

SCHEDULE OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AT THE AGM / SGM

YEAR 2002

The following **Resolutions** were adopted by the membership at the AGM held on October 26, 2002.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1

By-Law 98 was amended to read as follows :

Paragraph 3 of By-Law 98 (ii)

Each Sectional Committee shall comprise a Chairman who shall be a Corporate Member, and representatives with Two Fellows, Four Members, Three Associate Members and Three Companions and Associates.

It was declared that the resolution was passed unanimously.

Resolution – 2

By-law 19 was amended to read as follows :

Every Corporate Member, every Associate Member and every Associate who has been admitted to respective membership shall receive an appropriate certificate in English, with a translation in Sinhala or Tamil, if requested. This certificate will remain the property of the Institution and in the event of the holder ceasing to be a member shall on request be returned to the Institution.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
	94	16	01	127	74%

It was declared that the resolution was passed with two third majority.

Resolution – 3

The House resolved to amend By-laws 44, 50 & 98 (ii) to include Sectional Committees for Building Services Engineering and Information Technology and Communication Engineering.

As adopted by the House, the By-Laws 44, 50 and 98 were amended as shown below.

The Council

44. The Council shall consist of the following members :

- i. The President
- ii. Two Past-Presidents
- iii. President Elect
- iv. Three Vice-Presidents
- v. Honorary Secretary

- vi Honorary Treasurer
- vii. Chairmen of Sectional Committees
as per By-law 98
- viii Six Fellows
- ix Ten Members of whom not less than
FIVE shall be under 40 years of age
on the date of election.

50. 6 Fellows and 10 members shall serve on Council for two consecutive sessions at a time and shall be elected by the Corporate Members. 3 Fellows and 5 Members shall retire at the end of their two sessions term (except during the course of the first Session after these By-laws come into force, Council shall choose by the drawing of lots the name of one Fellow, who is to vacate his seat in Council at the end of the first Session.)

98. ii Sectional Committees shall be formed to engage in learned society activities, and for this purpose shall arrange Meetings, Seminars, Discussions, Visits and the like

For the present the Sections shall be

- a. Civil Engineering
- b. Mechanical Engineering
- c. Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- d. Agricultural & Plantation Engineering
- e. Chemical Engineering
- f. Building Services Engineering
- g. Information Technology and Communications Engineering

The Sections may be increased in number by the Council as and when it becomes necessary to do so, with the approval from the House.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
	99	07	06	127	78%

It was declared that the resolution was passed with two third majority.

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 4

This House resolves to amend the Annual membership subscriptions for the following categories of membership as detailed below, with a view to maintaining and enhancing the services provided to members, in spite of increase in expenditure. The fees payable by members will be subjected to any statutory tax imposed by Government from time to time.

	<u>Existing Fees</u>	<u>Proposed Fees</u>
Fellows	1,200/-	1,750/-
Members	950/-	1,300/-
Associate Members	600/-	800/-
Companions	650/-	1,000/-
Associates	650/-	1,000/-
Students<35 years	300/-	300/-
Students>35 years	650/-	1,000/-

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
		101	02	04	127

It was declared that the resolution was passed with two third majority.

Resolution – 5

This House resolves that the following scheme be adopted to enable senior engineers in the IT field to obtain Corporate Membership of the IESL, because at present there are no IESL Corporate Members in that discipline to sponsor their applications. The guidelines set out below will be for a limited period of time and will enable the IESL to admit as Corporate Members, senior engineers in the IT field.

Award the Corporate Membership if the following conditions are satisfied.

1. Should possess an Engineering Degree from an IESL recognised (accredited) University or equivalent qualifications.
2. Should have at least 08 years experience in the IT field.
3. Submit a report on recognised training and responsible experience, which should be of approximately 2500 words.
4. Face an Interview by a panel consisting of 3 members appointed by the Council, who would recommend to the Membership Committee, to seek approval of Council.
5. This scheme to be in force only for a period of four (4) years to allow a sufficient number of IT Engineers to be admitted as Corporate Members of the IESL.
6. After four (4) years grace period the scheme will cease, and IT Engineers will be required to seek admittance to Corporate Membership via the route set out in the PR Rules prevalent at that time.

It was declared that the resolution was passed unanimously.

YEAR 2003

The following **Resolutions** were voted on by the membership at the AGM held on October 25, 2003.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Note : Resolutions 1 & 2 were withdrawn

Resolution - 3

Proposer : Eng. S A D A Subasinghe

Secunder : Eng. George Samarawickrema

This House resolves that the By-Law No.72 be, mutatis mutandis amended by replacing the last three words of the first paragraph with “three consecutive years” and by the addition of the following as a third paragraph. “He shall also in corporation with the Executive Secretary follow up the functioning of the Secretariat and as an elected representative of the general membership keep the Council briefed of the secretariat’s performance and recommendations regarding the standards of performance and any improvements desirable to give the general membership continuing value added service.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
	09	40	26	93	8%

It was declared that the resolution was defeated.

Resolution - 4

Proposer : Eng. S A D A Subasinghe

Secunder : Eng. George Samarawickrema

This House resolves that the By-Law No.74 be, mutatis mutandis amended by replacing the last three words with “three consecutive years” and that By-Law No.75 be Mutatis mutandis, amended by the replacement of its last sentence with the following paragraph.

“He shall be vigilant about the financial affairs of the Institution and ensure through the Council that an adequate financial capability of the Institution is maintained to meet the general commitments as well as development and promotional activities of the Institution. He shall liaise with the Executive Secretary and any accounting executives and follow up the accounting functions in the Institution and have any records and statements prepared regularly and made available to any functional committee and or the Council for their information.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
	05	60	11	93	5%

It was declared that the resolution was defeated.

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Note : Resolution 5 was not taken up as the Proposer was not present

Resolution – 6

Proposer : Eng. K D A H Nanayakkara

Secunder : Eng.(Dr.) T M Pallewatta

The House resolved that in view of the crying need for Sri Lanka to find immediate solutions to the many areas appearing in crisis form, with little or no solutions at sight, that it is the responsibility of IESL to promote the utilization of the vast reservoir of knowledge experience and talent now lying untapped, among our own senior engineers, to contribute something for the benefit of our country. Creating a massive “Think Tank” initiated by IESL can be a positive step in the right direction.

This “Think Tank” should consist of eminent persons, independent and unbiased, genuinely national minded, non-political, possessing vast on the job experience, with unblemished track record, preferably with multidisciplinary experience / qualifications etc. to initially take the form of a “Technical Committee for National Issues” sponsored by IESL.

This “Technical Committee” may at a certain point of time take the form of a “Joint Committee” to pave the way for the entry of other disciplines as well and finally take the form of a “National Think Tank of Professionals” for Sri Lanka.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total Present	% For
	80	01	01	93	74%

It was declared that the resolution was passed.

Note : Resolutions 7 & 8 were withdrawn

YEAR 2004

The following **Resolutions** were voted on by the membership at the AGM held on October 23, 2004

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1

Resolution proposed by Council to amend By-Law 12.

