

MINUTES OF THE EGM ON 22 MAY 2024

Venue - THE HUB, LONDON SOUTHBANK UNIVERSITY AT 13:00

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Alistair Somerville, President who welcomed 46 members to the meeting. The notice convening the meeting was then taken as read by those present.

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Fiona Rogerson and Martin Lester.

Item 2 Report of the outcome of the advisory member vote.

The President reminded the meeting of the proposal they would be asked to vote on, namely:

“It is proposed that the Institute of Acoustics petition the Privy Council for a Royal Charter of Incorporation for the Institute as published on the Institute’s website, subject to the receipt of the Letters Patent from the College of Arms and inclusion of the necessary text to transfer the armorial bearings from the Institute of Acoustics to the Chartered Institute of Acoustics, and that the membership also agree, without further debate, to accept any alterations to the documents concerned that may be required by the Privy Council.”

He then asked the Chief Executive to inform the meeting of the purpose and results of the electronic vote.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that the Institute’s Articles of Association required that the decision on the motion to petition the Privy Council had to be voted on by a show of hands at the EGM. The purpose of the electronic vote was to inform those present of the wishes of those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The Chief Executive reported that 273 Corporate Members had cast their vote in the online election via the Institute’s Website, of which 267 had voted in favour of petitioning the Privy Council and 6 against.

Item 3 Motion to Accept

The president formally proposed the motion that:

The Institute of Acoustics petition the Privy Council for a Royal Charter of Incorporation for the Institute as published on the Institute’s website, subject to the receipt of the Letters Patent from the College of Arms and inclusion of the necessary text to transfer the armorial bearings from the Institute of Acoustics to the Chartered Institute of Acoustics, and that the membership also agree, without further debate, to accept any alterations to the documents concerned that may be required by the Privy Council.

The proposal was seconded by Chris Turner.

A vote was then taken by show of hands. There were 43 votes in favour of the proposal and 3 abstentions. There were no votes against. The motion therefore exceeded the 75% required to approve the proposal and the membership voted in favour of the proposal to Petition the Privy Council for a Royal Charter.

Item 4 AOB

The President expressed his and the member's gratitude for the work of the Charter Working Group and in particular Russell Richardson who chaired the group and Chris Turner who undertook most of the drafting of the Charter.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

Allan Chesney

Chief Exec