

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 13:00**

**Via a Zoom Video Call**

**1. President's Opening Address**

- 1.1 Andy Carr, the President in the chair, welcomed all members in attendance, and thanked everyone across the sector who had contributed to keeping everything going through Covid-19.
- 1.2 The President advised that no Agenda items have been received from membership so the Annual General Meeting would proceed as per the published Agenda.
- 1.3 The President stated that at the pre AGM Board Meeting the new IExpE Board Members were announced as Mark Hardman, Emma Willes and Steve Roberts, with Andy Pettitt standing down from the IExpE Board.
- 1.4 The President paid respects to a number of members who the industry had lost over the preceding 12 months, notably Malcolm Ingry and Sidney Alford, both of whom had been honoured at Fulmination 2022.
- 1.5 The President advised that there were several agenda items which required a vote. The items have previously been distributed to membership with a total of 12 votes being received prior to the closing date. Members in attendance at the meeting who have not already pre registered a vote total 16, making the total number of voting members 28.

**2. Apologies**

- 2.1 Apologies have been received from Mark Hardman, Bruce Henderson, Gour Sen, Alan Morley and Stephen Miller.

**3. Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

- 3.1 The President invited comments from those present on the draft minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 No comments were received from those present. Acceptance of the minutes as drafted was proposed by Tony Slate and seconded by Ken Cross.

3.2.1 Votes received from members present and pre-registered votes:

Against – None

Abstain – 2

Motion to accept the minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting – carried.



**4. Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

4.1 The President invited comments from those present on the annual report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

4.2 No comments were received from those present. Acceptance of the annual report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was proposed by Tony Slate and seconded by Frank Smith.

4.2.1 Votes received from members present and pre-registered votes:

Against – 1

Abstain – None

Motion to accept the annual report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – carried.

**5. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

5.1 The President invited comments on the Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

5.2 No comments were received from those present. Acceptance of the statement of accounts for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 was proposed by Ken Cross and seconded by Tony Slate.

5.2.1 Votes received from members present and pre-registered votes:

Against – 1

Abstain – 1

Motion to accept the Statement of Accounts for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 – carried.

**6. To approve the Special Resolution to replace the existing Constitution of the Institute**

6.1 The President invited comments on the Special Resolution, draft updated Constitution and explanatory note.

6.2 No comments were received from those present. Acceptance of the Special Resolution was proposed by Tony Slate and seconded by Hugh McCluskie.

6.2.1 Votes received from those present and pre-registered votes:

Against – 1



Abstain – 1

The motion to approve the Special Resolution to replace the existing Constitution of the Institute – carried.

## **7. Annual Report on activities for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021**

- 7.1 The Executive Officer, Dave Welch, provided an update to membership on activities by the delivery of the usual powerpoint presentation.
- 7.2 IExpE Structure: The office team continue to deliver activities with the IExpE Board setting the strategic direction and ensuring that governance is applied. The day to day running of IExpE is all dealt with through the IExpE office team based in Stafford, which continues to enable services to be delivered for membership to a high standard.
- 7.3 Finance: The Accounts prepared for the previous year have been circulated and show a positive and strong position. A change to the membership renewal date system, with members renewal date being 12 months from their approval date, as opposed to all members renewing on the 31<sup>st</sup> December, has assisted in the flattening of the cashflow, with the spreading out of income. The Executive Officer stated that IExpE were in the process of recruiting an additional member of staff to focus on marketing. In addition, a substantial saving has been made by the termination of the Lease on Unit 2.
- 7.4 Membership: An increase can be seen in the Technical level of membership, and also a reduction in the number of student members. The reduction of student members is expected and aligned to the various membership schemes running with companies who deliver training which provided students with a free 12 month student membership. Often these students do not renew or upgrade their membership due to funding or their over seas location. Despite many applications being received there is a drop in the total membership figure which is due to the expected front end of the membership demographic starting to decrease. A number of members have not renewed membership due to retirement, Covid-19, and a change of career path. The current membership numbers are a good realignment.
- 7.5 Marketing: All social media platforms are used by IExpE to ensure that industry knows that IExpE exists. Twitter shows a growing number of followers, with Twitter impressions slightly down. This is due to a range of factors such as less tweets over the previous months and a stronger focus on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is showing just under 6,000 followers with the majority of those followers being from the defence and military sector. A review of membership age profiles is going to be undertaken to assist in the prediction of members not renewing.
- 7.6 Fulmination 2022: This is a three-day event which merged the former OME Conference, IExpE Conference, and Early Careers Symposium and which took place earlier in April 2022. The event included a Gala Dinner and awards evening which allowed successes and lifetime achievements to be honoured. Posthumously Sidney Alford received an award, together



with Malcolm Ingray whose widow and son attended the Gala Dinner to receive the award on his behalf. The event allowed excellent opportunities for networking with 330 in attendance on day 1 and 230 attending the Gala Dinner. Some feedback has been received which the office team have taken into consideration and are already in the process of sourcing a venue for Fulmination 2023.

- 7.7 IExpE Events: A new event, The Dynamite Dinner, is being introduced to the IExpE event calendar to bring together IExpE Past Presidents and Fellows. There will be a cost to attend with part being subsidised by IExpE. A date during the latter part of 2022 will be released shortly. Following feedback received showing a clear demand IExpE will be resurrecting Members Weekend from 2023. This will give members 3 set annual events (Fulmination, Members Weekend, and The Dynamite Dinner).
- 7.8 Other Events: The President, Andy Carr, is due to attend at the EFEE Conference in May 2022. The office team are also attending at Hillhead and the International Explosives Conference in June 2022.
- 7.9 Education and Training: Training providers who deliver courses which are endorsed via IExpE with Open Awards continues to increase. Members seeking Professional Registration with the Engineering Council has shown a steady increase and also provides a substantial member benefit.

## **8. Closing Remarks**

- 8.1 The President thanked Dave Welch for the update on activities and added that the presentation provides a brief overview of activities for members to comment upon, and shows the breadth of activities undertaken by a small team on behalf of membership.
- 8.2 The President asked if any member present wished to raise any other business.
  - 8.2.1 Emma Willes requested that in future if the Education and Training information could also include a breakdown of accredited trainers.
  - 8.2.2 Rob Parry stated that it was excellent to see the good attendance numbers at Fulmination 2022 and also a good range of age groups, but asked how lessons could be learnt from that to increase those in attendance at the AGM. The President responded by stating it was disappointing that the attendance number for the AGM was low and that how to increase attendance would be looked into with the possibility of a publicity campaign throughout the year to generate members interest.
  - 8.2.3 Mark Hatt asked if a formal vote of thanks could be made to Andy Pettitt following his standing down from the IExpE Board in recognition of the enormous amount of



work he has done over may years. This was proposed by Mark Hatt, seconded by Martin Underwood with no member present either against or abstaining.

8.3 The President requested any comments on the Executive Officer's Report on activities for 2021. No comments were received. The Executive's Officer's Report on activities for 2021 was proposed by Rob Parry and seconded by Frank Smith with no member against or abstaining.

8.4 The President thanked all members for their attendance and closed the Annual General Meeting.

Meeting closed 14.08