Proposed By Law

Every proposal for admission or transfer to the Class of Fellow shall be in such a form as the Council may prescribe. This proposal shall be supported by at least 4 Corporate Members, not less than 2 of whom shall be Fellows, certifying that they recommend the admission of the candidate from personal knowledge of him and that his application is worthy of consideration. However in lieu of 2 Corporate members, 2 Chartered or

Professional Engineers or equivalent of Institutions recognized by the IESL, may support the application. Such proposal shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall submit it to Council for determination whether the candidate is suitable for admission as a Fellow in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations in force.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	62	04	03

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 2

Resolution proposed by Council to amend By-Law 13.

Proposed By Law

Every proposal for admission or transfer to the Class of Member shall be in such a form as the Council may prescribe. This proposal shall be supported by at least 4 Corporate Members, certifying that they recommend the admission of the candidate from personal knowledge of him and that his application is worthy of consideration. However in lieu of 2 Corporate members, 2 Chartered or Professional Engineers or equivalent of Institutions recognized by the IESL, may support the application Such proposal shall be delivered to the Secretary who shall submit it to Council for determination whether the candidate is suitable for admission to the Professional Review Examination in accordance with the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations in force.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	67	03	00

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 3

The Resolution proposed by Council to set up an Engineering Registration Board. For this purpose the following new By-Laws be introduced.

107. The Institution shall establish a Registration Board to regulate the engineering profession and matters related therewith as well as the development of Professional Engineers.
108. The Registration Board shall be named as the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka Registration Board for Professional Engineers..
109. The Board shall be an autonomous body of the Institution.
110. The composition of the Board shall be:
 - (i) The President of The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board for the duration of his/her period of Office.

- (ii) The Deputy Chairman who shall be an eminent engineer, to be nominated by the Council of the Institution from a list of three eminent engineers, proposed by a committee appointed by the President of the Institution.
 - (iii) Three members to represent each of the disciplines of Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and one member to represent all other disciplines to be nominated by the Council of the Institution.
 - (iv) Four nominees who are Chartered or Professional Engineers from the academic staff of the Engineering Faculties of the Universities of Sri Lanka having not more than one member from a Faculty, to be nominated by the University Grants Commission;
 - (v) Two engineers from the state sector, holding or who have held not less than the rank of Chief Engineer or equivalent and have had a minimum of ten (10) years post-Charter experience, nominated by the Council of the Institution.
 - (vi) Four members representing the Private Sectors nominated by the Council of the Institution.
 - (vii) Chairman of the IESL Accreditation Board
 - (viii) All members shall be Corporate Members of the Institution.
111. (i) The members of Engineering Registration Board except the first Board, shall hold office for a term of four years, but shall not be eligible for re-election or re-nomination for two consecutive terms, except in the case of the Chairman whose term is defined in 110(i).
(ii) However the term of office in the membership in the first Board, half of the members excluding the Deputy Chairman of the Board shall terminate at the expiry of two years from the date of appointment. This Board shall at its very first meeting determine by draw of lots, the members whose term of office shall so terminate.
112. A Corporate Member of The Institution, fulfilling the prescribed requirements of the Board and having his/her name entered in the register at the order of the Board, shall be called a Professional Engineer and shall be entitled to use the abbreviations PEng. after his or her name, and shall be able to use such insignia, emblems etc. as the Board may prescribe and award as long as his/her name is on the Register.
113. The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka Registration Board for Professional Engineers will cease to exist when the Sri Lanka Engineering Board is incorporated by Act of Parliament.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	62	01	06

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 4

The Resolution proposed by the Council to set up an Accreditation Board. For this purpose the following new By-Laws be introduced.

114. The Institution shall establish the Board of Accreditation for Engineering and Technical Education in order to ensure quality control and quality assurance in engineering & technical education.

115. The Accreditation Board shall be named as the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka Board of Accreditation.
116. The Board shall be an autonomous body of the Institution.
117. The Council of the Institution shall frame by-laws regarding the function and management of the Board.
118. The composition of the Board shall be :
- (i) The Chairman shall be an eminent Practitioner/Teacher in engineering to be nominated by the Council of the Institution from a panel of three eminent Practitioners/Teachers proposed by a committee appointed by the President of the Institution.
 - (ii) The President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka who will be an ex-officio member of the Board for the duration of the period of his term of office.
 - (iii) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
 - (iv) ~~Dean of Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).~~
 - (v) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
 - (vi) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Technology, Open University of Sri Lanka or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
 - (vii) Chairman/member of UGC (with background of science/technical education).
 - (viii) Representative of Ministry of Science & Technology - not below Additional Secretary level (preferably with background of science & technology).
 - (ix) Five (5) Corporate Members from Industry, of which at least two(2) shall be from the State Sector, nominated by the Council of the Institution.
 - (x) All members with the exception of those mentioned in 118(vii) and 118(viii) above shall be Corporate Members of The Institution.
119. (i) The members of the Board except the first Board, shall hold office for a term of four years, but shall not be eligible for re-election or re-nomination for two consecutive terms, except in the case of the Chairman who shall serve only one term.
- (ii) However the term of office in the membership in the first Board, half of the members excluding the Chairman of the Board shall terminate at the expiry of two years from the date of appointment. This Board shall at its very first meeting determine by draw of lots, the members whose term of office shall so terminate.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	57	02	06

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 5

The Resolution proposed by Council to amend the Code of Ethics (Appendix 1 of the By-Laws) and the Rules as follows :

Proposed Clause - 1

1. Engineers shall hold paramount the safety, health, and welfare of the public and proper utilization of the funds and other resources in the performance of their professional duties. It shall take precedence over their responsibility to the profession, sectoral or private interests, employers or to other engineers

New Clause - 8

8. Engineers shall be committed to the need for sustainable management of the planet's resources and seek to minimize adverse environmental impacts of their engineering works or applications of technology so as to protect both present and future generations.

Proposed Rule 1.4

Rule 1.4 shall not participate in assignments that would create conflict between their (engineers) clients /employers and the public and shall advise the client of their (engineers) concerns.

Proposed Rule 1.5

Rule 1.5 shall, in the event of their judgement being over-ruled in matters pertaining to welfare, health or safety of the community, inform their (engineers) clients or employers of the possible consequences and bring to their (clients) notice their (Engineers) obligations as professionals to inform the relevant authority.

New Rule 1.9

Rule 1.9 shall actively contribute to the well being of society and, when involved, in any engineering project or application of technology, shall, where appropriate, recognize the need to identify, inform and consult affected parties to help resolve problems involved.

Proposed Rule 6.1

Rule 6.1 engineers' professional reports, statements or testimony before any tribunal shall be objective and such opinions shall be expressed only on the basis of adequate knowledge and technical competence in the area, but this does not preclude a considered judgment based intuitively on experience and wide relevant knowledge.

Rules for New Clause 8

To this end engineers –

- Rule 8.1 shall carefully evaluate adverse environmental impacts and incorporate practical remedial measures to minimize them.
- Rule 8.2 shall consider theoretical, legislative, regulatory and policy aspects of environmental protection and sustainable management of the available resources.
- Rule 8.3 shall critically analyze how the proposed project or the application of technology relates to sustainability considerations.
- Rule 8.4 shall identify and assess options for material recovery and disposal.

