

## Branch Annual General Meetings

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#### DEVON AND CORNWALL

Following the Branch Annual General Meeting, the Committee for 1972 is:

*Corresponding*

*Member (Falmouth):*

*Chairman:*

*Committee:*

J. R. Buckley  
A. J. S. Bennett, M.B.E.  
N. K. Croft  
Lt. Cdr. S. F. Dawe, R.N.  
Cdr. K. B. Denison, R.N.  
Eng. Lt. Cdr. W. R. Edwards,  
R.N.  
Cdr. D. W. Farrell, M.B.E., R.N.  
Cdr. D. W. Morrell, R.N.  
R. B. Middleton  
R. M. Nicholson  
Eng. Lt. Cdr. P. I. Thomas, R.N.  
A. J. Weddle  
J. H. Reynolds  
Lt. N. A. C. Hughes, R.N.

*Honorary Secretary:*

*Honorary Treasurer:*

#### KINGSTON UPON HULL AND HUMBER AREA

Consequent upon the Branch Annual General Meeting the 1972 Committee is:

*Corresponding*

*Member (Grimsby):*

*Chairman:*

*Committee:*

J. Campbell  
F. N. Sutcliffe  
E. Barnett  
C. H. Booth  
G. Clark  
A. C. Coward  
A. Holmes  
W. Kinghorn  
R. W. Loftus  
S. H. Raven  
R. M. Sabberton  
J. D. Skillicorn  
M. J. Taylor  
D. Vincent  
P. R. Salisbury, B.Sc.  
H. Milne

*Honorary Secretary:*

*Honorary Treasurer:*

#### NORTH EAST COAST

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

*Vice-President:* Professor G. H. Chambers, D.S.C.

*Corresponding*

*Member (Sunderland):*

*Chairman:*

*Committee:*

B. Taylor, B.Sc.  
W. A. Noble  
W. Blacklock  
J. E. Church  
F. T. Coates  
E. P. Crowdy, V.R.D., M.A.  
W. Francis  
K. James  
A. W. Jones, B.Sc.

E. T. Middleditch  
P. A. Milne, Ph.D., B.Sc.  
J. R. B. Robertson  
R. J. Whyte  
T. Matthews

*Honorary Secretary:*

*Honorary Treasurer and Assistant*

*Honorary Secretary:*

E. A. Stokoe

#### NORTH MIDLANDS

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th March 1972 at 19.30 in the Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield. Mr. J. C. Proudfoot was in the chair and 26 members attended.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and approved. The reports for 1971-72 of the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were read and approved.

Two new members were elected to the Branch Committee which now stands as:

*Chairman:*

*Vice-Chairman:*

*Committee:*

J. C. Proudfoot  
W. Marsh, C.B.E.  
J. W. Batey  
R. A. Elders  
I. S. Hill  
H. G. Jarvis  
K. Ounsley  
G. Prentice  
L. R. G. Sayer  
P. Smith  
P. A. Sparrow  
R. M. Gilman  
G. Cokayne

*Honorary Secretary:*

*Honorary Treasurer:*

An address to the members by the Director and Secretary of the Institute, Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., was followed by a lively discussion.

The meeting closed at 21.45.

#### NORTH WEST ENGLAND

The 1972 Branch Committee is:

*Corresponding*

*Members (Barrow):*

*(Manchester):*

*Chairman:*

*Vice-Chairman:*

*Committee:*

R. J. Aiken  
J. A. Clay  
H. D. Makinson  
A. T. Johnson  
R. Anderson  
J. G. Banks  
R. F. Capey (co-opted)  
P. M. Duke  
G. C. Fletcher  
M. J. F. Giddings  
J. P. Graham  
W. J. Houston  
E. Levison (co-opted)  
T. McLaren, B.Sc.  
(Honorary Vice-President)  
J. A. M. Ramsey

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T. C. Shaw  
E. Shawcross  
J. H. Taylor  
*Honorary Secretary :* K. J. R. McBurnie  
*Honorary Treasurer :* H. J. Whitgreave

### NORTHERN IRELAND

The Northern Ireland 1972 Branch Committee is :

*Chairman :* J. B. Baillie  
*Committee :* R. L. Atkinson  
W. H. Dickinson  
R. Harrison  
E. D. Mackie  
J. E. McAllister  
J. F. McCutcheon  
L. McKay  
R. Patterson  
N. Schofield  
J. Williamson  
*Honorary Secretary :* P. H. Reid  
*Honorary Treasurer :* E. C. Sides

### SCOTTISH

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th April at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland, Glasgow, at 18.15. Mr. B. R. McGonigal, the Branch Chairman, presided.

The annual report and the annual statement of accounts were presented and accepted.

Messrs. L. D. Trenchard, J. D. B. Mundie and R. Marshall were re-elected as Honorary Secretary, Honorary Assistant Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

A vote of thanks was proposed, to the Chairman, the Committee and particularly to the retiring members of Committee, Messrs. J. Bowes, J. J. W. Bryne, R. J. Donaldson and J. R. Herd.

Six nominations had been received for the four vacancies on the Committee. As a result of the ballot, the following members were elected to serve on the Committee : L. Baxter (Associate Member), M. Dunnachie (Member), E. Evans (Member) and A. M. N. Stephen (Member).

