

# Annual General Meeting 2019

Record of the Annual General Meeting of **The Institute of Physics** held at 1pm on Wednesday 24 July 2019 at 37 Caledonian Road, London, N1 9BU

## Quorum and welcome

A quorum being present, the President, Professor Dame Julia Higgins, took the chair and welcomed members present to the Annual General Meeting. The Notice of the meeting was taken as read.

## Record of previous meeting

The President advised the meeting that the record of the Annual General Meeting held on 19 July 2018 had been approved by Council. There were no actions or matters arising from the 2018 AGM.

## Elections to Council

Following a members' ballot, the President reported that the following had been elected to serve.

**Professor Sheila Rowan** as **President-elect** with effect from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2021 (after which she will serve as President for two years until 30 September 2023).

**Professor David Delpy** as **Honorary Treasurer** with effect from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2023.

**Professor Martin Freer** as **Vice-President for Science and Innovation** with effect from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2023.

And members elected the following to serve as ordinary **Council Members** through a proportional representation voting methodology, and specifically a Single Transferable Vote.

Dr Gayle Jodine Calverley-Miles.

Professor Martin Hendry.

Dr Alix Pryde.

All such appointments to take effect from 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2023.

## Annual report and accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018

The Honorary Secretary, Professor Brian Fulton, gave a presentation highlighting some of the Institute's activities in 2018 and presented to members the annual report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The Honorary Treasurer, Professor Julian Jones, gave a presentation on the Institute's financial position and presented to members the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The meeting then moved to the passing of the formal resolutions set out in the Notice.

### **Re-appointment of auditors**

The Honorary Treasurer, Professor Julian Jones proposed that PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) be re-appointed as the auditors of the Institute of Physics to hold office until the conclusion of the AGM in 2020 and that their remuneration be determined by Council.

Comments were invited and received from the floor as follows;

1. Had the IOP considered the reputation of PWC when considering their re-appointment?
2. Had the IOP compared the costs charged by PWC against those proposed by the former auditors, BDO?
3. Had BDO tendered for the audit in this round?

The Chief Executive Officer confirmed that the reputation of PWC had been considered and set out the appointments process, noting that the appointments panel had considered value for money in the tender process and that BDO was part of the tender.

Professor David Delpy seconded the motion and the motion was put to the vote on a show of hands. The votes cast were 978 in favour and 61 against, including proxy votes which the appointed scrutineers, Dr June McCombie and Deborah Phelps, confirmed were correct.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary simple majority.

### **Resolution 2 – Membership Subscriptions For 2020**

The Vice-President for Membership, Dr Mark Telling, proposed that annual membership subscriptions from 1 January 2020 be as set out below:

<b>Membership</b>	<b>2020</b>
Fellow	£146
Fellow concession	£44
Member	£117
Member concession	£35
Associate Member	£105
Associate Member concession	£31
Student/trainee	£15

No comments were received from the floor and Dr June McCombie seconded the motion. The motion was put to the vote on a show of hands.

The votes cast were 937 in favour and 107 against, including proxy votes which the appointed scrutineers, Dr June McCombie and Deborah Phelps, confirmed were correct.

The President declared the motion carried with the necessary simple majority.

### **Retiring members of Council**

On behalf of Council and all members of the Institute, the President thanked the retiring members of Council; Professor Julian Jones, Professor Sarah Thompson, Neil Thomson, Deborah Phelps and Professor Lesley Cohen - for their service.

The President-elect, Jonathan Flint, on behalf of Council and all members of the Institute thanked the President for her service over the past two years and as President-elect for the two years prior to that.

As there was no other business, the President closed the formal part of the meeting at 1.50pm.

### **Q&A**

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

The following questions/comments were raised.

1. Should the IOP be focusing more on areas of AI, machine learning and nano technology?

The Chief Executive Officer responded to say that as part of delivering the new strategy the IOP would conduct more of its delivery through the lenses of these areas of technology innovation and grand challenges.

2. Those in the most senior staff positions were not featured on the IOP website. Could this information be put on line?

The Chief Executive Officer responded to say that this information will be put on the new website when launched.

3. What were the President's next steps once she steps down on 30 September?

The President explained that she would be continuing her work at Imperial College and in wider STEM initiatives and that she would still remain actively involved with the IOP and delivery of its strategy

The President thanked members for their attendance and staff for their hard work during 2018.