Rule 8.5 shall analyze opportunities for resource and energy conservation and, design appropriately optimized systems.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	69	00	05

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution - 6

Proposer : Eng. M Y Zainudeen

Secunder : Eng. S Mohanarajah

There shall be a branch of the Institution in the form of a provincial center, established in every administrative province of the country to carry out the function of the Institution more effectively for the benefit of the provincial members in addition to fulfill the objectives given in the Act of the Institution, in the provinces better. A committee of Management headed by a Chairman, who shall be a Corporate Member and shall attend the Council meetings by invitation as an observer shall administer the functions of the each provincial center.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	58	02	01

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 10

Proposer : Eng. K D A H Nanayakkara

Secunder : Eng.(Dr.) T M Pallewatta

Whenever a new proposal or idea is brought by an Engineer who is neither a Council Member nor a Past President and such proposal is duly adopted and made use of that such effort is recognized in a just / fitting manner. Such a practice will not only ensure more and more engineers to bring in new ideas badly needed by our Institute or our profession and also bring about a binding link of all engineers outside the Council / Past Presidents closer to the Institution for greater mutual benefits.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	02	42	18

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

Resolution – 11

Proposer : Eng. K D A H Nanayakkara

Secunder : Eng. Dharmasiri De Alwis

The IESL should not confine the usage of the prefix “Eng.” only for postal purposes but to ensure its common usage by engineers exactly in the same manner as do the medical doctors in the usage of the prefix “Dr.” (standing for medical doctor). Only a few major engineering ministries / departments enforce this rule but not many others, including the engineers heading the Provincial Services. Since more than 12 years have passed since the adoption of this practice, this house urges that a reminder be sent to concerned organizations in addition to making use of the recently appointed engineers as Chairman / Secretary etc. to continue this good practice, as far as possible.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	52	05	02

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 12

Proposer : Eng. K D A H Nanayakkara

Secunder : Eng.(Dr.) T M Pallewatta

When an official of IESL participates in a seminar or similar event in a foreign country where the cost is borne through IESL funds, that he/she shall submit to President – IESL within one month, a report giving an account of such visit, the benefits of such visit to IESL and to the engineering profession. A copy of such report also be made available in the library for reference by any member who desires to study such report.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	46	01	01

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 13

Proposer : Eng. K D A H Nanayakkara

Secunder : Eng.(Dr.) T M Pallewatta

Whenever a major development / construction / improvement to IESL Headquarters is planned to be undertaken, that details of such proposals be published in the IESL Newsletter prior to calling for tenders, for the benefit of members who wish to know such details.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	11	16	05

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

Resolution – 14

Proposer : Eng.(Dr.) T M Pallewatta

Secunder : Eng. P P Wijesekera

To Upgrade the Functioning of the IESL

Engineering is a high precision, quality based profession. If so the IESL should be a model Institution in its field where quality assurance is given up top priority. Among many corrective measures suggested by concerned members, there has been a proposal to seek ISO 9001 : 2000 (the latest identification) Certification as appropriate to our Institution.

The Council should take steps forthwith to apply and carry out the necessary procedures to obtain the ISO quality assurance certification initiating the procedures within four weeks of this AGM. For this purpose a Committee of five senior knowledgeable members including not more than two from the Council shall be appointed at this AGM. The progress of action being taken shall be reported monthly through the SLEN.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	25	26	06

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

Resolution – 15

Proposer : Eng. H D S De Alwis

Secunder : Eng. W T R De Silva

Draft Engineering Act of Sri Lanka

Background

At the AGM of the IESL held in October 1960 a resolution had been proposed to initiate action to register engineers. Although this resolution had been adopted by the membership, no action had been taken following thereafter until the matter was reviewed on 06 June 1990, on which date an SGM was held to consider the report submitted by the First Committee. At that SGM it had been decided to formulate registration under a separate Act. A Second Committee had been appointed to proceed with the task.

However, at the AGM held on 20 October 1991 a resolution had been proposed and passed to implement registration within the IESL Act. The Second Committee had continued its deliberations as per above directions and presented its report to Council during the year 1992. This report highlighted that the proposed registration within the IESL Act was not possible, according to legal opinion, without amending the existing IESL Act.

The Council then proposed a resolution to the general membership giving three options. The house then decided not to implement registration.

At the AGM held on 21 October 1992 a resolution was proposed and seconded by two Corporate Members expressing dissatisfaction with the report of the Second Committee. The resolution had been adopted and a Third Committee was appointed.

The Report of the Third Committee had been submitted at the AGM held in October 1993. Thereafter, several committees were appointed by the IESL / Council to incorporate minor amendments to the Draft Act formulated by the Third Committee.

During the period 1994 to 2003 the Draft Act has been submitted to several ministers of the government of Sri Lanka. However, the IESL has not been successful in getting a single minister to sponsor it at least upto the Cabinet of Ministers.

The current status of the Draft Act is that it has been shelved indefinitely. Instead the Council has decided to concentrate on the strengthening of the IESL Act, and is being attended to by the Council. (Please refer Report of Council for Session 2002/2003 adopted at the AGM held on 25 October 2003).

The House is of the view that the “**Draft Engineering Act of Sri Lanka**” is of utmost professional and national importance to the entire engineering profession of Sri Lanka. Apart from the efforts made by the IESL to produce an excellent legal document, during the last two decades, no visible progress is seen.

Therefore the IESL should immediately undertake a positive facilitator role and seek sponsorship by a Cabinet Minister to carry forward the draft Act with approvals etc. to the Parliament of Sri Lanka. The Council of IESL for the Session 2004/2005 should also report to the membership as and when necessary through SLEN or otherwise, regarding progress.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	56	00	00

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 16

Proposer : Eng. M Zubair

Secunder : Eng. S A D A Subasinghe

Having noted that :

- a) the excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ended 31 December 2002 was over Rs.440,000/-
- b) the corresponding figure for the year ended 31 December 2003 was over Rs.2,400,000/-, namely a six-fold year-on-year increase and
- c) the expenses will increase exponentially specially with the forthcoming Centenary Celebrations of the Institution.

and that the available funds of the Institution are depleting alarmingly rapidly resulting in the curtailment and substantial reduction in the activities of the Institution and hence affecting whatever benefits accruing to the members at present and reducing the effectiveness of the Institution in the national context:

The membership should be called upon to bear a substantial increase of their annual subscription to counter the observed negative trends;

The House resolved that a Subscription Review Committee of three Corporate Members be appointed by the President to study all matters pertaining to an increase in the annual subscription payable by various categories of members. This Committee shall recommend to the Council on or before 31st July 2005 and each year thereafter an increase, not exceeding 100 percent, on the present subscriptions. It is further resolved that the Council is hereby required to increase the annual subscription payable by members of every category by approximately twenty five percent (25%) of the present amount. The increase shall be with effect from 1st January 2005.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	34	11	07

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 17

Proposer : Eng. S A D A Subasinghe

Secunder : Eng. D A R Dolage

To Set up a Multi-benefit Semi-Commercial Subsidiary for the IESL

By the nature of their assignments and the limited facilities available in the outstations the younger Institutional members stationed in the Provinces find it very difficult to get opportunities to fulfill the Training and the Experience of the order required by the PR conditions etc. Unless the IESL helps and nurtures them, the future engineer generation would gradually become professionally backward and sub-standard, a loss to the profession and the country.