The Branch Committee for 1972 now stands as :

*Corresponding Members (Aberdeen) :* J. H. King  
*(Dundee) :* J. M. Anderson  
*(Greenock) :* A. M. Kerr  
*(Leith) :* K. P. Campion  
*Chairman :* T. R. Evans  
*Vice-Chairman :* E. Evans  
*Committee :* L. Baxter  
R. Beattie  
(Honorary Vice-President)  
F. G. Burn  
G. Clarkson  
J. B. Cowe  
C. A. Creber  
M. Dunnachie  
J. Gillespie  
W. McLaughlin  
(Honorary Vice-President)  
B. R. McGonigal  
J. Moar  
K. Ross  
A. M. M. Stephen  
L. D. Trenchard (Vice-President)

*Honorary Secretary :*  
*Honorary Assistant Secretary :* J. D. B. Mundie  
*Honorary Treasurer :* R. Marshall

The Chairman thanked the Scrutineers, Mr. J. G. Leiper and Mr. G. Boyter, for their services and they were duly re-elected.

The Chairman thanked Mr. H. C. Kemp and Mr. J. J. W. Bryne for their services as Auditors and they were duly re-elected.

### SOUTH EAST ENGLAND

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Tuesday, 28th March 1972 at the Royal Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend, at 19.00. The Chairman of the Branch, Mr. A. G. Beavan, was in the Chair and welcomed the members attending.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

Mr. B. T. Clark and Mr. W. J. Packham were re-elected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

Messrs. F. C. Bown, J. C. Woodhead and L. Hawdon were elected to fill the three vacancies on the Branch Committee which now comprises :

*Chairman :* J. R. Richardson  
*Committee :* H. J. Alexander  
F. C. Bown  
G. F. Forsdike  
L. Hawdon  
J. Heighway  
H. A. Humphreys  
S. W. Nicholls  
J. C. Woodhead  
B. T. Clark

*Honorary Secretary :*  
*Honorary Assistant Secretary :*  
*Honorary Treasurer :* W. J. Packham

The annual report and statement of accounts were read and adopted. The report of the Junior and Education Subcommittee was also read and adopted.

### WEST MIDLANDS

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Wednesday, 22nd March 1972, at the Engineering and Building Centre, Birmingham. The Chairman of the Branch, Mr. J. H. Gilbertson, M.B.E., presided.

After the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been read and approved, the Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer presented their annual reports.

Six nominations had been received for the six vacancies on the Branch Committee and, consequently, no ballot was required. The Committee for 1972 is, therefore :

*Vice-President :* H. E. Upton, O.B.E.  
*Chairman :* D. J. Thorne  
*Committee :* G. M. Billings  
A. Fowler  
A. Illingworth  
J. G. Jackson  
W. M. M. Morrison  
Lt. Cdr. J. V. Wood, R.N.  
*Honorary Secretary :* A. Myatt  
*Honorary Treasurer :* K. H. Harrison

Following the meeting an address on "Questions Facing the Institute" was given by Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., Director and Secretary of the Institute.

### WEST OF ENGLAND

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Monday, 17th April 1972, at Bath Technical College, commencing at 19.00. The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. W. H. Sampson, was in the Chair and thirty-two members attended.

Resolutions were put to the floor to form a Joint Branch with the Western Branch of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects. The three resolutions, as outlined in a letter from the Chairman in March, were proposed by Mr. Sampson and seconded by Capt. W. S. C. Jenks, O.B.E., R.N., and were carried unanimously. Consequently, it was decided that the West of England Branch would cease to operate from 16th May, the date of the inaugural meeting of the new joint branch, to be held at Bath University.

Following the Annual General Meeting, an address on "Questions Facing the Institute" was given by the Director and Secretary of the Institute, Mr. J. Stuart Robinson, M.A., to whom some interesting questions were afterwards put.

## Australia/New Zealand Division

### AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND DIVISION

The Second Annual Meeting of the Australia/New Zealand Division, held at Clunies Ross House, 191 Royal Parade, Parkville, on Friday 26th November 1971 at 09.30 hours.

The Chairman opened the meeting and extended a cordial welcome to all the delegates and thanked them for giving up their valuable time to come to Melbourne for this meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 27th November 1970, as circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Bray spoke on the annual prizes now being presented to students by the New Zealand Branches. He also spoke about the necessity of having a careers booklet on marine engineering and stressed the importance in recruiting.

The Secretary tabled a report and firstly paid tribute to the late Divisional Secretary, Mr. Kerr Paxton, whose death on 3rd July was a great loss to the Division. He had endeared himself to all those he met, although he suffered from a very serious illness for some months. The Institute had lost a faithful worker when he died.

Mr. Thomson's appointment as Secretary of the Division was confirmed by Council at the September meeting.

The theme for 1971 had been growth. In April, Captain Parker and Mr. Thomson attended an inaugural meeting of the members of the Institute living in South Australia, which resulted in the formation of a South Australian Branch.

In July an inaugural meeting was held in Newcastle and the members in that district had formed a sub-branch of the Sydney Branch and now held their own meetings in Newcastle.

Both these branches had been approved by Council.

Negotiations were in hand for the members living in Canberra to either form a sub-branch or at least to have technical meetings in Canberra; the possibility of joining up for combined meetings with the Royal Institute of Naval Architects was being considered.

One of the highlights of the year for the Division was the Gas Turbine Symposium held at Clunies Ross House in May. It was a phenomenal success, the speakers included five from overseas and the symposium attracted visitors from all States. This Symposium was named as a Divisional activity, but all the credit must go to the Victorian Branch who organized and ran the whole affair. Negotiations were in hand to reprint the symposium papers.

