
The Special General Meeting convened at 1800 Hrs. Due to lack of quorum, the session was adjourned for 30 minutes. The meeting was then reconvened at 1830 Hrs and business commenced. Smt Smriti Dagur, President, IETE was in the Chair. The President then called the meeting to order. The following agenda items were taken.

ITEM-1 CONFIRMATION OF THE 1ST (2013-14) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF CORPORATE MEMBERS HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2014 AT IETE HQ, NEW DELHI

1.1 The President informed that the minutes of the 1st (2013-14) Special General Meeting of the Corporate Members were circulated through the Jan-Apr 2015 issue of the IETE Newsletter (Vol 17 No. 1, Page No. 29-30). No comments were received.

1.2 Shri C K Haridas proposed that the minutes of the 1st (2013-14) Special General Meeting of the Corporate Members be confirmed. It was seconded by Prof (Dr) J W Bakal.

1.3 The Minutes were confirmed.

ITEM-2 CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS OF BYELAWS

2.1 Detailed proposal for amendments of Byelaws, as approved by the Governing Council, and reproduced below, was presented for favour of consideration and approval of SGM.
### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BYELAWS

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<td>(b) a distinguished person in the field of Science/Technology/Industry whose association with the Institution will advance its progress;</td>
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<td>(c) a distinguished person whom the Institution desires to honour.</td>
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Honorary Fellows shall be elected by the Governing Council and every such election shall be announced at the next Annual Meeting of the Institution. Not more than one Honorary Fellow shall be elected in one year under part (b) or (c) above and their number shall not, at any time exceed a total of ten.

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<td>(b) Nominations for the Distinguished Fellowship shall be made either by member of the Governing Council or, a Distinguished Fellow. Such nominations should be accompanied by brief bio-data of the nominee. A nominator may propose one or more persons but not exceeding the total number of Distinguished Fellows to be elected for the year as provided in 10 (d).</td>
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Insert new Para 10 (c) after 10 (b) as follows:-

Para 10 (c). The Governing Council shall appoint the Returning Officer for conduct of election of Distinguished Fellows who shall be a Past President. The Returning Officer may co-opt one or two Past Presidents/Distinguished Fellows not in the Governing Council to assist him in the election process, as per
the time table given below:

(i) Call for nomination(s) by 05 Feb
(ii) Last date for receipt of nomination(s) : 10 Mar
(iii) Issue of notice for withdrawal of nomination(s) by : 15 Mar
(iv) Last date of withdrawal of Nominations : 31 Mar
(v) Issue of ballots by : 05 Apr
(vi) Last date for receipt of ballots : 05 May
(vii) Counting of Ballots and declaration : 10 May of result by

In case the second ballot is required :-
(viii) Issue of second ballot by : 15 May
(ix) Last date for receipt of second ballot: 15 June
(x) Counting of ballots and declaration : 20 June of result of second ballot by

Existing Byelaws Para 10(c) onwards shall be re-numbered accordingly.

Re-numbered as 10(d) - No Change -

(c) A nominee shall be elected as a Distinguished Fellow if he gets the majority of the votes cast, subject to a minimum of 1/3rd of the total strength of the Electoral College on the rolls. In case the votes cast do not give the requisite number of votes for the election of Distinguished Fellows, a second ballot shall be called for from the prescribed Electoral College. The candidates for this ballot will be from amongst those who got the large number of votes in the first round excluding those who qualified in that round; and number of these candidates shall be twice the number of Distinguished Fellows yet to be elected for the year. In the event of a tie, the Governing Council shall exercise its discretion. No Nominee shall be elected even in second ballot, unless he gets the majority of votes cast, subject to a minimum of 1/3rd of the total strength of the Electoral College on the rolls.

(d) The Distinguished Fellowship cannot be sought by application. The total number of Distinguished Fellows to be elected every year shall be limited to two, subject to the condition that the total number of Distinguished Fellows on rolls of the Institution at any time will be limited to sixty.

(e) Only a Life Fellow and having a minimum

Re-numbered as 10(e) - No Change -

Re-numbered as 10(f) - No Change -
seven years continued Fellow membership of IETE shall be eligible for Distinguished Fellowship of the Institution provided that he is not a sitting member of the Governing Council.

(f) No person can be nominated as a distinguished Fellow unless he fulfils the qualifications given in Byelaw 11.