At the same time there are Govt. and Semi Govt. establishments that have engineering related projects or expansions and improvements to their principle or associated functions that, due to engineering capability limitations or for some other reason/s cannot get off the ground or get heavily delayed or get stalled half way. The private sector is often not interested in them on grounds of non-profitability or due to red tape etc. These establishments are somewhat helpless or stranded in those areas. However, such work often consists of truly engineering work of responsibility and are also technically very absorbing and challenging that can help upgrade young and not so young engineers if opportunity to work on them can be provided.

As an avenue to help the younger members to fulfill the PR requirements and for the Institution to be of more practical service to the economic development of the Country, those two problems can be put together for a mutual solution. These somewhat helpless organizations can provide the opportunities and the cost of getting their held up tasks going, and our opportunity-seeking members can get the opportunities to take the challenges through a suitably arranged independent, basically non-profit making unit in the IESL to do real engineering activity and fulfill the PR requirements faster under the guidance of our specialists and Mentors. There are many advantages and benefits for both parties in this functional co-operation. According to our present act this type of activity cannot be engaged in by the IESL. The secretariat cannot handle this business

like function either. A purpose-set-up detached independently managed subsidiary of the Institution may be the multi-benefit solution.

Therefore this House resolves that the Council should take very early action to set up the Semi-Commercial Subsidiary in the form of a limited liability company, wholly owned by the IESL, that has been proposed for some time, and have it registered and functioning within the next three months. It is understood that most of the preparatory work for registration has been done by a few active members and the project can be initiated within a matter of weeks.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	02	42	00

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

Resolution – 18

Proposer : Eng. D A R Dolage

Secunder : Eng. S A D A Subasinghe

To Honour our Current Professional Achievers

Most members know that in the Council Chamber we have large photographs of past presidents, who had made great achievements for the IESL and for the local engineering profession and also of who did not come up to that mark. The other great achievers (non-president), even a few, have been unsung and totally forgotten.

Further glorification of this limited number has been launched at the members' expense by putting the names of the above all categories of presidents on the same glittering brass display boards in the entrance lobby – this despite written objections by some distinguished past presidents. While these excessive glorifications are going on, our many unsung achievers, present or past, (some even honoured by the State) who may have made even greater sacrifices and achieved for the profession more than that by those who won the IESL crown, have not been given thought to by the IESL – regarding its own prodigies.

Most honest and patriotic achievers do not look for glorification, but they act with dedication and determination to realize high achievements against all odds and forge ahead with courage to achieve high standards for the profession and the country, while setting examples to the younger engineers. We may have many members with outstanding potential for professional boldness and making unique achievements – but only if we have a scheme to promote the great purpose. Noteworthy honouring recognition of the present achievers, a few of whom are among us even currently, would naturally attract professional respect among the membership and boost the achievers prowess further. The resulting encouragement and stimulation of the younger members to go forward systematically and take challenges boldly and ambitiously would perhaps be the greatest benefit for the profession through these honouring recognitions.

In view of the said shortcomings, with the object of drawing up and implementing a Scheme to appropriately recognize and honour extra-ordinary and unique professional achievements and the achievers of the members of this Institution as aforesaid, this House resolves that the Council shall, as a matter of urgency set up an on-going specialist committee of seven members with a quorum of four to collect the essential information of our achievers annually, set standards and evaluate them and annually recommend to the Council the names of the members who have come up to the mark for being honoured through achievements of the previous year. For this launching year, the achievements in the past two years may be considered and the honouring event launched within this calendar year. The innovated form of the honouring should be such that while expressing the IESL's respect to the achiever, it should be an on going incentive publicity that will all the time remind and encourage the younger members to achieve and seek similar recognition through unique engineering achievements.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	16	17	05

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

YEAR 2005

The following **Resolutions** were voted on by the membership at the AGM held on October 29, 2005.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1

The Resolution proposed by Council to amend By-Law 109.

Background

This By-Law was passed at the AGM 2004 as one of the By-Laws necessary for the setting up of the IESL Registration Board (Resolution 3).

After the Board met and arising from discussions it was felt that this By-Law was not correct as it could not function independent of the Institution. Legal opinion confirmed this and it was suggested that By-Law 109 be amended accordingly

Existing By-Law

“The Board shall be an autonomous body of the Institution”

Proposed By-Law

“The Board shall function independently subject to the general policies of the Institution.”

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total
	58	04	15	93

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 2

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 116.

Background

This By-Law was passed at the AGM 2004 as one of the By-Laws necessary for the setting up of the IESL Accreditation Board (Resolution 4).

After the Board met and arising from discussions it was felt that this By-Law was not correct as it could not function independent of the Institution. Legal opinion confirmed this and it was suggested that By-Law 116 be amended accordingly.

Existing By-Law

“The Board shall be an autonomous body of the Institution”

Proposed By-Law

“The Board shall function independently subject to the general policies of the Institution.”

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Total
	58	02	17	93

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

YEAR 2006

The following **Resolutions** were voted on by the membership at the AGM held on October 28, 2006.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1

The Resolution proposed by Council :

The interim route to Corporate Membership for senior engineers in the IT field was approved by the House at the AGM of the 96th Annual Sessions held on the 26th October 2002. This scheme was to be in force for a period of 4 years and will cease after the AGM in October 2006. The IT & C Sectional Committee has canvassed this scheme in the industry and anticipates a favourable response from IT professionals. As such this House resolves that the present scheme be extended for a period of two years.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	59	01	06	80

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 2

The Resolution proposed by the Council :

This House resolves that the following scheme be adopted to enable senior engineers in the Clothing / Textile field to obtain Corporate Membership of the IESL, because at present there are no IESL Corporate Members in that discipline to sponsor their applications. The guidelines set out below will be for a limited period of time and will enable the IESL to admit as Corporate Members, senior engineers in the Clothing / Textile field.

Award the Corporate Membership if the following conditions are satisfied.

7. Shall possess **any** Engineering Degree recognised or accredited by the IESL or an IESL recognized degree in Clothing/Textile Process Engineering
8. Shall have at least 8 years post-qualifying experience in the of Clothing/Textile Process Engineering field with increasing levels of responsibility.
9. Submit a report of approximately 2500 words on training and experience, highlighting increasing levels of responsibility with emphasis on experience in the clothing/textile process industry.
10. Shall face an Interview by a panel consisting of three (3) Chartered Engineers to determine the suitability of the candidate.
11. This scheme to be in force initially for a period of four (4) years.
12. The scheme to be reviewed after the four (4) year period
13. After the scheme ceases, Clothing/Textile Process Engineers will be required to seek admittance to Corporate Membership via the route set out the PR Rules prevalent at that time.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	62	00	01	80

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution - 3

The Resolution proposed by the members :

Proposer : Eng. H D S de Alwis

Seconder : Eng. (Dr.) T M Pallewatte

This House resolves that the sub-clause (g) of the By-Law-04 (Revised up to 1996-10-18) be amended as shown below:

Existing Clause

- g. has been accepted for admission as a Member through the Mature Engineering Candidate Route, as per the relevant rules.

Proposed Amendment

- g. has been accepted for admission as a Member through the Mature Engineering Candidate Route, having satisfied the following requirements and the relevant rules.
- Be at least 45 years of age at the date of application
 - Should have considerable experience and responsibility, comparable with that of a qualified Engineer in a relevant branch of Engineering for period not less than 15 years, in an Engineering organization, recognized by the IESL.
 - Should have educational qualifications, experience and competence in Engineering, when taken in aggregate satisfies the Council for eligibility of candidature.

