In a continuing effort to foster the development of branch activities, Council have agreed to increase the branch grants to £100 basic grant and £1.00 *per capita* with effect from 1 October 1978. Financial considerations, however, did not prove an inhibiting factor in the year under review, and branch activities have been at a high level.

The inaugural meeting of the Aberdeen Maritime Branch was held on 21 September 1978 and four meetings are planned for the current session. Since the year end the branch has held its first Annual General Meeting.

During the year Branches have continued to hold regular meetings and it is hoped that these activities can be further encouraged.

### EEC COLLOQUIUM

A meeting was held in Brussels on 11 October 1978 which was attended by various representatives of marine engineering institutions from other EEC countries. The discussion proved fruitful and encouraging, and it was agreed that a colloquium of European Marine Technological Institutions be formed.

## Annual Report of the Council for 1978

### FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

After several years of financial restraint the Institute achieved a six figure surplus (£115 048) on the Revenue Account for the second year in succession. This enabled the Institute to make a considerable contribution from its own funds to Phases 1 and 2 of the extension and modernisation of The Memorial Building. This contribution amounted to £94 650. The following figures indicate how the surplus has been utilised, together with comparisons for 1977:

	1978	1977
	£	£
Surplus from Revenue Account	115 048	130 108
Expenses incurred during year:		
Donation to Guild of Benevolence	6 028	5 361
Mortgage Repayment	15 000	15 000
Phase 1 Extension and modernisation	19 500	56 695
Phase 2 Extension and modernisation	77 358	—
	117 886	77 056
Provision against Phase 2	(32 000)	32 000
Leasehold Redemption	1 000	1 000
Provision against Phase 1A of extension and modernisation	10 000	—
Transfer to Reserve Account	18 162	20 052
	£115 048	£130 108

Included in the "Development including Public Relations" figure of £18 677 is a sum of £10 523 which provided stands at Europort 1977 (£6190), Posidonia (£2797) and Hamburg (£1536).

During the year the Quantity Surveyors involved in Phase 1 of the extension and modernisation presented their account for £18 100 which had not been provided for in the 1974 Accounts. It will be seen that a sum of £10 000 has been provided out of this year's surplus against Phase 1A of the extension and modernisation of Mark Lane. Phase 1A is anticipated to be the final stage and involves the transfer of the Marine Engineers Club to a larger floor space, rebuilding the kitchen facilities to cope with the increased Conference activities and making available more rooms for the Conference Centre. The cost of Phase 1A is estimated to be £158 350.

The world-wide recession in the shipping industry has had its effect on the Institute's income in that Advertising Revenue remained virtually the same as last year despite increased rate charges since October 1977. Book sales showed an increase of £4066 this year, being £50 341 against £46 275 in 1976/77. Subscriptions for the *M.E.R.* and *Technical Reports (Transactions)* were £40 687, an increase of £1420 over 1976/77. The result from Publications this year is a turn around of £2913 deficit against a surplus of £1182 the previous year.

The Conference Centre has, as anticipated in 1977, made a bigger contribution to revenue. This year the surplus from the Centre is £29 361 compared with £7329 in 1977, which includes £10 442 surplus arising from conferences organised by the Institute on behalf of other parties.

1977/78 has seen further reductions in the rate of inflation in the United Kingdom but the continued recession in shipping is a cause for concern. Both of these areas can, and do, affect the Institute and it is widely anticipated that inflation will soon be on the increase again. For these reasons as much as any other considerations the Institute will continue to watch its finances closely.

### MARINE MANAGEMENT (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

In accordance with the new Company structure agreed by Council, members will find reports of the three divisions following this general introduction. The Company has had under review various matters of detail and meetings have been held on a monthly basis. Full minutes of the Company have been submitted to Council. Members of the Board of the Company are listed elsewhere in the Annual Report and at the Board Meetings consideration has been given to office accommodation including the library arrangements and various financial matters. In particular the three divisions of the Company have reported on their activities and this has helped to produce substantially more information for consideration by the Board and in due course by the Council.

A copy of the Company's Report and Accounts may be obtained on request.

#### Management Division

##### By-Laws

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws affecting particularly the classes of membership of the Institute were approved at the Annual General Meeting in 1978 and submitted to Her Majesty's Privy Council. At the end of the financial year, the Privy Council's decision had not yet been received.

##### Education and Training

Further informal discussions between representatives of the Institute, the General Council of British Shipping and the Southampton College of Higher Education on a proposed CNAA degree course in marine engineering were held. At the year's end, it was expected that the proposals and suggestions made would in due course receive further consideration by the Council.

##### Institute Grants for Education Purposes

During the year, twelve students taking the marine engineering degree courses at the Universities of Newcastle and Surrey, and eleven students taking the Extra First Class Certificate courses at the technical colleges of Hackney (Poplar Centre) and South Shields were in receipt of Institute grants.

##### Membership

It is disappointing that the overall membership figure has fallen again. It is worth noting that the class of Associate Member has seen the highest intake and it is hoped that the number of new members elected will show an upward trend when the new By-Laws become operative. The membership drive mentioned in last year's Annual Report has been postponed to coincide with the introduction of the new By-Laws in the hope of a greater response. The number of resignations remains on a par with last year. The figure quoted for members removed from the Roll is lower than in previous years because the number of members who are in arrears with their subscriptions is on the increase and every effort is being made to retrieve the situation before members are finally deleted. However, it is unlikely that all those concerned will bring their subscriptions up to date and, therefore, a proportionate increase in the numbers removed from the Roll during the next twelve months is to be expected.

#### MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Date: 1 October 1977 to 30 September 1978

	Total 30 Sept. 1977	Elected	Transfer		Reinstated	Resigned	Deceased	Removed from Roll	Total 30 Sept. 1978	Increase or Decrease
			To	From						
Fellows	7448	35	39	—	8	122	119	17	7272	176—
Members	6822	90	32	34	18	55	18	59	6796	26—
Associate Members	1377	213	81	12	5	17	2	9	1636	259+
Associates	761	90	25	42	3	22	1	13	801	40+
Consociates	3942	170	—	89	11	150	12	98	3774	168—
Companions	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Honorary Fellows and Past Presidents*	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—
	20 358	598	177	177	45	366	152	196	20 287	71—

\*Past Presidents who are also Fellows have been included in the figures for the latter category.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The rates of subscription for the twelve months from 1 October 1978 will be:

Class	Subscription	Subscriptions for those in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Egypt
Companion	£26·00	£20·00
Fellow	£26·00	£20·00
Member	£26·00	£20·00
Associate Member	£26·00	£20·00
Associate	£26·00	£20·00
Consociate	£26·00	£20·00
Consociate (below the age of 22 years)	£ 8·50	£ 8·50
Retired members (25 years' service)	£ 7·50 with M.E.R.	£ 7·50 with M.E.R.
Retired members (25 years' service)	£ 5·00 without M.E.R.	£ 5·00 without M.E.R.

