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THE ROYAL INSTITUTION OF NAVAL ARCHITECTS

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JULY 2019

The draft minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2019 are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Blakeley'.

Trevor Blakeley
Chief Executive

Enclosure:

Minutes of Council meeting held on 18 July 2019

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Present:

R Birmingham
J Frier
C Savage
P Crossland
E Pang
T Strang
D Monioudis
P Wrobel
F Spencer
H Karanassos
N Atkins (by videolink)
M d'Amico (By videolink)
M Renilson (By videolink)
B Rosenblatt (by videolink)
H Ghaemi (By telelink)
R Gehling (By videolink)
P French (By videolink)
T Blakeley (Chief Executive)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10 APR 2019

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 10 Apr 2019 were approved.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2. Action 01/19: Chief Executive to draft scope and judging procedure for Eily Keary Award
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

3. The Chairman reported that the Board had last met on 11 June 2019, and the minutes of the meeting had been forwarded to members of Council. The feasibility of a Workshop to the format of conferences was being considered.

Strategic Review

4. The three Sub Groups, the E,D&I Sub Committee (of the PAC) and the Publications Committee continue to consider the actions required to implement the accepted recommendations, and report to the Board.

Finances

5. He reported that the Institution's income streams, particularly advertising sales continued to be under pressure, reflecting the pressures on companies to reduce advertising budgets. The impact was being addressed by the Treasurer and the Chief Executive

Conferences

6. He stated that the Board was aware of the reduced number of delegates attending RINA conferences.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

7. The President reminded Council that the term of office for the President was two years, and therefore the election of the next President would take place in 2020. The Chief Executive stated that he would be inviting nominations in October.

APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENTS

Elected Vice Presidents

8. In accordance with By Law 21(d), all members elected as Vice Presidents elected in 2019 or earlier were appointed as Vice Presidents, without any Regional responsibility.

Regional Vice Presidents.

9. The Chief Executive was actioned to propose members for appointment as Regional Vice Presidents. Members of Council were invited to propose other members for consideration.

Post meeting note: Proposed members for appointment as Vice Presidents was forwarded by email on 7 Aug 2019

10. The role and responsibilities of the Regional Vice Presidents were queried. The Chief Executive stated that these were described in the Policy & Procedures (Governance, Finance & Administration) Manual. It was expected that the role and responsibilities of Regional Vice Presidents will develop through experience.

Post meeting note: Part 1.3 Council and Annex IV Duties of Vice Presidents were forwarded by email on 29 July 2019.

REPORTS BY CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Maritime Innovation Committee

11. On behalf of the Chairman, the Chief Executive stated that the Maritime Innovation Committee had had one meeting since the last Council Meeting. He reported that the key disruptive technologies identified by the members were described in the Maritime Innovation Group Forum at www.rina.org.uk/Maritime_Innovation_Group.html. It was agreed that this information was not easily accessible and perhaps an article/statement to all RINA members drawing their attention to the Forum would help in disseminating the work of the Committee.

12. It is proposed that a workshop on one or two of the disruptive technologies identified by the Committee such as digitalisation/autonomy would be beneficial in disseminating the information. Details were still to be discussed.

13. It has been proposed that members of the Committee contact local Branches with the offer to give a brief overview of the work carried out by the Committee. A few members had already been

in touch with their local branch about this matter. It was also suggested that similar presentations could be made University Industrial Advisory Boards.

14. The Committee had discussed the Government's Maritime 2050 – Maritime Strategy for the UK. It was considered that although it was a strategy for the UK it was equally applicable worldwide, and it was felt that this may assist in determining the role and future direction of the MIC Committee.

15. The Chairman had attended the UCL Ship Design VIP Day where the MSc students to present the outcome of their projects to assist in the judging of a new award which is sponsored by BAE Systems and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects for "The Most Innovative Ship Design". The successful Ship Design Project for Innovation was the "Future Fighter (light) – Indefatigable Class"

IMO Committee

16. The Chairman reported that the Committee has not met since last Council meeting.

Members of the Committee had attended MEPC 74, ISWG-GHG5 and MSC 101 and III 6
A presentation on JoRes was given at MEPC 74, led by Dimitriy Ponkratov - the new Technical Director

17. The Institution had submitted a paper at MSC, reminding the delegates that revision of SOLAS chapters should be accompanied by a hazard identification exercise, in accordance with IMO guidance. Whilst the Institution was supported by IACS and ICS, the member states rejected this as too much work has already gone into revision of Chapter III and the LSA Code. The Committee will consider what action to take.