This Resolution was withdrawn by the Proposer and Seconder for further review by the Council

Resolution - 4

The Resolution proposed by the members :

Proposer : Eng. H D S de Alwis

Seconder : Eng. (Dr.) T M Pallewatte

This house resolves that no candidate for Professional Review (except Mature Engineering Candidate Route) should be exempted from written examination Papers A or B

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	07	38	15	80

It was declared that the Resolution was defeated.

YEAR 2007

The following **Resolutions** were voted on by the membership at the AGM held on October 27, 2007.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 8.

Proposed By-Law 8

Associates shall comprise every person who has been admitted to the Class of Associate so long as his name is on the Roll as such.

Every candidate for admission or transfer to the Class of Associate shall satisfy the Council that he;

- i. is not less than 25 years of age
- ii. is one who is holding a post of engineer or one equivalent to that of an engineer in a recognised organisation as determined by the Council.
and
- iii. possesses technical qualifications **and** experience as determined by the Council.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	74	01	02	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 2

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 46(a), inclusive of amendments proposed and accepted at the AGM on 27/10/2007.

Proposed By-Law 46 a

President-Elect shall be elected by the Corporate Membership from among those who have held office as Vice President for at least one full Session. The President Elect shall hold office in Council for one full Session and shall assume the post of President at the end of the Session.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	53	04	07	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 3

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 72.

Proposed By-Law 72

- (a) The Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Council. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary under the direction of the Council, to conduct the correspondence of the Institution, to attend the meetings of the Institution and of Committees; to circulate or read the minutes of the proceedings of previous meetings and such Communications as may be ordered to be circulated or read; to superintend such publications as the Council may direct; to have charge of the library; to effect the collection of subscriptions, fees, grants and other revenues and the preparation of accounts of receipts and expenditure; to incur expenditure authorized by Council; to present all accounts to the Council for inspection and approval; to be responsible for all Institution Examinations and for the administration of the Secretariat and to conduct all ordinary business of the Institution. The Executive Secretary, not being a Member of Council, is not entitled to vote.

- (b) “The Deputy Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the Council and shall assist the Executive Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and will also act for the Executive Secretary in his absence, unless specified otherwise.“

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	74	00	01	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution - 4

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 81.

Proposed By-Law 81

“All payments from the funds of the Institution, with the exception of payments made from Petty Cash Imprest approved by the Council and as provided for in By Law 105 (v) shall be effected by order of the Council by means of cheques signed by the Executive Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer or by another Officer of the Council. Where however the Executive Secretary be not available for the signing of the cheques through illness or such other good reason, then the President shall authorize the Deputy Executive Secretary in writing to sign cheques in place of the Executive Secretary for the duration of the non-availability of the Executive Secretary to sign such cheques. If the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary are both not available then the President will authorize an officer of the Institution (By-Law 43) in writing to sign cheques during the period of their non-availability. The Deputy Executive Secretary or such other person authorised in writing as herein before stated to sign instead of the Executive Secretary shall obtain receipts in respect of all such payments.”

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	74	00	01	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 5

At the 98th AGM in October 2004 it was resolved that a Subscription Review Committee of three Corporate Members be appointed by the President to study all matters pertaining to an increase in the annual subscription payable by various categories of members. This Committee would recommend to the Council on or before 31st July each year an increase, not exceeding 100 percent, on the present subscriptions. The Subscription Review Committee has been functioning since and has recommended revised subscriptions for 2008.

With a view to encouraging members to pay their subscriptions early this House resolves to offer a discount on the annual subscription for those who pay in full on or before the 31st January 2008.

Taking into consideration the above the proposed subscription rates for the year 2008 will be as given below. VAT of 15% will be levied on subscriptions.

Category	Subscription 2007	Subscription 2008	Subscriptions allowing Discount
Fellows	2700	3200	3000
Members	2100	2500	2250
Associate Members	1250	1600	1400
Associates	1800	2000	1800
Companions	1850	2000	1800
Students – Under 35	500	600	550
Students – Over 35	1550	1700	1550

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	66	00	01	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 6

The Resolution proposed by the members :

Proposer : Eng. D L O Mendis

Secunder : Eng. Gratian A Peiris

This House resolves to recommend to Government to undertake restoration of the “River for Jaffna Project” that was initiated fifty years ago and has now fallen into disuse. It will go a long way

towards winning the hearts and minds of the people of the Jaffna Peninsula by providing them with improved water supply from their traditional wells whose water will be enhanced in both quality and quantity by this project.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	49	00	08	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

Resolution – 7

The Resolution proposed by the members :

Proposer : Eng. D L O Mendis

Secunder : Eng. N Rupasinghe

This House offers its warmest congratulations to Ambassador Jayantha Dhanapala who takes office as President of the International Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs at the 57th International Pugwash Conference in Bari, Italy, October 21-26, 2007 for a five year term of office. He follows in the footsteps of Nobel Laureates Hans Alfvén, Dorothy Hodgkin, and Sir Joseph Rotblat, and Fields Medalist, Mathematician Sir Michael Atiyah, and we hope that he will himself be awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in the not too distant future.

The Resolution was not taken up as the Secunder was not present.

Resolution – 8

The Resolution proposed by the members :

Proposer : Eng. D L O Mendis

Secunder : Eng. Gratian A Peiris

Three Year Engineering Profession Development Plan

The membership of the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka notes that:

1. Due to sustained efforts over a number of years by the Council and the Secretariat, the IESL has been admitted to the full membership of the Engineers Mobility Forum (EMF) and the provisional membership of the Washington Accord (WA). Further with the Professional Engineer accreditation now accessible by the IESL members, competitiveness and acceptability of the IESL members have seen a significant enhancement locally and globally. Maintaining these standards require a long term commitment and introduction of new activities and programs to elevate the IESL members to win and retain global recognition and benefit from being able to

provide engineering services in other countries as individuals or enterprises and enhancing their to take the full advantage of these strengths and thereby enhance the image, career options and the earning capacity of the engineers is yet to be formulated and implemented by the IESL;

2. Overall demand for and the corresponding range, volume and quality of engineering services have increased globally and locally. However, relative to the overall growth of the demand for engineering services the range, volume and quality of engineering services provided by the IESL members may not have increased by the same percentage. Slower growth of the engineering services provided by the IESL members may be attributed to reasons such as some of the services in high demand are being strategically and progressively carved out from mainstream engineering by other professionals and taken into their domains, increasing penetration by foreign engineers and non-engineers into the Sri Lankan market for engineering services, lack of an aggressive and coordinated lobbying on the part of the IESL and the local engineering community against such intrusion, which is often illegal, and also due to lack of a strategic plan to safeguard the interests of the IESL membership. On the supply end the intake to the Engineering Faculties of the Sri Lankan Universities has increased and a significant number of other Sri Lankans obtain engineering degrees from foreign universities, resulting in a permanent increase in the supply of engineers. Under the circumstances average earnings of entry level engineers as well as that of senior engineers may have decreased in comparison with the earnings growth in other professions, leading to bright young engineers embarking on non-engineering carriers without even first receiving basic engineering training that would be later useful to them, their employers and the Country. This situation has already caused a significant negative impact on the status of the IESL membership, their income and their career paths;
3. Participation at the events organised by the Sectional Committees, CPD Activities, Competitions, Awards, Presentations, Memorial Lectures etc. organised by the IESL has seen a marked decline though such decline may not be quantified in the absence of statistical data. On a positive note some of the Provincial Centers of the IESL receive enthusiastic support of the membership. Hence, while the IESL membership is progressively becoming somewhat uninterested and distanced in the Institution and its activities showing a lukewarm attitude towards their own development and that of the Institution, other institutions and associations have sprouted and gaining momentum making inroads to the engineering services field challenging the status of the IESL as the Apex National Engineering Body and the status of IESL members as the most sought after engineers in Sri Lanka;
4. While the competition for the apex positions such as Chairman, Directors, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Technical Officer (CTO), Project Director, Project Manager etc. in the private sector and positions such as the Ministerial Secretaries, Chairman, Director General, Commissioner etc. in the public sector organisations has increased from a diverse pool of candidates – qualified and unqualified, it may be correct to state that the competitiveness of IESL members and other qualified engineers in relation to other professionals. As a result positions that were traditionally occupied by engineers and the members of the IESL are being given to non-engineers. Further, due to inadequate continuous