The registration fee for automatic receipt of *Technical Reports (Transactions)* remained at £2·00 per annum.

### STAFF

Mr. L. C. Layman, Cashier, retired from active employment after eleven years of loyal service to the Institute, and Mrs. J. M. Brodie resigned to take up another appointment after ten years' service.

### Activities Division

As a result of the transfer of book sales to the Division as from 1 April 1978, a complete package of marketable products has emerged.

It is hoped that a major sales drive will not be necessary as the new methods of promotion and selling are aimed at targets which provide the best outlets for specialised lists of publications. The establishment of a closer relationship with other publishers has provided a new basis in which total sales, including those of the Institute's books and papers, can be increased.

### SOCIAL EVENTS

All these events attracted increased attendances and the Charity Ball in particular was successful from a financial point of view.

In the interests of comfort for those attending the two Conversations the tickets for each event have been limited to 1000. The Activities Division Advisory Committee also decided to reduce the length of cabaret time.

Costs of Social Events have again escalated and every effort is being made to control these, particularly those associated with the Grosvenor House Hotel.

During the year new arrangements were made for the Presidential Address which took place on 3 October. These included an exhibition and film showing linked with the theme of the Presidential Address, which proved most successful.

A number of other possibilities are being investigated including the showing of important films in the Lecture Theatre on a programmed basis.

### CONFERENCE CENTRE

The first six months of lettings proved to be extremely successful, and a revised budget was prepared for the remainder of the year. This revised figure has in fact been exceeded and at the end of the first full year of operation the Conference Centre results indicate the success of this activity. During the year new equipment was purchased and this has enabled us to attract new clients.

The outlook for 1978/79 is good. Bookings at revised rates are excellent and extend as far as 1980.

The resignation of Mrs. G. P. Lato, who will be leaving the Institute's employment for domestic reasons, is reported with regret. Her enthusiasm and hard work have been a major contribution to the success of the Conference Centre as well as to the Division as a whole.

### BOOK SALES

This activity was transferred to the Division as from 1 April 1978. The whole operation has been examined and a new approach is being formulated. As an immediate action, contact has been made with new outlets both in the U.K. and overseas. Some immediate results have been achieved and long term possibilities look favourable.

In many cases the mark up by agents overseas has been high and this has obviously restricted the sales potential of our publications. New outlets for sales are emerging which will eliminate this problem in a number of areas.

### CONFERENCES

The tentative programme issued to Council has been completely revised. Previous overseas events have been very much on a trial and error basis. With the break-even stipulation imposed by Institute procedures, setting up events such as Bahrain and Alexandria have been difficult, to say the least.

A new foundation for such operations has now emerged and a revised programme is in the process of construction. ASIA MARINE '79 is a good example of a new type of involvement in which a major exhibition is accompanied by a conference. Such events are due to take place both in the U.K. and overseas and the Institute is responsible for organising the conference. Such conferences have a specific theme, and President's Day is a good example of the attraction which such a planned mixture of exhibition and academic content can produce.

With the backing of the exhibition two factors emerge. Firstly, good speakers with neutral interests can be arranged for the conference, secondly an element of profit is built into the venture which can be applied to relieve the costs of other technical activities.

### CONCLUSION

The Activities Division has become a vehicle for promoting every aspect of Institute activity. The four main functions generated possibilities for each other as well as breaking new territory for membership, branches and learned society matters.

### Media Division

The Division is responsible for organising the learned society activities of the Institute such as evening meetings, conferences and the library. The Division is also the Institute publisher but during the year publication sales were transferred to the Activities Division.

### EVENING MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

The following events were held:

- 13 evening meetings
- 2 evening meetings in association with other organisations
- 3 one-day conferences
- 3 joint conferences in association with other organisations.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### i) *Marine Engineers Review (M.E.R.)*

The quality and presentation of the editorial content was improved to include more contributed articles and the field covered was expanded to include historical and management articles and current awareness items such as synopses and bibliographies. A superintendent engineers' column was also being planned which would include views and comments from seagoing and shore based engineers.

"Postbag" received many letters reminiscing about the past but there was a shortage of letters on technical and commercial subjects involving the shipping industry.

A lively journal depends on support from its readership and it is hoped that readers will keep writing to "Postbag" and provide ideas and material, especially for the Superintendent Engineers' column. Mr. E. G. Semler, the managing editor, would also welcome comments and views on the editorial content.

#### ii) *Technical Textbooks*

The Institute is always on the lookout for prospective authors and is able to offer attractive terms.

During the year *Chemicals in Ships*, edited by L. Kenworthy, was published. The book provided, for the marine engineer, information on chemicals and chemical problems commonly met with in ships, which was not previously available.

#### iii) *Preprints and Transactions*

Members are reminded that they are entitled on request to a free copy of any paper presented at an evening meeting at the Institute. Preprints are normally available two weeks before the meeting and the transactions, which include the discussion and author's reply, six to nine months after the meeting. Automatic despatch of the transactions of the evening meetings is available for £2 per annum on application to the Institute.

A fee is charged for all conference papers.

Plans are being made for a return to typeset publication which greatly improves appearance and legibility at no extra cost.

### LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICE

The service, under a qualified librarian, is available to both members and non-members. The library has over 10 000 books and a reference section of 250 marine journals, transactions from sister Institutions, reference books and trade directories. Enquiries could be accepted by telex, telephone, letter or a personal visit. The following facilities are available: book loans, photocopying, provision of references and bibliographies, literature searches.

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### INSTITUTE AWARDS

The Denny Gold Medal for 1978 will not be selected until December 1978.

The Institute's Silver Medal for 1978 will not be selected until December 1978.

### STAFF

Mr. E. G. Semler was appointed managing editor of Media Division in February 1978.