During 1971 the Institute reached a membership of 20 000 and of this some 1470 were in the Australia/New Zealand Division, and it was hoped that all Branches would continue the drive for new members in 1972.

The report was received and adopted.

The Chairman spoke of the great loss to the Division in the death of Mr. Paxton, and how fortunate the Division had been to have the assistance of Mr. J. B. Thomson who had been acting Secretary before and after Mr. Paxton's death, and whose appointment as Secretary had been confirmed recently. He also recorded deep regret at the sad passing of Mr. M. J. Pearce, who had so much to do with the formation of the Division as Assistant Secretary (Administration). His death early this year was a sad blow to the Institute.

Captain Parker also commented on the formation of the Branch in South Australia and the sub-branch in Newcastle, N.S.W., and reminded delegates that their committees and branch members were the best recruiting officers for the Institute.

The Secretary tabled the statement of the estimated expenditure for the Division for 1971 and said he would prepare a financial statement for the full year's working and send a

copy to all Branches, and would also obtain details from London of the actual budget for the Division.

There was general discussion on the grants for Branches and the system adopted by London.

Captain Parker explained that as he had now retired from business, he was also relinquishing his position as Vice-President for Australia and New Zealand.

There was considerable discussion on the importance of finding the right man and the suitability of various members for the position. It was agreed that the position of Vice-President should not be restricted to Sydney or Melbourne members as with plane travel he could attend meetings without difficulty.

Captain Parker proposed Mr. E. E. Freeth (Western Australia); this was seconded by J. Bray (Auckland) and carried unanimously. The Secretary was instructed to convey this nomination to the Director and Secretary for submission to Council, and to indicate in his letter that the Council must appreciate that this appointment would entail the additional expense of four trips from Western Australia to Melbourne for meetings of the Committee of Management.

Discussion took place on the method of communication with Captain W. S. C. Jenks, and it was agreed that this would be through either the Vice-President or the Divisional Secretary and Branches must channel any matters through the Divisional Office. Captain Parker spoke of the high calibre of Captain Jenks and how fortunate they were to have such a prominent member of Council as proxy for the Division.

The following items were submitted by the Branches for discussion.

### Christchurch

- 1) Concern had been expressed regarding the increasing lack of material for the O.M.E.R. Could a discussion be held to find ways and means of supplying more general information, topical notes and advertisements for the Review, which was circulated to over 5000 members.

There was discussion on the importance of Branch Secretaries sending more items of information and also advertising matter to London, through the Divisional Office, for inclusion in *Overseas Marine Engineers Review*. The Secretary advised that a comprehensive list of names and addresses of all firms connected with the Shipping Industry in any aspect has been sent to London and all the firms would be contacted regarding items of interest and press releases for the O.M.E.R.

Christchurch and Victoria delegates spoke on the excellent results obtained from advertising in the Review.

- 2) Final approval for the sub-branch in Dunedin, South Island.

The Christchurch delegate advised that although the number of members in Dunedin was small, they were very enthusiastic and were keen to have a sub-branch with its own executive. It was suggested that as an alternative, the Christchurch Branch should hold two technical meetings a year at Dunedin; this could be arranged locally and to augment the numbers they could advise any other suitable organizations to attend the meetings. A further suggestion was that one of the members residing in Dunedin could be appointed as the Corresponding Member and to supplement the technical meetings they could have discussion group meetings on suitable subjects so that the members feel they are part of the Institute organization.

- 3) Progress of the membership drive throughout the Australia/New Zealand Division.

There was discussion on the progress of the membership drive, and the Secretary reported on the system now operating to check on the results of all applications sent through the Divisional Office, and advised that the name and address of all candidates successful in obtaining B.O.T. certificates in Australia and New Zealand were sent each month to London who then sent an appropriate letter inviting them to join the

Institute. Also the names and addresses of all new members were sent each month to the Secretary of the appropriate Branch to enable them to be contacted direct.

The importance was stressed of bringing in, as Associates, people connected with the marine industry, but not having the qualifications for corporate membership. This was fully covered in the new By-laws.

#### South Australia

1) Institute policy on the holding of joint technical meetings with other maritime professional associations.

The Secretary advised that London strongly favoured the idea of inviting members of other maritime organizations, particularly the R.I.N.A. to our meetings, as this was good public relations for the Institute and also assisted in building up attendance at meetings as a courtesy to the speaker.

2) Possible representation of Northern Territory members by the South Australian Branch.

The matter of the affiliation of the members living in the Northern Territory would be investigated and the Secretary advise the South Australian Branch.

3) Establishment of a central technical film library or advisory service by Division which would be available to all Branches.

It was agreed that the establishment of a central technical film library was too ambitious at this stage, but the Secretary advised that if Branch Secretaries would send information on suitable films and availability, he would prepare a catalogue for distribution to the various Branches.

It was stated that an experiment with tapes and films of lectures previously delivered had not proved successful, due to the lack of the personal touch.

#### Western Australia

1) Australia/New Zealand Division to endeavour to establish through Captain Jenks the areas of responsibility that is acceptable by the Membership Committee under Paras. 4(1), 6(111) and 7 of the By-laws relating to membership. This item was deferred to be discussed with Item 2 on the list submitted by Victoria.

2) Australia/New Zealand Division to approach Management Consultants and employer organizations with the view to making known the qualification, standards and ability of qualified Marine Engineers for the purpose of enhancing employment opportunities ashore.

