

THE PRESIDENT, MARKUS MONTIGEL, CHAIRED THE MEETING

The Chair welcomed members and guests to the Annual General Meeting. There were 52 members and guests present. The Secretary was Blane Judd.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was proposed by David Weedon (Fellow) and seconded by Claire Porter (Fellow) and approved by those present that the minutes of the 105th Annual General Meeting held on 27th April 2018, be taken as read. The minutes were then signed by the Chair.

2. AUDITOR'S REPORT

At the Chair's request, the Secretary read the Auditor's Report of the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2018. The auditor's report on the Accounts was unqualified, and the auditor's statement under section 496 of the Companies Act (as to whether the Trustees' Annual Report is consistent with the Accounts) was also unqualified. As is usual, the accounts presented in the IRSE Annual Report are only part of the Accounts prepared under the Companies Act. A full copy is obtainable upon request from the IRSE in London.

3. ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Chair then commented on the Annual Report for 2018 (published on 1st April 2019), drawing attention to the variety of events that took place around the world, including the International Technical Convention in Switzerland which, was highly successful. The President had embarked on a World tour visiting a number of Local Sections.

A question was asked about hard copies of the Annual Report. Due to the increasing costs, members were able to receive a digital copy of the proceedings. If members wanted a hard copy of the proceedings these could be supplied on request for a small fee to cover printing and postage costs.

It was then proposed by the Chair, and seconded by Ian Bridges (Fellow), that the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December 2017 be adopted. The Chair then put the proposal to the meeting which was approved by a show of hands by the majority present.

4. COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL, 2019-2020

The Chair announced that the ballot for the election of members to Council had resulted in Jane Power, Ian Allison, Rod Muttram and Peter Allan receiving the highest numbers of votes for the Fellow vacancies, and that Keith Upton had received the highest number of votes in the category of Associate, and they were therefore duly elected.

Taking into account those not due for re-election in 2019 and the uncontested nominations for the remaining vacancies on Council, the composition of the IRSE Council for the year 2019-2020 would therefore be as follows:

President: George Clark
Vice Presidents: Daniel Woodland
Ian Bridges

Members of Council from class of Fellow

Bogdan Godziejewski	Peter Allan
Peter Allan	Andy Knight
Pierre-Damien Jourdain	Steve Boshier
Jane Power	Yuji Hirao
Ian Allison	

Members of Council from Class of Member

Rob Burkhardt	Ryan Gould
Martin Fenner	Cassandra
	Gash
Lynsey Hunter	Paul Mc Sharry

Members of Council from Class of Associate Member

Keith Upton	Xiaolu Rao
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The Chair particularly welcomed those who were joining Council for the first time – Rod Muttram (L&SE), Ian Allison (Midlands & NW), Keith Upton (YM).

The Chairman announced the sad passing of Mr Chandra on 25 March 2019 who was a candidate for the elections, who died shortly after the elections process closed.

The Chair then expressed his thanks to the following retiring members of Council for their service to the Institution:

Andrew Simmons

Philip Wong

Firas Al-Tahan

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR FOR 2018

The Chair announced that HPH Chartered Accountants be appointed as the Auditors for 2019.

The Chair then invited someone to propose the appointment of HPH Chartered Accountants as the Institution's auditors for 2019-20. Martin Fenner (Member) proposed the appointment, and it was seconded by Jacques Poré (Hon Fellow). Those present approved the appointment by a show of hands.

6. OTHER MATTERS

a) Thorrowgood Scholarship

The Thorrowgood scholarship is awarded annually under a bequest of the late W J Thorrowgood (Past President) to assist the development of a young engineer employed in the signalling and telecommunications field of engineering and takes the form of an engraved medallion and a sum of approximately £1500 to be used to finance a study tour of railway signalling installations or signalling manufacturing facilities. The award is made, subject to satisfactory interview, to the Institution young member attaining at least a pass with credit in four modules in the Institution's examination.

This year's winner is Reece Martin a signalling engineer from Transport for London. The interview panel said of Reece, that they found him to be well motivated and a keen advocate of the Institution. He has worked in delivery and current Independent assurance as part of the NR Certification Board. He provided a presentation of his thoughts on his development and how they would also benefit the Institution. As such his plans were aligned with the principles of the Thorrowgood award.

Reece is seeking to gain knowledge of High Speed in China which will certainly be useful to share within the Institution. He expects to feedback his learning both from his 'tour' but importantly also his experience of learning and undertaking the exams into exam study groups.

b) Dell Award

The Dell award is made annually under a bequest of the late Robert Dell OBE (Past President). It is awarded to a member of the Institution employed by London Underground Ltd (or its successor bodies) for achievement of a high standard of skill in the science and application of railway signalling. The award takes the form of a plaque with a uniquely designed shield being added each year with the recipient's name engraved on it and a cheque for £300 to spend as the recipient wishes.

The Secretary announced that the winner of this year's Dell award was Janagan Yoganathan of TfL, and the President presented Jannagan with the Dell Award and congratulated him on his achievement.

Jana first joined the London Underground group of companies in 2013, working for Tube Lines in the Asset Performance area focussing on reducing delays and improving reliability of the SelTrac TBTC system. Since 2016 he worked exclusively on the 4LM project, delivering a new CBTC signalling system for the four sub-surface Underground lines comprising the Metropolitan, District, Hammersmith & City and Circle Lines. It is in this role that Jana has excelled, he has worked with the Principal Contractor to undertake software evaluation; capturing any issues and tracking them through to resolution. Jana has been the principal point of contact for a number of projects all of which have an interface with the TBTC system. These have included Jubilee Line Signalling Upgrade (JNSU), Northern Line Extension (NLE) and the works to facilitate the introduction of a more intensive timetable known as Working Timetable 58 (WTT58).

In the relatively short time that Jana has worked for London Underground he has had a significant impact in improving the service delivered to the people who live, work and visit the greatest capital city in the world. He continues to ensure that the signalling system being provided for nearly 40% of the network will be fit for purpose for many years to come.

c) IRSE-Signet Award

The IRSE-Signet Award was introduced in 2016, and it represents a further way of recognising high performance in the IRSE's Professional Examination. The Award is made annually to the candidate who achieves the highest marks in any single module of the Exam. The Award is made jointly by the IRSE and Signet Solutions Ltd and was introduced on the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Company. The winner receives funding to attend the Institution's annual Convention.

The Secretary announced that the winner of this year's IRSE-Signet Award was Paul Hobden of TfL. Unfortunately, Paul was not present to receive the award, and this would be presented at another opportune moment.

d) Merit Award

Merit Awards to Ian Moore FIRSE (already awarded to him at the York Section Dinner on 21 March 2019 by Colin Porter) and David Nicholson FIRSE of Atkins, who was not able to attend the AGM and would be awarded his medal at a later date.

7. NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT TAKES THE CHAIR

The Chair then invited the Institution's newly elected President, Mr George Clark, to take the Chair, and invested George with the Presidential Chain of office. Those present showed their congratulations with applause.

8. VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PAST PRESIDENT

Having been inaugurated as President, George then presented Markus with his Past President's medal and thanked him for his contribution to the IRSE's work as President during the last year. Members again showed their appreciation with applause.

9. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The new President then delivered his Presidential Address, having the theme "Delivering Change". *Post-meeting note: The Address was subsequently published in the May 2019 edition of IRSE NEWS.*

Responding to the Address, Andy Knight expressed his thanks for the Address on behalf of those present and wished George a very successful Presidential year.

After giving details of forthcoming events, the President then declared the Annual General Meeting closed.

Signed

Date 22nd April 2021