Mr. R. E. E. Allen resigned as editor of the *M.E.R.* in February 1978.

Miss C. F. Thimann joined as technical information officer and librarian in February 1978.

### Council Advisory Committee

Under the new structure the Council Advisory Committee is an advisory body dealing with a variety of topics. Full minutes of meetings are forwarded to Council together with the Committee's recommendations. To facilitate the gathering of information on specialist topics, selected members of the Committee have been called to discuss subjects of particular interest to them and on which they have specialised knowledge and experience.

### OFFICE BEARERS AFFAIRS

The function of this group is implicit in the title, and meetings were held to consider not only nominations for office holders of the Institute, but also representatives on outside bodies. The Institute's representatives on outside bodies are as follows:

South Shields Marine and Technical College	Mr. G. J. A. White
Board of Governors	
Hackney Technical College	Mr. C. A. Creber
British Nuclear Energy Society Joint Panel	{ Mr. K. J. Rawson
Court of Bath University	{ Mr. G. Victory
Cranfield Court	{ Mr. W. H. Sampson
Europort Advisory Committee	{ Vice-Admiral Sir Allan Trewby
Joint British Committee for Stress Analysis	{ Mr. J. S. Robinson
Lloyd's Register Technical Comm.	{ Mr. K. V. Taylor
	{ Mr. T. W. Bunyan
	{ Mr. E. C. Ranson
Northern Counties Nautical Advisory Committee	Mr. E. A. Stokoe
Parliamentary and Scientific Committee	Commander M. B. F. Ranken
Watt Committee on Energy Limited	Mr. G. Victory
Yorkshire and Humberside County Advisory Committee for Nautical Training	Mr. R. E. Goddard

### COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION

Four sub-committees were formed to examine for the Institute various aspects of the Finniston Inquiry and their findings were consolidated and later presented to Council. In due course the Institute's submission to the Finniston Inquiry was made.

### CEI AFFAIRS

Regular meetings are held at which the Institute's representatives dealing with CEI matters discuss general policy and matters of particular concern to the Institute. Matters of particular concern during the period under review have included the By-Laws and Regulations relating to CEI, the reconstruction of CEI Committee A dealing with education and training qualifications following the

formation of the Chartered Engineers Section Board and the CEI submission to the Finniston Inquiry. The Institute's representatives are as follows:

Board	Mr. J. McAfee
Executive	Mr. W. McClimont
Committee A	Professor R. V. Thompson
Committee B	Mr. J. McAfee
Committee C	Commander M. J. Neeves
Committee D	No representative
Exemptions Sub-Committee	Mr. G. R. Hodge

### Engineers Registration Board—

a) Chartered Engineers' Section Board	Dr. J. Cowley
b) Technician Engineers' Section Board	Dr. J. Cowley
c) Technician Section Board	Mr. G. R. Hodge
Personal Services Working Party	Mr. F. A. Hay
Council of Science and Technology Institutes Presidents' Committee	Commander M. B. F. Ranken
Librarians' Committee	Mr. D. H. Alexander
Council for Environmental Science and Engineering Health and Safety Committee	Mr. B. Denyer
British National Committee on Ocean Engineering	Commander M. B. F. Ranken
Commonwealth Engineers Council	No representative
1979 Survey	Mr. B. Hildrew
Committee on Creativity and Innovation	No representative

### PRESSURE VESSELS

This group was specially formed to consider a consultative document prepared by the Health and Safety Commission entitled "Proposals for new legislation for pressurised systems". The group prepared the Institute's submission and this information was also forwarded to the CEI for use in preparing their submission on this topic.

### POLICY AFFAIRS

Consideration was given to a number of topics some of which had been raised by Council members. Other matters were raised for consideration prior to submission to Council. Included in the considerations were the arrangements for golf meetings and matters relating to the Silver Jubilee Award.

### PLANNING AFFAIRS

The Council is concerned to develop plans for the future of the Institute in detail and this group had under consideration a wide variety of aspects relating to marine engineering which it was felt could be usefully considered with a full report to Council in due course. Since the end of the year under review a full report has been submitted to Council and, no doubt, further information will be disseminated.

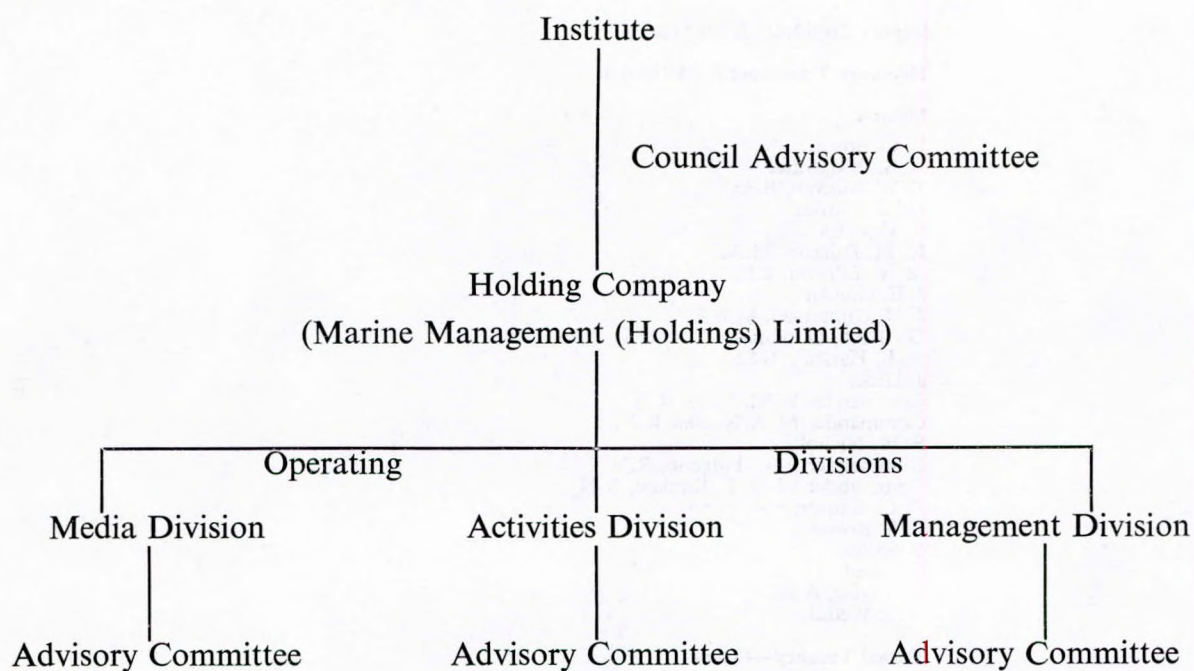
### GUILD OF BENEVOLENCE

Applications for advice or assistance from the Guild have increased during the year, and the necessity for extending the number of subscribing members is still of urgent concern. The Guild House continues to improve under the direction of Mr. J. F. R. Ellison, and despite problems with domestic staff, the service and attention to residents has been maintained. Copies of the new Guild House Brochure are now available.