professional development and softer skills some of the engineers do not perform to an acceptable level providing yet another valid reason for opening up such positions to non-engineers.

In view of the above the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka resolves that the IESL Council shall formulate a pro-active and results oriented strategy and Develop a **Three Year Engineering Profession Development Plan for the period 2008 to 2010** with the objectives of enhancing the image of the IESL and its membership, employment potential and career prospects of engineers, relative competitiveness and earning capacity of engineers, developing skills of the engineers to confidently take up and perform in high profile positions in the public and private sectors in consultation with the IESL membership and other stakeholders and submit a draft Development Plan for the comments and endorsement of the membership of the IESL before February 29, 2008.

This Development Plan shall inter alia:

- A. Identify the relevant issues and address them through a series of results oriented interventions;
- B. Spell out lobbying, awareness and marketing activities with clear responsibilities, targets and indicators;
- C. Allocate adequate resources for Continuous Professional Development (CPD), bridging qualifications, mentoring, member services and other activities to enhance the competitiveness of IESL members, their status and income generation capacity with a special emphasis on the benefits to the young engineers;
- D. Commit a significant sum of the IESL funds for the above Development Plan over the three year period and mobilize additional funds from sponsors and donations; and
- E. Integrate an effective monitoring and evaluation plan for the implementation of the Development Plan.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained	Present
	69	04	01	97

It was declared that the Resolution was passed.

YEAR 2008

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

The following **Resolution** was taken up at the AGM held on October 25, 2008.

Resolution – 1

The Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 3.

Proposed By-Law 3

Fellows shall comprise every person who has been admitted or transferred into the Class of Fellow as long as his name is on the Roll as such.

Every candidate for admission or transfer to the Class of Fellow shall satisfy the Council that he :

- i. a. is more than 35 years of age;
- b. is a Member or has fulfilled the conditions necessary for Membership;
has had sufficient experience of a nature acceptable to the Council involving at least five years of responsibility in engineering superior to that required for Membership;
and
is, disregarding temporary unemployment, engaged in the practice of or associated with engineering;

The Council may require any candidate to attend an interview conducted on its behalf in order that he may better satisfy the Council that he possesses the requisite qualifications.

or

By-Law 3(ii) - Special Route for Distinguished Engineers

- (a) He possesses a degree in engineering from a recognized University acceptable to IESL or an equivalent qualification accepted by IESL.
- (b) He is more than 40 years of age.
- (c) He is a practicing professional with at least 15 years service after graduation.
- (d) He has been engaged in the development and advancement of the Engineering profession / Industry/ Society, for the benefit of the mankind contributing to economic enhancement and recognition to his organization and to the country.
- (e) He possesses such knowledge in his field for actively furtherance of the Engineering profession and is a fit person by all means to be enrolled as a Fellow.
- (f) The Council may invite such candidate to attend a discussion conducted on its behalf in order that he may better satisfy the Council that he possesses the caliber to enhance the Mission of the IESL.

The Resolution was withdrawn at the AGM.

YEAR 2009

The following **Resolution** was taken up at the Annual General Meeting held on October 10, 2009.

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 7

At the 98th AGM in October 2004 it was resolved that a Subscription Review Committee of three Corporate Members be appointed by the President to study all matters pertaining to an increase in the annual subscription payable by various categories of members. This Committee would recommend to the Council on or before 31st July each year an increase, not exceeding 100 percent, on the present subscriptions. The Subscription Review Committee has been functioning since and has recommended revised subscriptions for 2010.

Taking into consideration the above the proposed subscription rates for the year 2010 will be as given below. VAT of 12% will be levied on subscriptions.

Category	Subscriptions 2009	Subscriptions 2010
Fellows	3,200	4,000
Members	2,500	3,200
Associate Members	1,600	2,100
Associates	2,000	2,200
Companions	2,000	2,200
Students – Under 35	600	700
Students – Over 35	1,700	2,000

The following amendments were proposed to the Resolution.

- (i) “This House resolves that a 10% reduction of the Annual Subscription is permitted, if paid before January 31st of the relevant year.”
- (ii) To change the word “increase’ in the preamble of the Resolution to “revision”.

The Resolution was adopted with the incorporation of the amendments proposed.

YEAR 2010

The following **Resolutions** were taken up at the Annual General Meeting held on October 30, 2010.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 3 was adopted with amendments as indicated.

Resolution Adopted at the AGM

Fellows shall comprise every person who has been admitted or transferred into the Class of Fellow as long as his name is on the Roll as such.

Every candidate for admission or transfer to the Class of Fellow shall satisfy the Council that he :

- i.
 - a. is more than 35 years of age;
 - b. is a Member or has fulfilled the conditions necessary for Membership;
 - c. has had sufficient experience of a nature acceptable to the Council involving at least five years of responsibility in engineering superior to that required for Membership;
 - d. is, disregarding temporary unemployment, engaged in the practice of or associated with engineering;

The Council may require any candidate to attend an interview conducted on its behalf in order that he may better satisfy the Council that he possesses the requisite qualifications.

or

- ii. a. possess a degree in engineering accredited by the Institution or an equivalent qualification accepted by the Institution.

- b. is more than 40 years of age.
- c. is a practicing engineering professional with at least 15 years service after graduation.
- d. has made an outstanding contribution to the development and advancement of engineering profession / industry/ society, towards the benefit of the mankind contributing to economic enhancement and recognition to his organization and to the country and has gained such eminence worthy of recognition.
- e. possess such knowledge in his field for active furtherance of the Engineering profession and is a fit person by all means to be enrolled as a Fellow.

The Council may invite such candidate to attend a discussion.

Resolution – 2 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 4 was adopted with amendments where necessary as indicated.

Resolution Adopted at the AGM

Sub Clause (b) of By-Law 4

- (b) a degree in engineering accredited by the Institution or an equivalent qualification accepted by the Institution.

Sub Clause (g) of By-Law 4

- (g) has been accepted for admission as a Member through the Mature Engineering Candidates' Route, as per relevant rules. The Mature Engineering Candidates' Route will cease to function after December 31, 2010.

Sub Clause (h) of By-Law 4

- (h) Has been accepted for Admission as a Member through rules approved by the Council from time to time.

