

NEWARK
ENGINEERING SOCIETY



CONSTITUTION

Revised 2014

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AN INTRODUCTION

The Newark Engineering Society was formed at the recommendation of Dr A Richardson BA DSc FGS, the Principal of the old "School of Science and Art" on 12 March 1928. At a special meeting a resolution in favour of the recommendation put forward by Mr A Menmuir, then Works Manager of Blagg and Johnson, was carried unanimously and the Society's first Council Meeting was held on 2 April 1928.

In the subsequent decades the Society has been supported by major companies in Newark, Newark Civic Authorities and the Newark and Sherwood College. The Society continues to retain a high membership and a very active Council chaired by an annually appointed President to foster new ideas.

The Society enables professional engineers, craftsmen, engineering enthusiasts and trained engineers to meet regularly to interchange and discuss experiences over a wide scope of engineering disciplines and to keep up to date with new designs, methods and processes through pre-arranged programmes of interesting and varied lectures and visits.

The Society also sets out to encourage the interests of young people in engineering design, production and marketing.

1. NAME:

The name of the Society shall be the

“NEWARK ENGINEERING SOCIETY”

2. OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Society shall be

- i To provide opportunities for professional discussion among Engineers and other members of the Society.
- ii To facilitate the interchange of ideas in respect of improvements or developments in the various branches of engineering.
- iii To generate an interest in engineering disciplines among young people.

3. GOVERNMENT:

The Society shall be governed by a Council, as hereinafter constituted, in accordance with the rules of the Society. The Council shall have the power to decide any cases not covered by the rules.

4. CONSTITUTION:

The Society shall consist of Junior Members, Full Members, Senior Members and Honorary Members.

5. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Members shall be persons of 16 years of age and over who:

- i are, or have been engaged in any of the various branches of Engineering, or
- ii have a genuine interest in Engineering subjects.

Junior Members shall be persons aged from 16 to 21 years of age.

Full Members shall be persons aged from 21 to 65 years of age.

Senior Members shall be persons who have attained the age of 65 years.

Honorary Membership shall be conferred at the Council's discretion on a person who has given outstanding service to the Society.

All classes of membership shall have the same voting rights and be eligible for all offices.

6. OFFICIALS:

The Officers of the Society shall comprise:

President
President Elect
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Secretary

7. THE COUNCIL:

The Council shall comprise:

President
President Elect
Past Presidents [see rule 9]
Honorary Treasurer
Honorary Secretary
Councillors [twelve]

8. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS:

The minimum number of members required for a quorum for the AGM and Council meetings shall be:

AGM – 10 members
Council Meetings – 7 members

9. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

The President, President Elect, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Council. Auditors and Councillors shall be elected annually by the Members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting.

Councillors shall normally hold office for three years; one third shall retire or seek re-election by rotation each year.

Past Presidents shall remain ex-officio members of the Council for four years.

A Councillor elected to fill a vacancy of a previous Councillor, whose term of office has not expired, shall hold office only for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

The Council shall have power to co-opt Councillors as the necessity arises and such Councillors shall serve only for the remainder of the Society year in which they were co-opted.

10. DUTIES

The duties of the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and the Auditors shall include presentation of reports to the Annual General Meeting.

The duties of the President shall include the Chairmanship of the Annual General Meeting and Council meetings, act as host to receive guest speakers and propose the vote of thanks at the end of works visits.

In the absence of the President these duties shall be undertaken by the President Elect or the President's appointed substitute.

11. FINANCE:

The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for all monies which, excluding petty cash, shall be deposited in a bank, approved by the Council, in the name of the Society. Three members of Council shall be nominated by the Council as signatories. Should a signatory cease to be a Council member they shall also cease to be a signatory and a new signatory shall be appointed.

The Honorary Treasurer shall pay accounts by either of the following methods:-

- by cheque which shall be signed by any two of the signatories , or
- by electronic transfer having obtained written approval from any two of the signatories.

Signatories shall not approve payments made out to themselves.

The Honorary Treasurer shall present an account of income and expenditure and a balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

12. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Members shall pay the appropriate rate of subscription for their class of Membership, as agreed at the Annual

General Meeting. All subscriptions shall be payable on the 1st May of each year.

A member over 12 months in arrears shall be notified and if the subscription is not then paid, the member may be deemed to have relinquished membership of the Society.

Honorary Members will not be required to pay subscriptions.

13. MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the period 1st April to 30th June. Details of the time and place of the meeting shall be circulated to members giving not less than 7 days notice.

The session for lectures and the reading and discussion of papers shall nominally extend from September to March.

The summer months shall be devoted to works visits and visits to other places of interest to members.

14. VISITORS:

Full Members, Junior Members and Senior Members may introduce a visitor to a meeting of the Society on obtaining formal permission from the Honorary Secretary. In accordance with a ruling of the presiding Council a Visitor's Fee shall be charged.

15. DISCUSSIONS:

The President or Appointed Substitute acting as chairman shall have the power to limit the discussion at any meeting.