**D. H. Alexander** (*President*)

**J. Stuart Robinson** (*Director and Secretary*)

**Institute Management Structure**



**DIRECTORS**

The Directors of Marine Management (Holdings) Limited are as follows:—

D. H. ALEXANDER (*Chairman*)

C. BARCLAY

A. F. HARROLD

J. HICKS

J. MCAFEE

J. MCNAUGHT

M. B. F. RANKEN

J. S. ROBINSON (*Managing Director*)

P. S. ROSSETER

I. J. WHITTINGHAM (*Secretary*)

# *Annual Report of the Council for 1978*

## **COUNCIL 1978/79**

**President:** D. H. Alexander, O.B.E., F.C.G.I., M.Sc., Wh.Sc.

**Deputy President:** J. McAfee

**Honorary Treasurer:** J. McNaught

### **Fellows**

F. C. Bown  
A. S. Bridgewater  
T. W. Bunyan, B.Sc.  
Dr. J. Cowley  
R. Crawley  
R. M. Duggan, M.A.  
M. V. Elliston, B.Sc.  
J. E. Gander  
J. H. Gilbertson, M.B.E.  
Dr. R. A. Goodman  
A. F. Harrold, B.Sc.  
J. Hicks  
Commander V. M. Lake, R.N.  
Commander M. J. Neeves, R.N.  
S. W. Nicholls  
Commander E. C. Pidgeon, R.N.  
Commander M. B. F. Ranken, R.N.  
E. C. Ranson  
P. S. Rosseter  
P. Smith  
S. Speed  
B. Taylor, B.Sc.  
A. J. Weddle

### **Casual Vacancy—Fellow**

C. Barclay, M.Sc.

### **Vice-Presidents**

E. P. Crowdy, V.R.D., M.A.  
F. S. Gander, B.Sc.(Eng.)  
G. R. Hodge  
W. McClimont, B.Sc.  
W. Marsh, C.B.E., M.Sc.(Tech.)  
Commander E. H. W. Platt, M.B.E., R.N.  
Lt.-Cdr. C. J. Olliver  
J. L. Snowdon, O.B.E.  
A. H. Stobbs  
L. D. Trenchard  
R. T. Young, B.Sc.

### **Members**

D. S. Aris, B.Sc.(Eng.) (1978)  
Professor W. D. Carnegie, Ph.D., B.Sc.(Eng.) (1975)  
Professor A. J. Morton, M.Sc. (1977)

### **Casual Vacancy—Member**

E. J. S. Agius

### **Associate Members**

C. J. Taylor (1978)  
R. Unsworth (1977)

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### **Past Presidents (by invitation)**

T. Kameen  
G. McNee  
G. Victory

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### **Honorary Vice-Presidents**

J. Calderwood, M.Sc.  
J. H. Coles  
R. K. Craig, C.B.E.  
R. W. Cromarty  
W. J. Ferguson, M.Eng.  
W. McLaughlin  
Rear-Admiral P. R. Marrack, R.N. (for the Royal Navy)  
W. Lynn Nelson, O.B.E.  
Commander F. M. Paskins, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R.  
A. R. Riddell  
D. Skae  
J. B. Thomson  
James Turnbull, O.B.E.  
H. E. Upton, O.B.E.  
Captain W. S. C. Jenks, O.B.E.



**THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS—ACCOUNTS**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978**

	Notes	1978		1977	
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
From members' subscriptions and entrance fees ... ..	1	419,405		354,941	
Sundry ... ..		3,555		4,373	
			<u>£422,960</u>		<u>£359,314</u>
<b>Less: Cost of Services Provided</b>					
Direct Expenditure on salaries and supplies in respect of:					
Technical Services:					
Publications (A—over page) ... ..		45,752		34,521	
Library ... ..		13,774		11,545	
Sessions and Conferences ... ..		14,080		11,292	
			<u>73,606</u>		<u>57,358</u>
Educational Grants and Prizes ... ..		5,070		5,469	
Professional Services:					
Council of Engineering Institutions and Engineers Registration Board		20,676		18,264	
Divisions and Branches ... ..		23,561		22,907	
Development including Public Relations ... ..		18,677		6,884	
			<u>141,590</u>		<u>110,882</u>
Indirect expenditure in respect of the above:					
Membership and Maintenance of Register ... ..		37,388		36,367	
Council and Committees ... ..		12,648		10,539	
			<u>50,036</u>		<u>46,906</u>
Administration:					
Employers' Staff Costs (D—over page) ... ..		77,101		67,527	
Overheads including occupancy (E—over page) ... ..		177,969		139,097	
			<u>255,070</u>		<u>206,624</u>
Less: Allocated to Other Income—see below ... ..		28,519		15,477	
			<u>226,551</u>		<u>191,147</u>
			<u>£418,177</u>		<u>£348,935</u>
<b>Excess of Income from Members over Net Expenditure</b> ... ..			4,783		10,379
Add: Adjustment in respect of prior years ... ..			—		7,367
			<u>4,783</u>		<u>17,746</u>
<b>Investment Income</b>					
Income from Property (B—over page) ... ..		88,380		77,572	
Less: Interest on Mortgage ... ..		6,730		7,731	
			<u>81,650</u>		<u>69,841</u>
Dividends and Interest ... ..		17,155		20,397	
			<u>98,805</u>		<u>90,238</u>
Surplus on Books and Technical Papers sold to non-members (A—over page) ...		42,839		35,703	
Net Surplus on Social Events (C—over page) ... ..		1,763		1,377	
Adjustment arising from Foreign Exchange fluctuations ... ..	Deficit	2,123		521	Credit
			<u>141,284</u>		<u>127,839</u>
Less: Administration Costs—see above ... ..		28,519		15,477	
			<u>112,765</u>		<u>112,362</u>
Add: Provision no longer required in respect of Marine Engineers Club ... ..			117,548		130,108
			2,500		—
			<u>120,048</u>		<u>130,108</u>
Less: Provision against stock of books (A—over page) ... ..			5,000		—
Surplus for the year before Appropriations ... ..			<u>£115,048</u>		<u>£130,108</u>