Resolution – 3

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to introduce two new By-Laws to accommodate Provincial Centres and Overseas Chapters was adopted.

Proposed By-Law

(a) Provincial Centres within Sri Lanka

- i. Provincial Centres may be formed for the benefit of members residing outstations and shall operate according to rules set up by the Council.
- ii. Provincial Centres shall engage in learned society activities and for this purpose shall arrange Meetings, Seminars, Discussions, Visits and the like.
- iii. Provincial Centres shall also promote membership drives in their respective provinces and may arrange to collect the subscription fees of the members according to rules set up by the Council.

(b) Overseas Chapters

- i. Overseas Chapters may be formed for the benefit of members residing in the respective regions and shall operate according to rules set up by the Council.
- ii. Overseas Chapters shall engage in learned society activities and for this purpose shall arrange Meetings, Seminars, Discussions, Visits and the like.

- iii. Overseas Chapters shall also promote membership drives in their respective regions and may arrange to collect the subscription fees of the members according to rules set up by the Council.

Resolution – 4 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 30 and the heading of the By-Law 30-33 was adopted.

Proposed Heading of By-Laws 30-33

Disciplinary Action

Any member of the Institution against whom an allegation of misconduct is made shall be dealt with by the appointed person/s according to the procedures set out in the Disciplinary Procedure approved by the Council from time to time.

Proposed By - Law 30

For this purpose ‘misconduct’ shall include but not be limited to the following;

- i. breach of any By-laws or Regulations relating to professional conduct or the Code of Ethics or non observance of Rules, directions or pronouncements made or given there under;
- ii. any other conduct which is deemed by the Council as improper.
- iii. holding membership of an Institution or body which is engaged in activities detrimental to the objects of IESL.

Resolution – 6 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 97 was adopted with amendments as indicated.

Resolution Adopted at the AGM

The Chairman may with the consent of the members present (and shall if so directed by the members present), adjourn the meeting but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Seven days’ notice of adjournment and of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting shall be given to all members.

The Chairman shall not terminate the meeting without the consent of the members present.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 10, 2011

The following Resolutions were declared passed with the voting as indicated

Resolution 1

This House resolves that the existing By Law 7 be replaced by the proposed By Law 7 as given below:

Proposed By Law 7

Associate Members shall comprise every person who has been admitted to the Class of Associate Members so long as his name is on the Roll as such.

Every candidate for admission or transfer to the Class of Associate Members shall satisfy the Council :

- i. that he is more than 21 years of age and
- ii. that he possess a four year full time degree in engineering recognized by the Institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Council.

Voting	For	Against	Abstained
	74	0	01

Resolution 2

This House resolves that the existing By Laws 2, 15, 19, 36 b.i and 98 ii be replaced by the proposed By Laws 2, 15, 19, 36 b.i and 98.ii and a new By Law numbered as 7 A be introduced between the existing By Laws 7 and 8 as given below, to accommodate as Affiliate Members a new class of members who will possess three year full time degree in engineering.

Proposed By Law 2

- i. The Institution shall consist of Fellows and Members all of whom are collectively referred to as Corporate Members. The Institution may also have attached to it Honorary Fellows, Companions, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Associates and Students all of whom are collectively referred to as Non-Corporate Members.
- ii. a. The names of all Corporate and Non-Corporate Members shall be entered on the Roll of the Institution (hereinafter referred to as 'the Roll'). A member who changes his name in accordance with established practice shall thereupon inform the Secretary of his new name and the Secretary shall amend the Roll accordingly.
- b. Corporate Members, whom the Council deems to be duly qualified shall be called Chartered Engineers and the names of such members shall be entered in a Register maintained for this purpose.
- c. Associates whom the Council deems to be duly qualified shall be called Technician Engineers and the names of such members shall be entered in a Register maintained for this purpose.

iii. a. The Classes of membership shall be as follows:

Corporate Member	Non-Corporate Member
Fellow	Companion
Honorary Fellow	Associate Member
Member	Affiliate Member
	Associate
	Student

b. Corporate Members of the Institution shall be entitled to the use of the following abbreviated designations appropriate to their class :

Fellow – FIE(Sri Lanka)

Member – MIE(Sri Lanka)

Associate Members shall be entitled to the use of the following abbreviated designation:

AMIE(Sri Lanka)

Affiliate Members shall be entitled to the use of the following abbreviated designation:

AfMIE(Sri Lanka)

Associates shall be entitled to the use of the following abbreviated designation :

AIE(Sri Lanka)

Proposed By Law 7A

Affiliate Members shall comprise every person who has been admitted to the Class of Affiliate Members so long as his name is on the Roll as such.

Every candidate for admission or transfer to the Class of Affiliate Members shall satisfy the Council :

- i. that he is more than 21 years of age and
- ii. that he possess a three year full time degree in engineering recognized by the Institution or an equivalent qualification acceptable to the Council

Proposed By Law 15

Admission to the Class of Companions, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, Associates and Students of persons qualified in accordance with By-Laws 5, 7, 7A, 8 and 9 respectively shall be by the Council in accordance with the conditions set forth in the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

Proposed By Law 19

Every Corporate Member, every Associate Member, every Affiliate Member and every Associate who has been admitted to respective membership shall receive an appropriate certificate in English, with a translation in Sinhala or Tamil, if requested. This certificate will remain the property of the Institution and in the event of the holder ceasing to be a member, shall on request be returned to the Institution.

Proposed By Law 36 b(i)

A candidate for admission to the class of Associate Members or Affiliate Members who makes his application within one year of obtaining the required qualifications shall not be required to pay subscription fee for the year of applying. He shall pay only the entrance fee or the transfer fee as applicable. However, the normal subscriptions shall be paid from the 2nd year of membership.

Resolution 3

This House resolves that the existing By Law 98 ii be replaced by the proposed By Law 98 ii.

Proposed By Law 98 ii

Sectional Committees shall be formed to engage in learned society activities, and for this purpose shall arrange Meetings, Seminars, Discussions, Visits and the like.

For the present the Sections shall be

- a. Civil Engineering
- b. Mechanical Engineering
- c. Electrical & Electronics Engineering
- d. Agricultural & Plantation Engineering
- e. Chemical and Process Engineering
- f. Building Services Engineering
- g. Information Technology and Communication Engineering

The Sections may be increased in number by the Council as and when it becomes necessary to do so, with approval of the House.

Each Sectional Committee shall comprise a Chairman who shall be a Corporate Member, and representatives with 2 Fellows, 4 Members, 3 Associate Members, 3 Affiliate Members and 3 Companions and Associates.

The Chairman who will sit in Council, shall be elected by postal vote along with other Members of Council in accordance with By-Laws 51 to 56 with the proviso that each Corporate Member shall exercise his vote in the election of the Sectional Chairman of his discipline only and in the event of the Corporate Member being multi-disciplinary he shall exercise his vote in the election of the Sectional Chairman of his chosen or declared prime discipline only.

The Chairman shall hold office for one Session. He shall not hold this office for more than three consecutive Sessions.

Immediately after the new Council takes office, the Chairman of each Sectional Committee shall summon a General Meeting of all Corporate Members, Companions, Associate Members, Affiliate Members and Associates in the respective discipline. Such a meeting shall elect 2 Fellows, 4 Members, 3 Associate Members, 3 Affiliate Members and 3 for Companions and Associates to form the Committee for the ensuing Session.

