

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

Record of the forty-sixth Annual General Meeting of The Institute of Physics held at 1pm on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 80 Portland Place, London W1B 1NT

Notice of the meeting

A quorum being present, the President, Roy Sambles, took the chair and welcomed members present to the Annual General Meeting.

Record of previous meeting

The President advised the meeting that the record of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 July 2015 had been approved by Council and posted on the members' section of the Institute's website.

Elections to Council

The President reported that Carol Davenport has been elected to serve as **Vice-President, Education** from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020. The votes cast were:

- Carol Davenport 1,234 Elected
- Mary Whitehouse 1,189

The President reported that James McKenzie has been elected to serve as **Vice-President, Business** from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020. The votes cast were:

- James McKenzie 1,248 Elected
- Andrew Johnson 695
- Nihal Sinnadurai 447

The President reported that Becky Parker and Lesley Cohen have been elected to serve as **Ordinary Council Members** from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2020. The votes cast were:

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| • Becky Parker | 585 Elected | • John Robertson | 196 |
| • Lesley Cohen | 549 Elected | • David Jenkins | 186 |
| • Emma Chapman | 504 | • Stephen Welch | 177 |
| • Sally Jordan | 473 | • Owen Stevens | 174 |
| • June McCombie | 258 | • Ilham Al-Qaradawi | 167 |
| • Giles Harrison | 225 | • Barry Garraway | 154 |
| • Susanne Klein | 214 | • Mark Telling | 148 |
| • Paul Harrison | 208 | • Abie Abison | 143 |
| • Mark Hughes | 206 | • Martin Loftus | 115 |
| • Ofer Lahav | 196 | | |

Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2015

The Honorary Secretary, Stuart Palmer, gave a short presentation highlighting some of the Institute's activities in 2015 and proposed the adoption of annual report of Council for the year ending 31 December 2015. This was agreed *nem con*.

The Honorary Treasurer, Julian Jones, gave a short presentation on the Institute's financial position and proposed the adoption of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015. This was agreed *nem con*.

Resolution 1 – Appointment of auditors

The Honorary Treasurer proposed that BDO Stoy Hayward LLP be appointed as auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Institute and that their remuneration be fixed by Council.

No comments were received from the floor.

Lisa Jardine-Wright and Deborah Phelps, the appointed scrutineers, confirmed that the proxy votes were correct. The votes cast (including proxy votes) were 937 in favour and 27 against.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary simple majority of over 50% of members voting in person or by proxy.

Resolution 2 – Membership subscriptions 2016

The Vice-President for Membership, Mike Worboys proposed that annual membership subscriptions from 1 January 2017 be as set out as below:

| Membership | 2016 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Fellow | £141 | £143 |
| Member: 9+ years in paid employment | £107 | £109 |
| Member: 7-8 years in paid employment | £97 | £98 |
| Member: 5-6 years in paid employment | £88 | £89 |
| Member: 3-4 years in paid employment | £75 | £76 |
| Associate Member | £55 | £56 |
| Affiliate | £97 | £99 |
| Postgraduate student | £21 | £21 |
| Undergraduate student with Physics World print edition | £15 | £15 |
| IOP imember | £15 | £15 |
| Concessions | | |
| Retired 60+ | £56 | £57 |
| Part-time employment, income greater than £12.5k | £56 | £57 |
| Income less than £12.5k | £15 | £15 |

The President invited comments from the floor.

Richard Hornby expressed concern that having bands based on years in paid employment does not take into account the current financial environment in which many members are not receiving annual pay increases in line with inflation. In response, the Vice-President for Membership said that the fee structure was being considered as part of the wider current membership review and further consultation would be taking place with members.

Lisa Jardine-Wright and Deborah Phelps, the appointed scrutineers, confirmed that the proxy votes were correct. The votes cast (including proxy votes) were 889 in favour and 88 against.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary simple majority of over 50% of members voting in person or by proxy.

Retiring members of Council

On behalf of Council and all members of the Institute, the President thanked the two retiring members of Council – Philip Britton and Alison McMillan, who had been unable to attend the AGM – for their service.

The President formally closed the meeting at 1.35pm.

Q&A

Following the formal business of the AGM, there was a short Q&A session.

A member noted that the practise of rounding up or down the annual subscription increase has meant that some bands have increased year on year while others have remained static. The Vice-President for Membership said that this anomaly has been noted and will be addressed in the current membership review.

A member asked about teaching scholarships. The Chief Executive reported that in 2015 the Institute awarded 110 scholarships, on a competitive basis, to trainee teachers, each worth £25,000, funded by the Department for Education. He also reported that funding for the Stimulating Physics Network (SPN), which supports the teaching and learning of physics in England and Wales, has had its funding from the Department of Education extended by a further three years.