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**APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978**

	Notes	£	1978 £	£	£	1977 £	£
Surplus brought forward from Revenue Account ... ..				115,048			130,108
Donation to the Guild of Benevolence 1977 Balance ... ..		1,028			2,061		
1978 Provision ... ..		5,000			3,300		
		<hr/>	6,028		<hr/>	5,361	
<b>Capital Fund:</b>							
General—Mortgage Repayment ... ..	2	15,000			15,000		
Leasehold Property Redemption ... ..	2	1,000			1,000		
		<hr/>	16,000		<hr/>	16,000	
<b>Capital Development Funds:</b>							
Extension and Modernisation							
Phase 1—completed ... ..	3	19,500			56,695		
Phase 2—due for completion in March 1979 ... ..	3	45,358			32,000		
Phase 1A—commencing April 1979... ..	3	10,000			<hr/>		
		<hr/>	74,858		<hr/>	88,695	
				96,886			110,056
Surplus transferred to Reserve Fund ... ..	4			<u>£18,162</u>			<u>£20,052</u>

**THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS—ACCOUNTS**

**REVENUE ACCOUNT—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978**

**A) Publications**

	1978			1977		
	Publications and Technical Papers provided free to members	Books and Technical Papers sold to members	Books and Technical Papers sold to non-members	Publications and Technical Papers provided free to members	Books and Technical Papers sold to members	Books and Technical Papers sold to non-members
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Direct Costs	183,097	11,480	25,980	166,680	12,132	26,880
Less: Advertisement and other revenue	138,525	—	—	132,252	—	—
Sales and other revenue	—	10,300	68,819	—	12,039	62,583
Net cost	44,572	1,180	—	34,428	93	—
Contribution	—	—	42,839	—	—	35,703

Charge to Revenue Account—Publications, Technical Papers and Books distributed or sold to members

£45,752

£34,521

Surplus to Revenue Account—Books and Technical Papers sold to non-members

£42,839

£35,703

Provision against stock of books

£5,000

£ —

**B) Income from Property**

	Rental Income and Service Rents	Conference Centre	Rental Income and Service Rents	Conference Centre
	Income	168,410	109,425	167,877
Less: Associated Costs				
Employers' Staff Costs	39,011	12,990	23,478	10,240
Services and Supplies	70,380	67,074	74,156	17,872
	109,391	80,064	97,634	28,112
	59,019	29,361	70,243	7,329
Surplus to Revenue Account	£88,380		£77,572	

**C) Social Events**

Income		48,243		41,383
Less: Associated Costs				
Employers' Staff Costs	41,370		36,493	
	5,110		3,513	
		46,480		40,006
Net Surplus to Revenue Account		£1,763		£1,377

**D) Employers' Staff Costs**

Publications		64,832		60,269
Income from Property		52,001		33,718
Social Events		5,110		3,513
Direct Services		83,849		70,507
Administration		77,101		67,527
		£282,893		£235,534

**E) Overheads including occupancy**

Costs of occupancy:				
Rates		37,535		38,509
Insurances		9,606		8,944
Depreciation, Repairs and Maintenance		8,974		3,999
Light, Heat and Cleaning		23,595		21,908
		79,710		73,360
Bank Charges		1,990		406
*Legal and Other Professional Charges		27,507		17,431
Post, Telephone and Telex		22,293		15,994
Printing and Stationery		16,930		12,806
Travel and Entertaining		14,919		7,199
Sundry Expenses		14,620		11,901
		£177,969		£139,097

\*Included in Legal and Other Professional Charges are Audit Fees of £6,500 (1977—£5,500) and fees relating to new lease negotiations of £9,400 (1977 nil).

## THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS—ACCOUNTS

### BALANCE SHEET

30 SEPTEMBER 1978

		Notes	1978		1977	
			£	£	£	£
<b>Investments:</b>						
Leaschold Property ... ..		5	782,554		670,696	
Quoted Securities ... ..		6	142,182		142,056	
Cash held for investment ... ..			25,710		26,831	
				950,446		839,583
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Freehold Property ... ..		7	18,415		—	
Fixtures and Fittings ... ..		8	35,804		30,010	
				54,219		30,010
<b>Net Current Assets</b> ... ..		1		27,008		54,055
				£1,031,673		£923,648
 <b>Financed by:</b>						
<b>Capital Fund</b> ... ..		2	607,426		591,426	
<b>Capital Development Funds</b> ... ..		3	203,553		128,695	
				810,979		720,121
<b>Reserve Fund</b> ... ..		4	210,647		193,480	
<b>Development Fund</b> ... ..			10,047		10,047	
				220,694		203,527
<b>Awards Funds</b> ... ..		9	57,177		48,467	
<b>Less: Investments and Cash held in respect thereof</b> ... ..			57,177		48,467	
				£1,031,673		£923,648

D. H. Alexander, *President*

J. McNaught, *Honorary Treasurer*

### REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS

We have examined the Accounts and Notes set out on pages 7 to 13. These have been prepared under the historical cost convention and as indicated in Note 10 fully incorporate the income and expenditure of the two wholly owned subsidiary companies for the year ended 30 September 1978 and the assets and liabilities thereof at that date.

Subject to the foregoing, in our opinion the aforesaid Accounts and Notes give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Institute of Marine Engineers as at 30 September 1978 and of the income and expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Wellington House,  
125/130 Strand.  
London, WC2R 0AZ  
13 December, 1978.