The question of advising Management Consultants of the qualification of Marine Engineers was discussed and the W.A. Branch agreed to form a sub-committee to investigate this matter and prepare the necessary information to the Division.

The Secretary advised that in the Standard Form of Contract for Ship Repairs prepared by the newly formed Australian Ship Repairers Group the following has been included in the arbitration clause:

"It shall be submitted to the arbitration of an arbitrator who shall be appointed by the Vice-President or Chairman for the time being of the Institute of Marine Engineers (London), Australia/New Zealand Division and the arbitration shall proceed and be determined in accordance with the provision of the Arbitration Act of the State of . . ."

This form of contract had not yet been approved by the ship-owners' organization, however they were not raising any objection to the arbitration clause.

#### Auckland

1) Student membership—recommended that the following be accepted as a standard for student membership in New Zealand;

a) a candidate having the necessary qualifying service as required in the New Zealand Marine Department examination regulation, Para 27, or if the candidate is

or was employed in the New Zealand Navy, Paras 15 and 17 of these regulations;

b) the candidate having completed and passed the first and second course for the New Zealand Certificate in Engineering.

The qualifications for student membership for New Zealand submitted by the Auckland, and approved by the Wellington and Christchurch Branches, and also by the Examiner of Marine Engineers, was discussed and it was agreed that these qualifications be submitted to the Membership Committee as recommended qualifications for student membership in New Zealand.

2) Transactions—as reports have been received from members that Transactions are arriving in poor condition, could we discuss with other delegates their experience and if desirable seek advice from London in reference to improved postal wrapping.

There was discussion on the condition of the publication as received by the members, and it was found that generally there were no complaints. The Auckland delegate advised that the damage to packing was confined to the Transactions, all other publications being satisfactory. It was decided to take no action at present.

3) Publicity—further discussion on the availability and distribution of publicity material.

There was considerable discussion on ways and means of presenting the career of Marine Engineering to the public. It was stated that careers exhibitions in W. A. had not had any noticeable effect and enlistments at colleges had not increased. Two booklets on Marine Engineering as a Career were tabled, one published by the Government and the other by Science and Technology Careers Bureau. These, however, were in limited supply.

The Secretary was instructed to write to London to ascertain whether any careers booklets were available from the Institute and also whether the booklet on the Institute, published some years ago, had been brought up to date and whether copies could be made available to the Branches.

#### Victoria

1) Revision of the Navigation Act—the Division to liaise with the Department of Shipping and Transport in relation to marine engineering.

Mr. Ellis spoke on the steps taken to ensure that Institute members took an active part in the Government's revision of the Australian Navigation Act by serving on committees and joining in official discussions. He stated that it was due to to pressure on the Government by some of our members through their management that had forced the Government to undertake this work.

2) Membership Guide Lines—to make London aware of special conditions pertaining to Australian flag vessels so as not to exclude suitably qualified persons from corporate membership of the Institute.

The Victorian delegate tabled a report prepared by a sub-committee on the peculiar conditions in Australian coastal ships where men with full qualifications were precluded from obtaining corporate membership due to the guidelines used by the Membership Committee being based on U.K. conditions. After discussion it was agreed that the Sydney Branch would investigate this problem and report back to the Victorian Committee, and a full report would be prepared and sent to London with a view to having Captain Jenks state our case to the Membership Committee.

3) Availability of Degree and Diploma Courses for Marine Engineers in Australia—the Division to make efforts towards the establishment of such courses at an Australian University or College of Advanced Technology.

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It was stated that facilities for both a Degree and Diploma in Marine Engineering were available at both Sydney and W.A., but due to lack of candidates these facilities have never been used. Mr. Freeth stated that provided a minimum of 12 candidates made application a Degree or Diploma course would be arranged. All delegates were asked to make it an urgent matter for their Branch to influence students to take marine Engineering courses.

- 4) Discussion of the Department of Shipping and Transport Draft, "Training for Work at Sea", and deciding what action should be taken by the Institute to further the status of the profession of marine engineering.

Mr. Ellis explained the operation of the Working Document, "Training for Work at Sea", issued by the Department of Shipping and Transport and strongly recommended that the Institute give the fullest support to the Government in the move to bring into being a college for the training of seagoing staff as detailed in the booklet, a copy of which was sent to each Branch. It was agreed that Branches should make this a special project and send a report to the Divisional Secretary of the considered opinion of its members before May 1972.

The Victorian Branch had offered to investigate the feasibility of holding a symposium, with the approval of the Department of Shipping and Transport, on the whole subject of training for work at sea; this would be held about October 1972. The symposium would be under the name of the Division but it would be organized and conducted by the Victorian Branch.

### Sidney

- 1) Progress re establishment of a building.

It was reported by the Secretary that no further action had been taken in the establishment of an Institute headquarters at Sydney, but the scheme was still under review.

- 2) Publicity.

The Sydney delegate stated that insufficient publicity was given to the presentation of the papers at our meetings, and suggested that each Branch should appoint a publicity officer in an effort to channel more information to the Divisional Office and from there to the Branches as a boost to public relations. With the foregoing must be allied the project of building a headquarters building at Sydney as a public image of the importance of the Institute and every effort should be made to carry out this project with a minimum of delay.

### Queensland

- 1) That the Divisional Committee of Management meet at more regular intervals and keep Branches informed of matters affecting Divisional structure and policy.

It was explained that due to the illness of the late Secretary it had not been possible to hold regular meetings during the current year, but arrangements had now been made to hold a meeting of the Committee of Management every three months.

