

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting 1983

The Ninety-fourth Annual General Meeting held at the Memorial Building, 76 Mark Lane, London EC3, on Thursday 10 March 1983 at 5.30 p.m.

The President, Commander E. C. Pidgeon, was in the Chair.
The President welcomed the members to the meetings.

Annual Report of the Council and Accounts for the Year ended 30 September 1982

The Director and Secretary (Mr J. S. Robinson) presented the Annual Report and the Honorary Treasurer (Mr J. McNaught) presented the Annual Accounts for the year ended 30 September 1982.

The Director and Secretary reported that there had been an omission in the Table Analysis of Membership Movement on page 10 of the Annual Report under the column for Deceased Members in the UK. In this Table the total under that heading should read 91, the omission resulting from the death of an Honorary Fellow not recorded.

The adoption of the Annual Report and Accounts was moved by Dr J. Cowley and seconded by Mr E. J. Bannister.

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

Mr Hall commented that he was pleased to see, as mentioned in the Annual Report, that the Titanic Memorial had been re-sited in the Memorial Building Foyer. He referred to the long and distinguished service to the Institute given by Mr Alfred Robertson and suggested that a plaque commemorating such services should be mounted alongside that of the Titanic Memorial, and also that a similar plaque be mounted to commemorate the services of Mr James Adamson. Mr Hall also raised the question of the possible omission of a list of those members qualifying for certificates of 45 years' service.

In connection with the proposed RINA/IMarE merger, Mr Hall commended to the meeting a referendum of the entire membership before an irrevocable step was taken; such referendum had been suggested on a previous occasion by Mr Green.

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 A. J. Wharton, seconded by Mr J. C. Woodhead 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 and the result of the Elections to Council

The President requested the meeting to note the appointments by the Council of the President, Deputy President and Vice-Presidents as follows:

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| President | Mr B. Hildrew |
| Deputy President | Dr J. Cowley |
| Vice-Presidents | Mr S. N. Clayton |
| | Mr J. E. Gander |
| | Mr F. A. Hay |

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| Mr J. Heighway |
| Mr J. Hicks |
| Mr N. C. Hunter |
| Commander M. B. F. Ranken |
| Mr D. A. Taylor |

The President then proceeded to read the Report of the Scrutineers which was that the following had been duly elected:

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| Fellows of Council | Mr C. Archer |
| | Mr D. R. Cusdin |
| | Mr G. Geddes |
| | Mr L. J. Glover |
| | Mr G. P. Kiernan |
| | Mr G. D. Kinrade |
| | Mr M. V. Jones |
| | Mr R. F. Munro |
| | Mr R. C. Oliver |
| | Mr E. A. Stokoe |
| | Dr R. V. Thompson |

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| Member of Council | Mr M. S. Bradley |
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Elected unopposed:

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| Honorary Treasurer | Mr J. McNaught |
| Associate Members of Council | Mr R. Beams |
| | Mr D. J. Jack |

Appointments of Scrutineers for 1983/84

Mr L. D. Trenchard proposed a vote of thanks to the Scrutineers for the efficient service they had rendered and also proposed that Messrs A. L. Covell, T. Kameen, R. H. Lewis and N. S. Swindells be elected Scrutineers for 1983/84.

The motion was seconded by Mr J. McAfee.

Mr Hall commented that the wording of this item in the notice of meeting was incorrect and should have read 'To elect' and not 'To appoint'. This correction was duly noted. In response to Mr Hall's further point concerning the Scrutineers being present at the counting of the votes, he was informed that this was now in accordance with By-law 53.

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

Vote of thanks to the President

In proposing the vote of thanks to the President, Mr Hildrew referred to the very strenuous year undertaken by Commander Pidgeon both in terms of worldwide connections which this Institute had with various parts of the world, and also events he had supported both at home and overseas, including his visits to Branches. All those concerned were most appreciative of the indefatigable way in which he had carried out his duties and also thanks were due to Mrs Pidgeon for her support.

The vote of thanks was carried by acclamation.

In reply, Commander Pidgeon thanked Mr Hildrew for his kind remarks and said that he had been touched by the response given. He had had a very busy and memorable year which had been a thoroughly enjoyable one. The Institute, both at home and abroad, had been represented by him, and he referred to his Presidential year whilst being most challenging, as being one most worthwhile and fulfilling. He had met many people and attended meetings which included the Engineering Council, CEI Board and Executive. He had had

the privilege of visiting the Australia/New Zealand Division with his wife, in addition to Malta, Bombay and also the inaugural meeting of the United Arab Emirates Branch in Sharjah.

Commander Pidgeon made reference to the Engineering Council discussions, which he considered to be significant, concerning the grouping of institutions and informed the meeting that this Institute had been placed in Group V, a Specialist Group, together with RINA, the Royal Aeronautical Society and other relevant Technician Institutions. He was of the opinion that the most important task was the achievement of nominated status within the Engineering Council in order that the important work of accreditation could continue. A merger

with RINA would bring considerable strength to the Institute and to allay the doubts which some might have, the whole matter should be discussed, communicated and dealt with, and it could be that a referendum was just the sort of mechanics which could be applied. He was certain that the matter was of vital importance to members and to the strength of the Institute. He went on to say that the Institute's finances were in very good shape due to the foresight of IMarE's predecessors. Commander Pidgeon concluded his response by thanking Members of Council, the Board of Marine Management (Holdings) Limited and the membership in general, together with the staff of the Institute, for the support he had received, making his year of office a busy, rewarding and happy one.