ALLFIELDS,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

**THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS—ACCOUNTS**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978**

<b>1) Net Current Assets</b>		<b>1978</b>		<b>1977</b>	
		£	£	£	£
Stocks—at the lower of cost and net realisable value ... ..		62,529		69,948	
Debtors and Prepayments ... ..		126,955		106,415	
Cash—at Bank and in hand in the United Kingdom ... ..		44,132		17,952	
—held overseas ... ..		26,551		19,995	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
<b>Less: Creditors ... ..</b>		<b>196,900</b>	<b>260,167</b>	<b>142,911</b>	<b>214,310</b>
Subscriptions in advance ... ..		36,259		35,760	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			<b>233,159</b>		<b>178,671</b>
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			<b>27,008</b>		<b>35,639</b>
<b>Adjustment in respect of expenditure on building extension and modernisation</b>					
Receivable from merchant banker ... ..		—		20,000	
Less: Due to contractors ... ..		—		1,584	
		<hr/>		<hr/>	
			<hr/>		<b>18,416</b>
			<hr/>		<hr/>
			<b>£27,008</b>		<b>£54,055</b>

Debtors and Prepayments include amounts receivable for 1978 subscriptions totalling £10,000 (1977 £9,200).  
 Creditors include provision of £20,000 (1977 £14,000) in respect of costs of outside decoration of the Memorial Building.  
 The Sterling equivalent of assets held abroad has been calculated in accordance with the official rates of exchange ruling at 30 September, 1978.

<b>2) Capital Fund</b>		<b>General</b>	<b>Leasehold Property Redemption</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£
At 30 September, 1977 ... ..		572,426	19,000	591,426
Add: Appropriations ... ..		15,000	1,000	16,000
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>At 30 September, 1978</b> ... ..		<b>£587,426</b>	<b>£20,000</b>	<b>£607,426</b>

<b>3) Capital Development Funds</b>		<b>Extension and Modernisation</b>			<b>Total</b>
		<b>Phase 1</b>	<b>Phase 2</b>	<b>Phase 1A</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£	£
At 30 September, 1977 ... ..		96,695	32,000	—	128,695
Add: Appropriations ... ..		19,500	45,358	10,000	74,858
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>At 30 September, 1978</b> ... ..		<b>£116,195</b>	<b>£77,358</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£203,553</b>
		<hr/>	<hr/>		
		<b>£193,553</b>			

The Capital Development Funds Phase 1 and Phase 2 represent the total expenditure incurred to 30 September, 1978, as stated in Note 5 which has been paid or is payable by The Institute of Marine Engineers.

<b>4) Reserve Fund</b>			£	£
At 30 September, 1977 ... ..				193,480
Add: Surplus for the year transferred from Appropriation Account ... ..			18,162	
Less: Net Loss on Sale of Investments ... ..			995	
			<hr/>	<hr/>
				<b>17,167</b>
				<hr/>
<b>At 30 September, 1978</b> ... ..				<b>£210,647</b>

**THE INSTITUTE OF MARINE ENGINEERS—ACCOUNTS**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978**

**5) Leasehold Property**

76 Mark Lane, London held on a lease expiring in 2057

	1978		1977	
	Expendi- ture to 30.9.74	Extension and Mod- ernisation	Expendi- ture to 30.9.74	Extension and Mod- ernisation
	£	£	£	£
At cost of construction and additions to 30 September 1977 ... ..	701,148	663,709	701,148	587,438
Expenditure during the year including interest and facility fees of £60,226 (1977 £69,036) on advances ... ..	—	379,832	—	76,271
	<u>701,148</u>	<u>1,043,541</u>	<u>701,148</u>	<u>663,709</u>
Less: Balance of Mortgage secured thereon and repayable in annual instalments of £15,000 Unsecured advances received from merchant banker ... ..	<u>120,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>—</u>
	—	842,135	—	559,161
<b>At 30 September, 1978</b> ... ..	<u><b>£581,148</b></u>	<u><b>£201,406</b></u>	<u><b>£566,148</b></u>	<u><b>£104,548</b></u>
	<u><b>£782,554</b></u>		<u><b>£670,696</b></u>	
	1978		1977	
Movement of unsecured advances:	£	£	£	£
Balance at 30 September, 1977 ... ..		559,161		576,384
Further advances ... ..		224,956		(564)
Interest and Facility Fees charged in year ... ..		60,226		69,036
		<u>285,182</u>		<u>68,472</u>
Less: Interest paid in year ... ..			83,361	
Facility Fees paid in year ... ..	2,208	2,208	2,334	85,695
<b>Movement during year</b> ... ..		<u><b>282,974</b></u>		<u><b>(17,223)</b></u>
<b>Balance at 30 September, 1978</b> ... ..		<u><b>£842,135</b></u>		<u><b>£559,161</b></u>

At 30 September, 1978 a total of **£98,903** had been paid in respect of interest and facility fees.

The loan from merchant bankers together with accumulated interest, less any payments made in respect thereof in the interim is due to be repaid in eight equal half-yearly instalments commencing June, 1980.

In addition, during the year there has been further expenditure in respect of Phases 1 and 2 which has been paid or is payable by The Institute of Marine Engineers to contractors and other third parties in the amount of **£94,650** which together with **£98,903** referred to above gives a total of **£193,553**—see Note 3.

Authorisation has been given for expenditure of **£385,000** on Phase 2 of the extension and modernisation of the leasehold property and contracts entered into in respect thereof for total expenditure of **£372,600** of which at the date of the Balance Sheet **£300,000** (included in **£379,832** above) had been expended.

Subsequent to the Balance Sheet date authorisation was given for expenditure of **£158,350** on Phase 1A of the extension and modernisation of the leasehold property.

No amortisation has been provided on the leasehold property.

Valuation:

In the opinion of Baker Harris Saunders the capital value of the Institute's leasehold interest as at 30 September, 1978, for Balance Sheet purposes, was not less than a figure of **£6,000,000**. This valuation, dated 19 October, 1978, assumes that the property will continue to be held by the Institute as an investment and to provide accommodation for the conducting of the day to day business of The Institute of Marine Engineers.

**6) Quoted Securities**

These consisted of Gilt Edged Stocks, British and American Fixed Interest Stocks and Equities at cost. They have been valued at 30 September, 1978 at middle market prices and in the case of those held abroad their Sterling equivalent has been calculated in accordance with the official rate of exchange ruling at that date. On this basis the market value at 30 September, 1978 was **£30,738** above their cost (1977 **£36,038** above).

**7) Freehold Property—purchased during the year**

47 East View, Chingford, London

	1978	1977
At cost ... ..	<u><b>£18,415</b></u>	<u><b>£ —</b></u>

No depreciation has been provided on the Freehold Property.