- 2) Each Branch be represented on the Committee of Management by a proxy delegate, resident in the city where meetings are held.

The Vice-President read relevant sections from the original instruction relating to the formation of the Branch and advised that the rules laid down at the inaugural meeting gave a Committee of Management of three; however it was agreed that in an emergency a substitute could be appointed to ensure that meetings were held.

- 3) Speakers delivering major papers to other Branches be approached by the Division with a view to delivering their paper to other remaining Branches.

The Secretary pointed out that he could not arrange for speakers to deliver papers, but if the Branch Secretaries advised of good speakers with full information, this information would be circulated to all other Branches.

- 4) That the letter to Queensland Branch from the Divisional Secretary 24/8/71 regarding membership be tabled for discussion.

The Queensland delegate advised that his Branch had a membership sub-committee check all applications before they were sent to the Divisional Office and recommended that all Branches should have a similar sub-committee to ensure that all applicants actually held the qualification they were stated to hold. Other delegates pointed out that this was the responsibility of the members proposing and initialling the application. The Divisional Secretary stated that many applications were received in an incomplete condition and had to be sent back to the applicant for further information, and he asked the Branch Secretaries to check any applications they received before sending them on to the Divisional Office.

- 5) That the Divisional Annual General Meeting be held in Brisbane and that the Queensland Branch would be prepared to co-ordinate with the Divisional Secretary regarding organization of same.

The question of holding the Annual Conference at different centres was discussed and it was agreed that this should not be restricted to Sydney and Melbourne and that opportunity could be taken on the occasion of the Annual Conference to hold a Branch reception to give the members an opportunity to meet the executive of the Division. This would in the meantime include only South Australia, Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland owing to the high cost of transport to W.A. and New Zealand.

It was agreed that the next Annual Conference would be held in Brisbane, subject to London approval when the additional cost was known.

- 6) That the Division approach the U.K. Council requesting that the Institute Yearbook listing all members be re-introduced at an early date.

There was discussion on the value of the Year Book to members. Some delegates stated that they found a lot of use for it. The last Year Book was printed in 1965. A suggestion was made that it could be printed by a cheaper process on a cheaper type of paper and a limited printing be made and issued only on request from members.

Under general business, Mr. Ellis expressed the thanks of all the Branches to Captain Parker for the work that he had done as Vice-President for Australia and New Zealand during such an important period in the life of the Institute in Australia and New Zealand, and also wished him well in his retirement.

Captain Parker in his reply thanked all for the assistance he received.

Mr. E. Freeth thanked Captain Parker for his excellent chairmanship of the meeting and also expressed thanks to the Divisional Secretary and to Mrs. Daunt.

Mr. Thomson expressed his personal thanks to Mrs. M. R. Daunt Office Secretary, C.E.I. Office, for her invaluable help during the year.

### AUCKLAND

The Branch Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting is, for 1972:

Chairman :

J. M. Bray

Committee :

J. Y. W. Dick

R. J. Everest

Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Ewens, R.N.Z.N.

J. M. Jeromson

M. G. Kay

W. T. Mackay

N. J. B. McDougall

B. Pacey

Eng. Lt. J. L. Shipp, R.N.Z.N.

H. W. Watts

B. A. White

C. S. Harnett

Honorary Secretary :

C. J. Oliver

Honorary Treasurer :

Annual Report of the Council for 1971

CHRISTCHURCH (SOUTH ISLAND)

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 18th February 1972, at 19-45, at the Shell Coy, St. Elmo Courts, Christchurch. Mr. K. B. C. Beale, Chairman of the Branch, presided and twelve members were present.

The minutes of the previous Annual General meeting were read and accepted.

The correspondence was read and accepted.

The members were advised that the 1971 Committee were all eligible for re-election. The standing Committee was thereupon re-elected unanimously for 1972. Mr. B. T. Carr, and Mr. J. G. Goldsworthy were also re-elected unanimously as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The 1972 Committee is:

*Chairman :* K. B. C. Beale  
*Vice-Chairman :* E. E. Taylor  
*Committee :* H. F. Cook

M. J. Hansby  
E. R. Musson  
K. H. Newman

*Honorary Secretary :* B. T. Carr  
*Honorary Treasurer :* J. G. Goldsworthy

The annual statement of accounts and the annual report were then presented and approved. This was followed by a full report on the Annual Divisional Conference, held in Melbourne on 28 November 1971, given by the Honorary Secretary.

The Branch programme for 1972 was finalized and approved, and there being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21-00.

QUEENSLAND

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Wednesday, 9 February 1972 at 18-00 in the Ward Room, H.M.A.S. *Moreton*, Merthyr Road, New Farm.

In the ballot for the Branch Committee, Messrs J. Chapman, G. G. Cosgrave, and C. Wief were elected as Committee members, Lt.-Cdr. B. A. N. Kemp, R.N., was returned unopposed as Honorary Treasurer and, there being no nomination for the position of Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. L. Redford agreed to continue in that post for a further year.

The new Branch Committee is:

*Chairman :* L. P. Roessler  
*Vice-Chairman :* J. A. Chapman  
*Committee :* G. G. Cosgrave

H. F. Kennedy  
D. W. Moffatt  
W. R. Pennell  
A. L. Simpson  
A. J. Watkins  
C. Wief

*Honorary Secretary :* A. L. Redford  
*Honorary Treasurer :* Lt.-Cdr. B. A. N. Kemp, R.N.