16. ALTERATION TO RULES:

No alteration to the Constitution or rules of the Society shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Proposed alterations to the Constitution or Rules shall be stated on the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting and circulated to members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

17 WINDING-UP PROCEDURE

If an Annual General Meeting (AGM) fails to gain a quorum the following procedure shall take effect:-

1. All retiring members of council shall remain in office until they are replaced or re-elected at a properly constituted Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
2. The president shall nominate a date, time, and venue for an EGM and cause the whole membership to be informed and called to attend and deal with the business on the agenda of the AGM.
3. The date nominated for the EGM shall be no later than six weeks after the date of the original AGM or the last EGM.
4. The quorum for an EGM shall be the same as for an AGM.
5. If the EGM called by the president also fails to achieve a quorum then, fifteen minutes after the nominated start of the meeting, and if a quorum of council members is present, an extraordinary council meeting shall be convened.
6. All members present, who are not members of council, shall be co-opted onto council for the duration of the extraordinary council meeting.
7. This extraordinary council meeting shall decide if it is likely that a further adjournment will result in a quorum for an EGM. If it appears likely, the President shall proceed as in "2" above. There shall be no limit to the number of times this procedure can be used.
8. If the extraordinary meeting decides that a further adjournment is unlikely to result in a quorum for an EGM the Society shall wind-up.
9. If the EGM fails to achieve a quorum and the requirements for an extraordinary council meeting are not met the Society shall wind-up.
10. During the period of winding-up the following shall happen:
 - a. The Officers of the Society shall take all necessary decisions for an orderly wind-up.
 - b. All members shall be informed that the Society is being wound-up.
 - c. The President's Jewel shall be lodged with either the Nottinghamshire County Archive or the Museum Service.
 - d. The President-Elect's Jewel shall be lodged with either the Nottinghamshire County Archive or the Museum Service.
 - e. The website shall be closed.
 - f. The Hon. Treasurer shall ensure that all outstanding accounts are paid.

- g. All monies belonging to the society shall be donated to a charitable organisation with an engineering bias, as determined by the final Council.
 - h. All of the Society's records shall be deposited in the Nottinghamshire County Archive.
 - i. All associated organisations shall be informed of the society's termination.
 - j. The Society shall cease to exist.
11. This Rule 17 shall be reviewed in 2017 and thence at maximum five yearly intervals.

PRESIDENTS OF THE SOCIETY

1928 W A Richardson BA DSc FGS
 1929 C G H Richardson CBE BSc ARC SC
 1930 J Marsland MIMechE AInstWE
 1931 J W Whitaker BSc PhD DIC MIMinE
 1932 J E Palmer MInstBE
 1933 A J S Shewan BSc ARTC
 1934 C W Lane
 1935 G E Bedford MIMarE
 1936 W P L Harrison
 1937 W P L Harrison
 1938 R E Livesey Bsc AMIEE
 1939 A Llyall
 1940 A Menmuir MIHVE
 1941 G L Harbach AIM
 1942 G L Harbach AIM
 1943 A R Bowen DSc PhD
 1944 A R Bowen DSc PhD
 1945 F Gostick AMIMechE AMIPE
 1946 F Gostick AMIMechE AMIPE
 1947 R Sharp MIIS
 1948 R Sharp MIIS
 1949 J Scott BSc DRTC AMIMechE
 1950 J R Neal AMIPE AMIW
 1951 J R Neal AMIPE AMIW
 1952 E R Sellars BEM
 1953 R H Pulfrey MIPE
 1954 W Lamb
 1955 W Lamb
 1956 A E Ward
 1957 J Newham MIIS
 1958 H S Papworth
 1959 C C Catherine BSc[Eng] AMIMechE
 1960 J L Robinson PhD ARIC
 1961 S W Wood BSc[Eng] AMIMechE
 1962 B Jones AMIMechE AMIEE
 1963 A J Jones
 1964 G P Atkinson
 1965 G T Murrell MIPlantE
 1966 A G Scott AMIPlantE AIMarE
 1967 R W Crampton CEng MIEE MInstF AIMechE
 1968 W H Pinkney MISM
 1969 V N Allin CEng MIProdE
 1970 V N Allin CEng MIProdE
 1971 K Candeland C Eng MIMechE
 1972 J E Richards CEng MIMechE
 1973 R A Hobbs BSc CEng MIMechE
 1974 E W Thorne CEng MIMechE

1975 A G Scott T Eng CEI MIPlantE
 1976 G W Pratt CEng MIProdE
 1977 J B Lord
 1978 E Blundy
 1979 M R Leckie BSc CEng MIMechE
 1980 W E Cartledge CEng MIEE
 1981 J R Bower BTech CEng MIMechE
 1982 J H Gardiner CEng MIMarE DipSM MIISRM
 1983 G A Sinclair BSc MIProdE
 1984 C G Skinner Assoc ITEM
 1985 R A E Wood C Eng MIMechE
 1986 A T Sanders MA PhD CEng MIMechE
 1987 J M Hampshire BSc PhD
 1988 C R Reed BSc
 1989 G Carter BSc
 1990 J H Gardiner CEng MIMarE DipSM MIISRM
 1991 D G Halford CEng MIProdE
 1992 M P Jowett BSc AMIMechE
 1993 S T Wilkinson IEng MIMechIE
 1994 M J Shapley MSc MICE MIWEM
 1995 D Cox
 1996 S B A Tomlinson BEng AMIMechE
 1997 D Rickett
 1998 K Evans B Tech
 1999 G A Sinclair BSc MIProdE
 2000 G A Sinclair BSc MIProdE
 2001 S Watson BSc C.Eng MIMechE
 2002 G D Carnell BSc C.Eng FIMechE
 2003 P A Eagles BEng MIHT
 2004 S T Wilkinson IEng MIMechIE
 2005 C A Connell
 2006 J M Hampshire BSc PhD
 2007 J M Hampshire BSc PhD
 2008 J A Marshall
 2009 P A Eagles BEng MCIHT
 2010 C R Reed BSc CEng MIMechE
 2011 G A Sinclair BSc MIProdE
 2012 J A Marshall
 2013 C R George BSc CEng MICE
 2014 N K Kirton