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### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1978

#### 8) Fixtures and Fittings

	1978		1977	
	Cost	Aggregate Deprecia- tion	Cost	Aggregate Deprecia- tion
	£	£	£	£
At 30 September, 1977	70,007	39,997	66,815	37,211
Additions during year	10,315	—	3,192	—
Disposals during year...	(401)	(133)	—	—
	79,921	39,864	70,007	37,211
Depreciation charged to Revenue Account	—	4,253	—	2,786
<b>At 30 September, 1978</b>	<b>£79,921</b>	<b>£44,117</b>	<b>£70,007</b>	<b>£39,997</b>
<b>Net Book Value</b>	<b>£35,804</b>		<b>£30,010</b>	

Depreciation has been provided at rates appropriate in order to write these Assets off over the period of their estimated useful lives.

#### 9) Awards Funds

	INCOME ACCOUNTS			Balances	CAPITAL BALANCES	TOTAL
	Balances	Income	Expenditure			
	30.9.77 £	£	£			
Ackroyd Stuart	402	56	30	428	700	1,128
W. W. Marriner	1,144	325	145	1,324	3,727	5,051
Denny Gold Medal	412	67	102	377	735	1,112
Extra First Class Certificate	(166)	25	30	(171)	436	265
Frank Roberts	71	18	30	59	221	280
Percy Jackson Diesel Engine...	279	94	30	343	954	1,297
William Theodore Barker	2,228	344	30	2,542	3,000	5,542
Stanley W. H. Gray	12,373	3,150	1,345	14,178	28,324	42,502
	£16,743	£4,079	£1,742	£19,080	£38,097	£57,177

The assets representing the Awards Funds comprise of Cash **£21,487** (1977—£19,150) and Quoted Securities at cost **£35,690** (1977—£29,317). The Quoted Securities which are Gilt Edged Stocks have been valued at 30 September, 1978 at middle market prices and their market value at that date was **£6,874** below their cost (1977—£4,566 above). There have been no changes in the Capital Balances during the year except in the case of the Stanley W. H. Gray Fund which has increased by **£6,373**, representing the profit arising on the sale of an investment, the proceeds of which were subsequently reinvested.

#### 10) Subsidiary Companies

The Accounts include the results of the wholly owned subsidiary companies for the year to 30 September, 1978.

The subsidiary companies, which are both registered in England are:

Marine Management (Holdings) Limited formerly Marine Media Management Limited.

Marine Activities Management Limited—did not trade during the year.

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMPANY

LEAD-WEIGHTS (continued)

NOTE TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

Particulars	1997	1996	1995
Fixed assets	1,234,567	1,123,456	1,012,345
Current assets	2,345,678	2,234,567	2,123,456
Liabilities	3,456,789	3,345,678	3,234,567
Net assets	1,123,456	1,012,345	901,234
Share capital	500,000	500,000	500,000
Reserves	623,456	512,345	401,234
Provisions	1,234,567	1,123,456	1,012,345
Other liabilities	1,000,000	900,000	800,000
Total	6,000,000	5,900,000	5,800,000



# Branch Annual Reports

## Home

### ABERDEEN MARITIME BRANCH

The first year of the Branch was successful, with four meetings and a ship visit, each with an average attendance of 45 members. It seemed that the initial decision to proceed with the Branch had proved correct.

D Gilbert (*Chairman*)

T Walker (*Honorary Secretary*)

The Annual Dinner was held on February 17, 1979.

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 12, 1979, where tribute was paid to the late Dr Rupert Cameron, a distinguished Naval Architect.

J Williamson (*Chairman*)

E C Sides (*Honorary Secretary*)

### KINGSTON-UPON-HULL AND HUMBER AREA

Branch membership rose from 391 to 438.

During the year, two Senior Technical Meetings and one junior lecture were held.

Two social events took place: the Branch Annual Dinner Dance on March 31, 1978, at the Willerby Manor Hotel with 200 members and guests, including the President of the Institute, Mr G McNee, and his wife; and on November 3, 1978, 180 members and guests attended the twenty-eighth Annual Dinner at the Guildhall, Hull, in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Hull, and the new President Mr D H Alexander.

On October 3, 1978 a cadet evening was held at the Hull College of Education and on November 18, 15 members attended the CEI prestige lecture at Hull University.

At the Branch Annual General Meeting, held on January 23, 1979, six committee members retired, including the Honorary Treasurer, Mr D Vincent, and the Assistant Honorary Secretary, Mr W Kinghorn. Mr A D Craig was unanimously re-elected as Honorary Secretary.

D A Taylor (*Chairman*)

A D Craig (*Honorary Secretary*)

### NORTH MIDLAND BRANCH

Two technical meetings, two technical visits and a lecture on paintings took place. The attendance at lectures continued to increase and the social activities were very successful.

The Branch continued to take an active part in local CEI affairs. Members were also well represented at the Finniston Inquiry Meetings.

G Wilkinson (*Chairman*)

T L Botto (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SCOTTISH

Total membership stood at 1466, a reduction of 261 over the figure last year, the main reason being the formation of the Aberdeen Maritime Branch.

Seven Senior Meetings were held, with an average attendance of 34, and a Works visit to BSC Ravenscraig was arranged.

The twenty-fourth Annual Dinner was held on February 18, 1978 and the twenty-second Annual Dinner on November 19, 1978 both of which were a great success.

The Spring Golf Meeting was held on June 8 and the Autumn Meeting on September 7, 1978.

L D Trenchard (*Chairman*)

J Bowes (*Honorary Secretary*)

### NORTH EAST COAST

Membership dropped slightly from 1200 to 1176.

Eight technical meetings took place, one of which, the Lloyd's Register Lecture, had an attendance of 550.

The Annual Dinner Dance was held on February 24, 1978 attended by 361 members and guests, including Mr G McNee.

The Spring Golf Meeting was held on May 18, 1978 with 39 members and guests, whilst at the Autumn Meeting, on September 28, 1978, 48 members and guests took part.

J R B Robertson (*Chairman*  
until April, 1978)

L P S Quinn (*Chairman*  
from April, 1978)

E A Stokoe (*Honorary Secretary*)

### SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

Generally speaking the Branch had a relatively successful year, both at technical and social events, despite the apparent lack of enthusiasm shown by many members.

The attendances at the Brentwood meetings were not as good as hoped and it was felt that consideration might be given to finding a new venue.