*Honorary*

*Assistant Secretary :* D. W. Crosby

The 1972 Committee for the Canberra Sub-branch is:

*Chairman :* Lt.-Cdr. E. V. Fewster, R.A.,  
R.A.N.

*Committee :* G. I. Buchanan  
E. N. Hendy  
D. W. Reid

Captain A. A. Townsend, R.A.N.  
R. F. Alder

*Honorary Secretary  
and Treasurer:*

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Branch Committee for 1972 stands as:

*Chairman :* G. E. Bennett  
*Committee :* D. L. Backler

W. K. B. Burnside  
D. Brophy  
E. W. Cole

W. Murray

J. Ross

*Honorary Secretary :*

J. C. Nealy

*Honorary Treasurer :*

W. T. Corkhill

SYDNEY

The 1972 Branch Committee is:

*Chairman :*

G. S. Cole

*Committee :*

F. W. Davies

H. Gerrard

J. Holdorf

J. M. Lawler

R. L. Logan

K. M. Murray

L. J. Prandolini

A. B. Smith

R. W. Wilkinson

G. G. Yule

*Honorary Secretary :*

D. A. Gillies

*Honorary Treasurer :*

J. D. McKillop

VICTORIA

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held at Ross Clunies House on Friday, 4 February 1972. Mr. W. F. Ellis, Branch Chairman, presided and 17 members attended.

In accordance with By-Laws, three committee members were due to retire, but were eligible for re-election as they had not yet served three consecutive years; all three were re-elected unopposed, as were the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer.

The Committee for 1972 is, therefore:

*Chairman :*

W. F. Ellis

*Committee :*

H. W. Baddams

J. W. R. Brock

I. Clark

J. Dixon

D. N. Moore

W. R. Shorten

L. N. Sustenance

J. B. Thomson (Secretary, Australia/New Zealand Division)

Cdr. D. W. K. Vagg, R.A.N.

*Honorary Secretary :*

P. Bossen

*Honorary Treasurer :*

Lt.-Cdr. J. H. Coles, R.A.N.V.R.

Lt.-Cdr. Coles was presented with a plaque of the Institute of arms as a token of members' appreciation of his 20 years dedication service as Honorary Treasurer, since the formation of the Branch.

Mr. Thomas gave a report on the Australia/New Zealand Division Conference, held in Melbourne on 25 November 1971.

WELLINGTON

The Branch Committee as elected for 1972 is:

*Chairman :*

H. J. Feickert

*Committee :*

D. J. M. Burfoot

G. F. Conway

J. Critchley

G. A. Cross

H. A. Dilworth

W. Dornan

G. D. Hornsby

B. M. Morrall

J. M. Ramsden

W. E. Wood

R. K. Jacobs

*Honorary Secretary :*

P. Walkington

*Honorary Treasurer :*

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

*Local Vice-President*

E. E. Freeth, B.Eng.

(Perth):

*Chairman :*

J. Thompson

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**Committee :** Lt.-Cdr. L. F. Coy, R.A.N.R.  
 W. G. Marsh  
 J. J. McCarthy  
 E. Morris  
 K. H. Reah  
**Honorary Secretary :** Cdr. G. A. Kerr, R.D., R.N.  
**Honorary Treasurer :** R. W. Robinson

### Canadian Division

#### ATLANTIC

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

**Local Vice-President** J. Gamble

(Halifax):

**Corresponding**

**Members (Saint John):** T. W. Sanderson

(Sydney, N.S.): R. C. Johnston

**Chairman :** A. Cain

**Committee :** T. R. Forsyth

Lt. K. W. Hamilton, C.D., R.C.N.

K. Harrison

G. C. Johnson

J. B. Matthew

**Honorary Secretary :** B. D. Lawson

**Honorary Treasurer :** H. R. MacPherson

#### GREAT LAKES

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Thursday, 27 January at the George Brown College, Nassau Street, Toronto. Mr. W. Dixon, the Chairman of the Branch Committee, presided and 35 members attended.

The annual reports of the Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer were presented and adopted.

Messrs. W. E. Percy and W. R. Skillen were elected to fill the two vacancies on the Branch Committee caused by the retirement of Messrs. W. Dixon and J. White. Messrs. J. H. Edlund and E. E. Bustard were re-elected as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The new Committee comprises:

**Local Vice-President** G. P. Fowlie

(Toronto):

**Chairman :** A. C. McKenzie

**Committee :** A. Barbour

H. Brady

A. C. Parkinson

W. E. Percy

W. R. Skillen

**Honorary Secretary :** J. H. Edlund

**Honorary Treasurer :** E. E. Bustard

A motion was adopted that the Branch should again donate \$25 to the Scholarship Fund through the Secretary for Canadian Affairs.

#### NEWFOUNDLAND

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held at the College of Fisheries and Marine Engineering, St. John's on Tuesday, 29 February, when ten members were present.

The reports of the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were read and adopted.

Following the customary ballot, the Committee for 1972 is:

**Local Vice-President**

(St. John's) and

**Chairman :**

**Committee :**

R. A. Harvey

H. C. Carey

J. P. Greene

G. Greenland

E. S. Hoskins

R. J. Wilson

**Honorary Secretary :** P. J. Strain

**Honorary Treasurer :** H. G. Evans

#### OTTOWA

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, 11 January in HMCS *Bytown* Naval Officers' Mess, Lisgar Street, Ottawa. The meeting commenced at 20.00 and Cdr. K. E. Lewis, C.D., R.C.N., the Vice-Chairman of the Branch Committee, presided. Twenty members attended.

