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# Annual General Meeting 2017

## Record of the forty-seventh Annual General Meeting of **The Institute of Physics** held at 1pm on Thursday 13 July 2017 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 14 July 2016 had been approved by Council and posted on the members' section of the Institute's website.

### Elections to Council

The President reported that as only one nomination for the **President-elect** was received and approved. In accordance with Bylaw 69, no ballot was required and therefore Jonathan Flint has been elected to serve as President-elect from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019 and as **President** from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2021.

The President reported that as only one nomination for **Honorary Secretary** was received and approved. In accordance with Bylaw 69, no ballot was required and therefore Brian Fulton has been elected to serve as Honorary Secretary from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2021

The President reported that Mark Telling has been elected to serve as **Vice-President, Membership** from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2021. The votes cast were:

- Mark Telling                    1,227 Elected
- Ian Scott                        867
- Vladimir Vishnyakov        525

The President reported that Wendy Flavell, June McCombie and Anne Tropper have been elected to serve as **Ordinary Council Members** from 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2021. The votes cast were:

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|---------------------|-------|---------|-----------------------|-----|
| • Wendy Flavell     | 1,379 | Elected | • Richard Hornby      | 294 |
| • June McCombie     | 699   | Elected | • Ilham Al-Qaradawi   | 291 |
| • Anne Tropper      | 612   | Elected | • Russell Coles       | 255 |
| • Brian Tanner      | 538   |         | • Peter Van Der Burgt | 242 |
| • Colin Danson      | 471   |         | • Vincent Smith       | 229 |
| • Frances Laughton  | 466   |         | • Hugh Deighton       | 220 |
| • Dimitra Darambara | 446   |         | • Thomas Walther      | 215 |
| • Steven Angel      | 438   |         | • David Hardie        | 213 |
| • Sebastian Wood    | 322   |         | • Dominic Galliano    | 208 |
| • James Claverley   | 318   |         |                       |     |

## Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2016

The Honorary Secretary, Stuart Palmer, gave a short presentation highlighting some of the Institute's activities in 2016 and proposed the adoption of annual report of Council for the year ending 31 December 2016. 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 2016. This was agreed *nem con*.

### Resolution 1 – Changes To the Membership Structure

The Honorary Treasurer proposed to simplify the existing structure from seven to the following four categories of membership:

- Associate Member
- Member
- Fellow
- Honorary Fellow

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 1449 in favour and 115 against.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary majority of over 75% of members voting in person or by proxy.

### Resolution 2 – Membership Subscriptions For 2018

The Vice-President for Membership, Mike Worboys proposed that annual membership subscriptions from 1 January 2018 be as set out as below:

Membership	2018
Fellow	£144
Fellow concession	£43
Member	£115
Member concession	£34
Associate Member	£103
Associate Member concession	£31
Student/trainee	£15

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 1355 in favour and 207 against.

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

### **Resolution 3 – Changes To the Royal Charter & Bylaws**

The Honorary Secretary, Stuart Palmer proposed that the existing Royal Charter and Bylaws of the Institute be replaced by a new Royal Charter and Bylaws as set out in the notice of the AGM and subject to any minor changes by the Privy 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 1512 in favour and 51 against.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary majority of over 75% of members voting in person or by proxy.

### **Resolution 4 – Appointment of New Auditors**

The Honorary Treasurer, Julian Jones proposed that that Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) be appointed as the new auditors of the Institute of Physics to hold office until the conclusion of the AGM in 2018 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 1466 in favour and 99 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 retiring members of Council – Stuart Palmer, Mike Worboys, Barbara Gabrys, Michael Duncan and John Zarnecki for their service. The Chief Executive in turn thanked the retiring president for his valued service.

The President formally closed the meeting at 1.50pm.

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### **Q&A**

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

No questions were raised, however the Chief Executive thanks members for their attendance and staff for their hard work on the membership changes.