Voting	For	Against	Abstained
	79	00	00

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution 4

This House resolves to adopt the following Resolution:

‘It is proposed to establish a College of Engineering as a limited liability company fully owned by the Institution to enable the Institution to conduct its engineering courses.’

Voting	For	Against	Abstained
	71	04	0

YEAR 2011

The following **Resolutions** were taken up at the Annual General Meeting held on October 29, 2011.

RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 1 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 31 was adopted.

Proposed By-Law 31

The Council may from time to time,

- i. set up a Disciplinary Committee comprising three Fellows at least one of whom shall be a Past President to investigate and report to Council on any allegation of improper conduct on the part of a member ;
- ii. determine the terms of reference of such Disciplinary Committee.

If the Disciplinary Inquiry is against the President or the President Elect, all of the three members of the Disciplinary Committee shall be Past Presidents. The Council may select these three Past Presidents from outside the Panel selected at the beginning of the session.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	58	0	05

Resolution – 2 :

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 33 was adopted.

Proposed By-Law 33

Any member against whom a complaint is received by the Council shall be informed in writing by the President of the Institution of the alleged complaints and shall be given an opportunity to vindicate himself of the charges. If the member concerned is President himself, he shall be informed in writing by the President-Elect or in his absence a Vice President elected for this purpose by the Council, on a decision of the Council, of the alleged complaints and shall be given an opportunity to vindicate himself of the charges.

If the member is unable to vindicate himself his case will be referred by the Council to the Disciplinary Committee for investigation and report to Council.

The Council may by resolution expel or suspend for any period from membership, reprimand or admonish any member found guilty of improper conduct. The Council may direct that such member shall make a contribution towards the expenses of the hearing before the Disciplinary Committee.

A member shall not be expelled except by a majority decision taken at a meeting of the Council at which at least two thirds of the membership of the Council is present.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	47	0	04

Resolution – 3

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 52 was adopted with amendments as indicated

Resolution adopted by the House

The Secretary shall issue to Corporate Members whose addresses as registered at the Institution are in Sri Lanka, at least two months before the Annual General Meeting a notice calling for nominations for all positions in Council. He will list the positions and give clearly the basis on which such nominations should be made.

A candidate may seek election to one post only at an election.

A Continuing Member of the Council under By-law 50 shall not be eligible to contest another post. A member who has been found guilty of improper conduct by the Council shall be not eligible to contest any post or sit in the Council. Each candidate shall be nominated by 4 Corporate Members. In the case of Chairmen of Sectional Committees the nomination papers shall be signed by 4 Corporate Members of the respective disciplines.

The nomination papers shall carry the written consent of the candidate.

Nominations shall close 21 days from the date of the issue of notice calling such nominations.

In the event any position of the incoming Council is vacant, a member who is qualified and eligible for election for that post shall be appointed by the Council at its first meeting.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	63	01	02

Resolution – 4

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 58 was adopted.

Proposed By-Law 58

The office of a member of Council shall be vacated if he gives notice in writing of his wish to resign and which notice is accepted by the Council; if he ceases to be a member of the Institution; if he becomes bankrupt or is declared to be of unsound mind; if he is found guilty of improper conduct by the Council or if he absents himself from three consecutive meetings of Council without obtaining approval of Council and Council resolves that he be deemed to have vacated his office.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	67	01	04

Resolution – 5

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 111 was adopted.

Proposed By-Law 111 -Registration Board

The composition of the Board shall be:

- (i) The President of The Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka shall be the ex-officio Chairman of the Board for the duration of his/her period of Office.
- (ii) The Deputy Chairman who shall be an eminent engineer, to be nominated by the Council of the Institution from a list of three eminent engineers, proposed by a committee appointed by the President of the Institution.
- (iii) The Immediate Past President and the President-Elect shall be ex-officio members of the Board during their terms of office in those capacities.
- (iv) Three members to represent each of the disciplines of Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and one member to represent all other disciplines to be nominated by the Council of the Institution.
- (v) Four nominees who are Chartered or Professional Engineers from the academic staff of the Engineering Faculties of the Universities of Sri Lanka having not more than one member from a Faculty, to be nominated by the University Grants Commission;
- (vi) Two engineers from the state sector, holding or who have held not less than the rank of Chief Engineer or equivalent and have had a minimum of ten (10) years post-Charter experience, nominated by the Council of the Institution.
- (vii) Four members representing the Private Sectors nominated by the Council of the Institution.
- (viii) Chairman of the IESL Accreditation Board
- (ix) All members shall be Corporate Members of the Institution.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	65	0	02

Resolution – 6

The following Resolution proposed by the Council to amend By-Law 119 was adopted.

Proposed By-Law 119 -Accreditation Board

The composition of the Board shall be :

- (i) The Chairman shall be an eminent Practitioner/Teacher in engineering to be nominated by the Council of the Institution from a panel of three eminent Practitioners/Teachers proposed by a committee appointed by the President of the Institution.
- (ii) The President of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka who will be an ex-officio member of the Board for the duration of the period of his term of office.
- (iii) The Immediate Past President and the President-Elect shall be ex-officio members of the Board during their terms of office in those capacities.
- (iv) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
- (v) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Moratuwa or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
- (vi) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Ruhuna or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).

- (vii) Dean of the Faculty of Engineering Technology, Open University of Sri Lanka or his nominee at the level of Senior Professor (Engineering sciences).
- (viii) Chairman/member of UGC (with background of science/technical education).
- (ix) Representative of Ministry of Science & Technology - not below Additional Secretary level (preferably with background of science & technology).
- (x) Seven (7) Corporate Members of whom at least five (5) shall be from the Industry with at least two(2) of them coming from the State Sector, nominated by the Council of the Institution.
- (xi) All members with the exception of those mentioned in 119(vii) and 119(viii) above shall be Corporate Members of The Institution.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	62	0	04

RESOLUTIONS NOT AFFECTING THE BY-LAWS

Resolution – 7

The Resolution proposed by the Council was adopted with amendments as indicated.

Resolution adopted by the House

At the 98th AGM in October 2004 it was resolved that a Subscription Review Committee of three Corporate Members be appointed by the President to study all matters pertaining to an increase in the annual subscription payable by various categories of members. This Committee would recommend to the Council on or before 31st July each year an increase, not exceeding 100 percent, on the present subscriptions. The Subscription Review Committee has been functioning since then and has recommended revised subscriptions for 2012.

Taking into consideration the above the proposed subscription rates for the year 2012 will be as given below in addition to VAT of 12%.

Membership Class	Current Rate Rs.	Proposed Rate Rs.
Fellow	4000	5000
Member	3200	4000
Associate Member	2100	3000
Affiliate Member	-	2500
Associate	2200	2500
Companion	2200	2500
Student Member < 35	700	1000
Student Member > 35	2000	2500

The Enrolment Fee, Transfer Fee and the Registration Fee to be levied from prospective Affiliate Members to be set at Rs.1,000/=, Rs.500/= and Rs.750/= respectively.

A 25% discount to be offered to members other than Student Members, who are above 60 years and who declare that their annual income is less than Rs. 600,000/=.

VOTING	For	Against	Abstained
	58	04	08