E A Adlington (*Chairman*)

R H Lewis (*Honorary Secretary*)

### WEST MIDLANDS

The session showed a varied and interesting programme of lectures and, although attendances were low, they were no worse than the previous year.

The Branch accounts were healthy, as a result of good support provided by various organizations and the able management of Branch affairs.

J H Gilbertson (*Chairman*)

A Myatt (*Honorary Secretary*)

### NORTHERN IRELAND JOINT BRANCH, RINA AND IMARÉ

The lecture session was successful, although the inclement weather and recurring industrial trouble caused a reduction in attendance.

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AUCKLAND

Membership dropped slightly from 234 to 231.

Three technical meetings, and a technical visit to Meremere Power Station took place.

On the social side, a Buffet Dinner was held on March 7 and a Dinner Dance on September 9, 1978, followed by the Divisional Conference social evening on February 15, 1979.

The Branch also hosted the Australia/New Zealand Divisional Annual Conference held on February 15 and 16, 1979.

C J Olliver (*Chairman*)

C S Harnett (*Honorary Secretary*)

The Annual Dinner took place on November 3, 1978, one of the guests being Mr C Olliver, the newly-appointed Vice-President for the Australia/New Zealand Division.

One disappointment was that, despite the initiating moves by the Victoria branch for the establishment of the Australia Maritime College, no Institute representative was included on the Council.

The Annual Harbour Cruise on February 10, 1979 was attended by Mr J Stuart Robinson, Director and Secretary of the Institute and Mr D H Alexander, President, together with their wives.

D A Gillies (*Chairman*)

L J Prandolini (*Honorary Secretary*)

CANBERRA

Branch membership remained fairly static, dropping from 44 to 42, while the financial position continued to be sound.

The Annual General Meeting was held on December 6, 1978. Six technical meetings were held and the branch was also well represented at a further five joint meetings. On July 31, 1979, members and guests visited Garden Island Dockyard, Sydney.

On July 13, 1979, the combined Annual Dinner with RINA, was held at Bruce Hall, Australian National University and hosted by IMarE. Attendance was good, with the guest speaker being Rear Admiral P B Hogg RN. Other guests included John Jeremy, the current RINA Australia Branch President and the Foundation President Mr C Boden celebrating the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the foundation of their branch.

On August 17 Committee Members and their wives enjoyed an evening meal at the University House Bistro which, it was hoped, would become an annual event.

J S Partington (*Chairman*)

R McDonald (*Honorary Secretary*)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Membership dropped by 12 to 73.

Four meetings together with two visits were arranged for 1978 with several more for 1979.

The Eighth Annual Meeting and Ladies Night were held on February 20, 1979 to coincide with the visit of Mr J Stuart Robinson and Mr D H Alexander and their wives.

D L Backler (*Chairman*)

J R Bates (*Honorary Secretary*)

WELLINGTON

Ten technical meetings and one visit took place, thanks being due to Kraft D'Souza for his excellent arrangements.

The highlight of the year was the visit of the President of the Institute, Mr D H Alexander and his wife, in honour of whom a reception was held at the Town House on February 22, 1979.

Additional special activities in which the committee was involved were: initiating moves to the Shipping Industry Training Board to develop a course on damage control; the review of certification structure in line with IMCO requirements; and working to have the draft of the new Engineers Practitioning Act upgraded to accept professionally qualified and trained marine engineers.

J A Webb (*Chairman*)

P Walkington (*Honorary Secretary*)

NEW SOUTH WALES

Support for the monthly technical meetings continued. Several important financial advances were made, not least of which was the establishment of the Tom Morrison Memorial Library Fund.

**Overseas**

CORK

The Branch continued to remain alive, with record attendances at meetings. Higher costs imposed financial stress but it was overcome by personal efforts of the Committee Members.

While there was a noticeable increase in activities, the Branch experienced difficulty in attracting top rate lectures and it was hoped that London would be able to assist.

M J O'Halloran (*Chairman*)

Lt-Cdr J F Troy (*Honorary Secretary*)

### Branch Annual Reports

#### DUBLIN

Seven papers were read to the members. The Conference Hall at Shell BP House was further booked for the fourth Wednesday of each month for the Branch Meetings.

T J G Cronin (*Chairman*)

C M Devlin (*Honorary Secretary*)

The Branch Secretary attended a meeting of representatives of European Marine Technological Institutes on October 11, 1978 in Brussels.

J W Hillers (*Chairman*)

G den Bakker (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### HONG KONG JOINT BRANCH, RINA AND IMARE

All events organized during 1979 were well attended and included six technical meetings and the Annual Cocktail Party to celebrate the inauguration of the Chairman in the wardroom of HMS *Tamar* on March 3—the principal guests being the President, Mr D H Alexander, and his wife.

The Annual Ball was held on November 17 and other social activities included the Annual Golf Competition on February 9 and two Barbecue Parties on June 16 and September 22.

P C Ng (*Chairman*)

D L Macrae (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### PAKISTAN JOINT BRANCH, RINA AND IMARE

There was an appreciable increase in the activities of the Branch during the year. After sustained efforts of over a year the Joint Branch was finally registered by the Registrar of Societies.

Books continued to be procured for the technical library which would be housed either in the Merchant Navy Club or KPT School at Lalazaar. An evening course in Computer Technology began in March 1979.

The Institute Award for the best Engineer Cadet passing out of Pakistan Marine Academy during 1978 was awarded to Engineer Cadet Mohammad Nadir Shah.

Finally, the Annual Dinner was arranged to take place by the middle of April 1979.

R Siddiqui (*Honorary Secretary*)

#### NETHERLANDS

Six lectures were organized and the close co-operation with the Netherlands Society of Technologists and the Royal Institute of Engineers continued. Two joint lectures were organized, at which the average attendance was a satisfactory 125.

Mr J Stuart Robinson attended the Annual General Meeting held on March 16, 1978 in the Doelen Club Rotterdam.

#### SRI LANKA

The main technical item for the year was a lecture given by A J Worsfold on modern sealing technology.

On February 11, 1978 the Deputy Chairman, the Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary accompanied 23 Senior Marine Engineering Apprentices on a Technical Educational Tour.

On December 16, 1978 the fourteenth anniversary of the Branch was celebrated in the form of a Dinner Dance.

Cdr R L Matthysz (*Chairman*)

T Gunasekera (*Honorary Secretary*)

