

Meeting Annual General Meeting 2017

Date 18 July 2017

Time 18.00

Venue Godfrey Mitchell Theatre, The Institution of Civil Engineers, One Great George Street, London SW1

Chairman President

Attendance Director General & Secretary Nick Baveystock, Group Finance Director Andrew Elliott-Frey and the following members attended:

J A Armitt, D Bandopadhyaya, N F Brent, D Caiden, F Chen, J M K Chow, P M Elliott, A Fraser, E J Godsell, P Hallsworth, R T Hunter, S Kalantari, C M Lee, A R McAvoy, H K J Macdonald, R J Mair, G G T Masterton, W F Michell, Y Murphy, D Pollard, D Porter, T M Ridley, A J M Soane, S E P Threader, T J Warren.

Apologies Apologies were received from His Excellency Mattar Al Tayer and Mr John Henry Webb.

666 The President welcomed members attending the Annual General Meeting. The Notice convening the meeting had been circulated with the Council election information on 1 June 2017.

Minutes

667 The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 19 July 2016 had been published on the ICE website.

668 Peter Elliott questioned whether the specific numbers of mentors and mentees quoted by Director Membership at paragraph 662 were actually given at the meeting. The Director General & Secretary agreed to review the minutes for accuracy. *[Post meeting note: the Director General & Secretary reviewed the recorded transcript of the meeting and the figures noted in the minutes were quoted by Director Membership at the meeting and so no action to amend the minutes was required].*

669 Peter Hallsworth moved and Hylton Macdonald seconded the resolution that the minutes of the previous AGM held on 19 July 2016 were taken as read and an accurate record of the meeting. Subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the action above, the resolution was carried.

President and Vice Presidents elected for the 2017-2018 session of the Council

669 The President reported that the Council had elected the following as President and Vice Presidents for the 2017-2018 session of the Council, as already notified to members on 1 June 2017 and as published in the Council minutes on the ICE Website:

President

Professor Lord Robert James **MAIR** CBE

Vice Presidents

Kyle Jonathan **CLOUGH**

MAK Chai-kwong

Edward James **McCANN**

Rachel Susan **SKINNER**

Dr Jane Victoria **SMALLMAN**

Andrew William Lewis **WOLSTENHOLME** OBE

Andrew **WYLLIE** CBE

670 The President announced that the votes in the Council election had been counted by the Electoral Reform Services, acting as independent scrutineer. Scrutineers appointed by the Council from among the Corporate Members were Mr Richard Coackley (F) and Mr Adrian Coy (F), who had certified that the votes had been accurately recorded and counted.

671 The President then announced the results of the Council ballot reported by the Scrutineers. The new incumbents would take office from 7 November 2017.

General members of the Council

Karen **BRITTON**

Emma **KENT**

Gareth **WALKER**

Steve **DELLOW**

Regional members

ICE Hong Kong: Patrick **CHAN**

ICE North East: Stephen **LARKIN**

ICE East Midlands: Claire **GREENWOOD**

ICE West Midlands: Joanne **HASKINS**

ICE Wales: Geoff **OGDEN**

International members

ICE Americas: Richard **GIFFEN**

ICE Middle East & Africa Mark **JAMIESON**

ICE Asia Pacific (non Hong Kong) Matthew **COLTON**

Graduate member

Zoë **HENDERSON**

Report from the Scrutineers

672 The Director General & Secretary announced that the Scrutineers had reported that the total number of eligible voting members this year was 46,168. The main method of voting was via the internet. Those who did not wish to vote online were able to opt for a paper ballot. A paper ballot was also issued to those with undeliverable emails. This year's turnout was 8.9%, up on last year's 7.5%. For the Graduate election turnout was 5.3%, up on last year's 4.3%.

673 On the motion of Norman Brent, seconded by David Caiden, it was resolved that the thanks of the meeting be accorded to the Scrutineers and that the voting papers be destroyed after the requisite ERS six month period.

Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2016

674 The President informed members that the Council, being the trustees of the Institution, had approved the Annual Report and the Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for 2016, which had been prepared in the format required by the Charity Commission. Copies of the Report and Financial Statements for 2016 had been posted on the ICE website together with a summary of the Accounts. Hard copies were available to members attending the meeting and any member could

request a copy. The President addressed the meeting on the state of the Institution. The Address is published at Annex A to these minutes. The President then invited questions on his report and the accounts.