The annual reports of the Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer were presented.

The meeting then discussed the recent appointment by the Ministry of Transport of nautical officers as steamship inspectors and Mr. J. H. Birtwhistle, M.I.Mar.E., Deputy Chairman of the Board of Steamship Inspectors, was asked to explain more fully the details and difficulties of the situation.

The meeting also discussed the problem of the relationship and communication between the Canadian Division and the parent Institute and the Committee was requested to study the problem with a view to improving the situation.

The meeting closed at 22.30.

#### ST. LAWRENCE

The Branch Committee for 1972 stands as:

**Local Vice-President**

(Montreal):

D. L. Findlay

**Corresponding**

**Member (Quebec):**

D. McKinnon

**Chairman :**

G. Collins

**Committee :**

P. P. Chausse

Dr. D. J. Doust

D. Jeanes

K. C. Hamilton

R. S. J. Harrison

R. McAleese

K. A. Rusby

D. Smith

C. T. Williams

**Honorary Secretary :**

H. J. Aspin

**Honorary Treasurer :**

N. Fairhurst

#### VANCOUVER

The Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held on Thursday, 27 January, at the Sands Motor Hotel, Vancouver, with Mr. T. F. Annan, Chairman of the Branch Committee, presiding. Thirty-one members attended.

The results of the ballot showed that Messrs A. E. Furmedge, D. I. McGuinness, and R. S. Williams had been elected to the Committee and that Mr. G. Lawson had been elected, and Mr. N. Sigworth re-elected, as Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

The 1972 Committee is, therefore:

**Local Vice-President** R. G. Boomer

(Vancouver):

**Chairman :**

T. F. Annan

**Committee :**

D. W. Challinor

A. E. Furmedge

D. M. Laing

A. K. McDougall

D. I. McGuinness

C. A. Santwyk

R. S. Williams

**Honorary Secretary :**

G. Lawson

**Honorary Treasurer :**

N. Sigworth

The Honorary Treasurer's annual report was read and accepted.

The Chairman reported that Mr. R. Brown, who had been Honorary Secretary for many years, had requested to retire from that position. He thanked Mr. Brown for his long service.

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

**Chairman :**

Cdr. R. A. MacKay

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*Committee :* G. Baldwin  
J. A. Greenwood  
W. J. Phillips  
L. A. Sanh  
R. C. Stuart  
*Honorary Secretary :* Lt. (N) J. E. Nurse, C.D., R.C.N.  
*Honorary Treasurer :* R. Baird

*Honorary Secretary :* V. L. Krishnamurthy  
*Honorary Treasurer :* Lt.-Cdr. S. R. Chanda

### Indian Division

#### BOMBAY

On 28 February seventeen Members attended the Annual General Meeting of the Branch which was held at the Wodehouse Gymkhana with Mr. B. S. Sood, Local Vice-President in the Chair. Following the meeting the Committee for 1972 is:

*Local Vice-President :* B. S. Sood  
*Chairman :* K. Parathasarathy  
*Committee :* B. D. Wadia  
E. R. Dastoot  
S. Ratra  
Capt. Y. N. Inamdar, I.N.  
P. S. Sakhardande  
S. Jambumumathan  
R. K. Kattar  
C. S. Sundaram  
*Honorary Secretary :* K. Sharma  
*Honorary Treasurer :* T. S. Rajan

#### MADRAS

The Annual General Meeting took place on Friday, 10 March at the Seafarers' Club. Seventeen members were present.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were read and approved.

The annual statement of accounts and the annual report were read and approved.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the Branch Committee should be re-elected for a further year.

The Committee for 1972 is:

*Chairman :* A. Krishnan  
*Committee :* M. N. Arunachalam  
S. M. Bhola  
Asim Das  
Cdr. V. S. P. Mudaliar, I.N.  
S. R. Parthasarathy  
A. Samuel  
*Honorary Secretary :* G. S. K. M. Rao  
*Honorary Treasurer :* I. M. Rao

#### VISAKHAPATNAM

The Annual General Meeting was held at INS *Virbahu* on 15 April 1972. Captain M. P. Mukundan, Branch Chairman, presided and fourteen members were present.

The Annual and Financial Reports were read, following which the matter of electing new Office Bearers was raised. It was proposed and unanimously agreed that the 1971 members should be re-elected and the Committee for 1972 is therefore:

*Chairman :* Capt. N. P. Mukundan, I.N.  
*Committee :* D. S. Sheth  
R. P. Chitra  
Lt.-Cdr. T. S. Trewn, I.N.  
Lt.-Cdr. S. K. Singh, I.N.  
*Honorary Secretary :* K. K. Banerjee  
*Honorary Treasurer :* A. Prakash

### Overseas

#### DUBLIN

The Annual General Meeting for 1972 was held on 18 February at Shell-BP House. Fourteen members attended and Mr. N. J. Healy, Chairman, presided.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement were presented and approved and four new members were nominated for and elected to the Committee. The eight existing members were also retained to make a larger Committee as, in the past, difficulties had arisen regarding a quorum.

The Committee for 1972 is, therefore:

*Chairman :* D. M. Lorraine  
*Committee :* R. G. Rees  
M. J. Chester  
D. E. Burke  
N. J. Healy  
T. J. G. Cronin  
J. L. V. Whittle  
J. P. Hamilton  
R. J. Scanlon  
J. E. D'Art  
*Honorary Secretary :* T. A. Kiernan  
*Honorary Treasurer :* P. B. Harrison

#### EASTERN U.S.A. BRANCH

The Annual General Meeting was held at the American Bureau of Shipping, New York, on 22 February, 1972. Mr. Vincent W. Bugg, deputising for the Branch Chairman, presided, and seventeen members attended.