18. The Committee attended IMO Council meeting this week, where it participated in discussion on reform of engagement with NGOs. The Institution's continuing NGO status at the IMO was affirmed and members of the Committee were assured in private conversations that the Institution's engagement was noted and valued

19. The Committee was now preparing for the Autumn program - CCC 6, ISWG-MASS, ISWG-GHG 6

Professional Affairs Committee

20. The Chairman reported that PAC had met once since the last Council meeting.

Academic Accreditation

21. The PAC is currently reviewing documentation for accreditation of three courses from PPNS in Surabaya, Indonesia with a view to visiting the college later this year. It is hoped to utilise local academic resources in support of this visit.

Initial Professional Development/Graduate Training Schemes

22. Following a visit to their offices in Southampton, the PAC has re-accredited Lloyd's Register's Graduate Training Scheme.

Continuing Professional Development

23. The 2018 sampling of Member's CPD is in progress and will be reported at the next Council Meeting. The feasibility of an on-line training module for CPD assessors is being considered. This may be extended to on-line training to other areas.

LATW Schemes and Graduate/Higher Degree Apprenticeships

24. The PAC continues to make progress in this area and has recently agreed, in principle, an approach for LATW schemes with the University of Portsmouth. The PAC is now re-engaged with the Defence PEI committee.

Engineering Council Business

25. The Engineering Council are currently reviewing three of the main EngC controlling documents, i.e.:

- The UK Standard for Professional Engineering Competence (UK Spec);
- The Accreditation of Higher Engineering Programmes (AHEP);
- Approval and Accreditation of Qualifications and Apprenticeship Handbook (AAQAH).

26. The PAC reviewed these documents last year and comments have been submitted. The revised draft documents are currently out for "final" review.

27. In parallel with this review, PAC is contributing to the EngC consultation on other aspects of the application of these documents including:

- Process, Consistency and Quality Assurance of AHEP;
- The "language" used in these documents to ensure that there are no barriers to their use.

ED&I

28. The ED&I Recommendations from the Strategic Review have been incorporated into the work of the ED&I sub group. This work will be reported separately.

Disciplinary Committee

29. The Chairman reported that there were no current allegations of professional misconduct being investigated.

Membership Committee

30. The Chairman reported that the Committee had met once since the last Council meeting, at which it had conducted its routine business of considering applications for membership and registration.

Publications Committee

31. On behalf of the Chairman, the Chief Executive reported that the Publications Committee was currently reviewing draft TORs, extending its QA oversight role to include all the Institution's publications.

32. The Chairman reported that Nick Pattison, Chairman of the Publications Committee had resigned, and his successor was being sought.

Maritime Environment Committee

33. The Chairman reported that the Committee met under the Chairmanship of the Vice-Chair on 19 May. There were some 3 members present plus the Secretary and the Chief Executive, with 3 members attending by videoconference.

34. The main focus of the work was on the further development of the 'Design for the Marine Environment' document to include an additional level of detail that would identify the required activities for each of the design areas. It was agreed that after input from the Committee input from the wider membership would be invited.

35. The Chairman made a short presentation to Council on the activities to date of the work of the Committee. He identified the main achievement as the development and subsequent agreement by Council of an Environmental Statement for the Institution. The development of the List of Design Considerations for the Marine Environment was the current focus, together with support for the IMO Committee. One of the original objectives of the Committee was to develop guidance for young engineers and naval architects, to emphasise the credentials of sustainability and environmental design, to make this an attractive profession for new entrants. A good discussion ensued with the President suggesting that one way would be to reach out to University Admission Tutors to see what synergies might be possible. The challenge of ensuring active participation from the wider membership was also discussed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

36. The next meeting will be held at 11:00 on 22 Oct 2019

ACTIONS ARISING OR OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING

37. Action 02/19 (Para 9). The Chief Executive to propose members for appointment as Regional Vice Presidents.

38. Action 03/19 (Para 9). Members of Council to propose members for appointment as Regional Vice Presidents.