675 Peter Elliott noted that the Institution's work with mentors and mentees was no longer mentioned in the Annual Report, with fewer than 100 in the programme during the last year, when at the last AGM the figure of 323 had been mentioned. He questioned whether the scheme should be abandoned. Director Membership responded that the Mentor Match Me Programme had not been successful and so improvements were being sought. The challenge was that the programme was aimed at those who were qualified – trying to match experience levels as well as overcoming geographical factors.

676 Peter Elliott asked whether the pension scheme deficit was steady or increasing. The Group Finance Director reported that a triennial valuation that had recently taken place had resulted in a decision to pay £0.5M into the scheme annually for the next three years. The options were either to have the scheme bought out, which would be expensive, or to pay the amount required. Staff leaving employment in the ICE Group did result in reductions to the scheme. The Director General & Secretary added that the pension fund trustees had been content with the amount that was to be paid, which was the same level as had been the case for the last three years.

677 Peter Elliott expressed frustration at the lack of member engagement in relation to the Annual General Meeting. He asked what the policy was for reviewing the Institution's auditors. The Group Finance Director responded that it would be unusual business practice to review after only five years, but one option that could be considered was to change the Institution's audit relationship partner within the auditors, which refreshed the working relationship.

Appointment of Auditors for the year 2017

678 Robert Mair moved and Gordon Masterton seconded the resolution that BDO LLP be appointed as auditors for the current financial year. The resolution was carried.

679 The President thanked the members who had attended and the meeting closed at 18.20.

Annex A

Address to the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 18 July 2017
By the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Ladies and gentlemen,

Thank you all for coming to the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

2016 was an exciting year for ICE, and I'll touch on some of our highlights in a moment.

But first, I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor, ICE's 151st President, Sir John Armitt.

During his tenure, John helped ICE make enormous strides with governments around the globe.

His year in office began with the delivery of a major report to the Hong Kong government. Shaping Hong Kong's Future provided advice for developing the city's infrastructure over the next 30 years.

He steered the ship through the choppy waters of the EU Referendum Vote and the uncertainty in our industry that followed it, and oversaw the Member Vote to broaden the ICE Associate Member grade – helping ICE become more relevant to society and increasing our influence by seeking to deepen our collective pool of knowledge.

Supporting this desire for ICE to convene senior stakeholders from across the engineering, construction, built environment and infrastructure sectors in order to tackle shared challenges was the National Needs Assessment.

Released at the end of John's Presidential year, it is an impressive collaborative work detailing a data and evidence driven analysis of the UK's infrastructure needs over the next 30 years. It has been shaping the UK government's thinking – and spending – on what it needs and why since it was launched.

The progress John made in 2016 helped strengthen ICE's position throughout the world, and I am delighted to be able to pay tribute to his work today.

One major way in which ICE as a global body was strengthened in 2016 was through the growth in our membership – increasing by over 2%, taking our total membership past 91,000.

I am particularly pleased to note that female membership rose by 7% and technician membership by an incredible 28%. Growth was particularly strong in the Asia-Pacific region. Applications for professional review rose by 17%, and we signed partnership agreements with a range of employers and universities. We will help them to support their students and employees to grow as professionals.

Financially, an operating surplus of £1.1m was delivered and the net trading result for TTL, our commercial arm, was a net profit of £3.1m.

Our media 'reach' rose by 17% and we launched ICE Thinks, our new Thought Leadership online portal bringing together groundbreaking thinkers from across a range of sectors, in order to identify the megatrends and disruptors that will have the biggest impact on future infrastructure design and delivery.

We continued to influence policymakers through our State of the Nation: Devolution report, and manifestos for the devolved administration elections included an impressive 13 proposals aligned to ICE's own policy calls.

We concluded Founding Partner agreements with eleven companies who have agreed to contribute more than £0.5m over five years towards the upgrade elements of the Major Capital works. We also opened our first exhibition in our new Infrastructure Learning Hub, which told the story of engineers, the bridges they built and the lives they changed. It also of course showcased the world's longest Lego bridge!

The ILH is at the centre of our efforts to communicate the excitement of civil engineering to the UK public and in two months, nearly 9,000 people visited.

As we move towards our 200th anniversary in 2018, we will redouble our efforts to encourage the next generation into the profession.

Ladies and gentlemen: I am very much enjoying the challenge of leading ICE this year. And I know that we are making great progress.

I'm confident that this will continue under our next President, Lord Robert Mair.

Thank you and I'm now happy to take any questions.