Mr. R. Imlah, Honorary Treasurer, read the Financial Statement for the year and the election of the Committee followed.

#### CALCUTTA

Twenty-nine members attended the 1972 Annual General Meeting which was held on 24 February.

Mr. C. Tye, in the chair, thanked the Institution of Engineers, India, for use of the premises, welcomed the members and took up the items on the agenda. After the Annual and Financial Reports were read and accepted four new Committee members were elected by ballot, and the Committee for 1972 is therefore:

*Chairman :* D. Madhok  
*Committee :* K. K. Malik  
S. K. Paul  
N. L. Narasimhan  
P. K. Bannerjee  
A. Singh  
M. L. Kapoor  
H. K. Taneja  
S. Chandra  
*Honorary Secretary :* H. K. Kaul  
*Honorary Treasurer :* A. Roye

Technical Films shown by courtesy of the British High Commission Offices in Calcutta followed the ballot.

#### COCHIN

The Branch Annual General Meeting was held on 12 February 1972 in the Blue Room, Naval Officers' Mess, Willingdon Island. Mr. P. L. D'Abreo, Branch Chairman, presided and welcomed the 18 members present.

The Honorary Secretary, Mr. K. S. Mani, read the annual report which was adopted.

The new Divisional By-Laws were read and adopted.

The Honorary Treasurer, Mr. V. V. James, Presented the statement of accounts which were accepted.

The ballot was held for the election of members to the Branch Committee.

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

*Chairman :* A. Mathew  
*Committee :* P. L. D'Abreo  
Lt. P. A. John, I.N.  
K. Kasthuri  
K. Lashmanan  
K. S. Mani  
Lt. P. N. Puri, I. N.  
Lt.-Cdr. R. S. K. Ratnam, I.N.

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The Committee for 1972 is, therefore:

*Chairman :* S. G. Christensen  
*Committee:* W. G. Blanding  
A. F. Hunter  
N. MacAskill  
P. V. Meulengracht  
F. Milsom  
C. K. Steenson  
J. E. Crellin  
A. Moore

*Honorary Secretary:* Robert E. Yohe

*Honorary Treasurer:* R. H. Imlah

The meeting was followed by a film on oil drilling operations entitled "Project for Tomorrow".

### HONG KONG

The Branch Committee for 1972 is:

*Local Vice-President :*

L. T. Williams

*Chairman:*

J. D. Whineray

*Committee:*

W. C. Chow  
R. J. F. Hudson  
N. J. Matthew  
J. McCarlie  
Lt.-Cdr. E. C. Pidgeon  
B. W. Rees  
M. C. Taylor

*Assistant Secretary :*

Q. M. Watt

*Honorary Treasurer :*

Ir. E. yan't Sant

### PAKISTAN

The Annual General Meeting was held on 13 April in the Merchant Navy Club, Karachi, and the following decisions were taken after detailed discussion:

to encourage membership of the Institute; to seek suitable accommodation; and, on behalf of the Institute of Marine Engineers, London to award a prize of £6.6 (Rs 72/50 in value) to the student with the highest marks in the final Engineering Knowledge examination at the Marine Academy, Karachi.

Following the usual electoral procedure the Committee for 1972 is:

*Chairman:* Cdre. Z. A. D. Abid, P.N.

*Committee:* H. Abbas

A. A. K. Afridi

J. A. Boater

Rear-Admiral S. Z. Hasnain, S. K.

S. N. Mehdi

M. A. M. Siddiqui

Capt. T. A. Thanwey, P.N.

*Honorary Secretary  
and Treasurer:*

Javaid Mansoor

### SINGAPORE

The fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the Branch was held at the Shell Theatre on 23 February 1972 with an attendance of 28 which included five non-corporate members.

The meeting was declared open by Mr. J. M. Mair, the local Vice-President who welcomed the members, and Mr. K. R. Vesuna, the Vice-Chairman took the chair.

The Annual Report and the audited Statement of Accounts were both unanimously approved.

Balloting procedures and election of Committee members were then discussed and the Committee for 1972 is:

*Chairman:*

K. R. Vesuna

*Vice-Chairman :*

J. M. Mair

*Committee:*

R. C. Bonning  
M. K. Das Gupta  
P. F. Gresser  
D. E. Harper  
J. B. Smillie  
J. Thomas

*Honorary Secretary :*

P. Y. Loh

*Honorary Treasurer:*

E. F. Reid (co-opted)

Mr. Mair then spoke about the proposed Joint Branch of the Institute of Marine Engineers and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and reported the results of a meeting between the Branch Committee and representative members from R.I.N.A. Rules for joint members had been discussed and a proposal approved for further study by both the parent bodies.

The Vice-President concluded with a vote of thanks to the retiring Committee and the members then enjoyed the showing of two technical films.

### JOINT MALTA BRANCH I.M.A.R.E. AND R.I.N.A.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 29 February, 1972, three members retired and four new members were elected. The Committee for 1972 is therefore:

*Chairman:*

S. Owen

*Committee:*

E. F. Acquilina

A. Cachia

E. Debono

J. L. Debono

D. Cutajar

L. Mizzi

B. Wilkes

*Honorary Secretary:*

E. Mallia

*Honorary Treasurer:*

J. Giorgio