Re-numbered as 10(g) - No Change -

### STUDENTS (AMIETE SCHEME)

17. Every candidate for election to the class of Student (AM) shall satisfy the Governing Council that he is not less than 16 years of age and has passed the 12th standard examination of 10+2 system, conducted by recognized Board of Education with physics, chemistry & mathematics or its equivalent as prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time; and

(a) is sponsored by a Corporate Member of the Institution; and either

(b) that he is or has been a student of electronics engineering/telecommunication engineering/ electrical engineering/physics in a university/college/Institution approved by the Governing Council, OR

(c) that he is or has been an engineering pupil/apprentice/assistant in a recognized firm, society or organization engaged in engineering or allied activities.

Every Student (AM) and DipIETE successfully completing Sections A & B of AMIETE Examination as per regulations prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time, shall be awarded a certificate of having passed the AMIETE Examination of the institution. He shall then be automatically

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17. Every candidate for election to the class of students (AMIETE Scheme) shall satisfy the Governing Council that he is not less than 18 years of age and has passed the 12th standard examination of 10+2 system conducted by Board of Examination system with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics or Diploma in engineering or equivalent as prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time; and

(a) that he is employed as an engineering pupil/apprentice/Assistant in a recognized/registered firm, society or organization engaged in relevant engineering discipline or in the domain of Information Technology.

OR

that he is a student of Electronics/Electrical/Telecommunications/Computer Science and Engineering/Information Technology/Physics in a University/College/Institution approved by the Governing Council.

(b) that he should continue to remain engaged in professional activities as stipulated in sub-para (a) above throughout the duration of the course.

(c) that he is sponsored by a corporate member of the Institution;

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### STUDENTS (DIPLOMA SCHEME)

18. Every candidate for election to the class of Student (D) shall satisfy the Governing Council that he is not less than 14 years of age, has minimum pass in class X conducted by a recognized Board of Education with general science or (physics, chemistry and mathematics) or its equivalent as prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time; and

(a) is sponsored by a Corporate member of the Institution; and either

(b) that he is or has been a student of Electronics engineering/Telecommunication engineering/Electrical engineering/Physics in a university/college/school approved by the Governing Council;

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Every Student (D) successfully completing Sections A&B of Diploma Level Examination as per the Regulations prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time shall be awarded a certificate of having passed the Diploma Level Examination of the Institution and shall then be automatically transferred to the class of Dip IETE.

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(b) For Members (i.e. MIETE): shall be proposed by two Corporate members of the Institution of the class not below
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All members of the Governing Council, as mentioned above shall belong to the class not below that of a Fellow on the roll of the Institution with continuous membership as Fellows and/or above for the previous five years, and citizens of India, whose office shall be honorary and without remuneration with the exception that the elected representative of the Organisational members need not be a Corporate member and shall not hold any office in the Governing Council. The Governing Council shall determine all future vacancies in various offices and Governing Council membership will in advance of the elections. Any case of doubt or difficulty as to eligibility for, or retirement from office, or Governing Council membership shall be decided by the Governing Council. All office bearers and ordinary members of the Governing Council shall hold office till their successors are elected and installed at the next Annual General Meeting.

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The term of President shall be for one year. He shall retire on completion of his term in office but shall be eligible for re-election for further one year in succession as President, and after completion of his period of office (one or two successive years, as the case may be) he shall not be eligible for election at any time to the Governing Council. In the event of the President being unable to perform duties of his office for any reason, and has served any period, this shall be taken as a term served in the Governing Council. To fill the resultant vacancy, the Governing Council shall choose one of its Vice-Presidents as President for the remaining tenure. However, this period shall not be counted as having served one term in office.

The seniority of the Vice President shall be decided by virtue of longest period served in the Governing Council. In case of a tie, it shall be longest continuous period as Fellow of the Institution. In case of a tie again, it shall be by virtue of age.

The Governing Council of the Institution shall appoint the Returning Officer for conduct of election of the President. The Returning Officer shall be a Past President not serving the Governing Council. The Returning Officer may co-opt one Past President/Distinguished Fellow not in the

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### ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

41. (a) The term of the elected members of the Governing Council except the President shall be three years including that of the elected Organisational Member.

(b) The retirement of the Governing Council Members every year shall be according to the following pattern:
   (i) Seven of the elected ordinary members by rotation;
   (ii) The elected Organisational Member shall retire at the end of 3 years.

(c) So far as re-election is concerned members falling under bylaw 41 (a) above, shall not be eligible for re-election until the expiry of one year from the date of their retirement. The period of one year shall be reckoned from the retirement at the Annual General Meeting of that year to the subsequent one. A member who has served the Governing Council for three tenures of three years each, shall not be eligible for re-election to the Governing Council.

(d) The Corporate Members on the pay rolls of the Institution can be nominated for election to the Governing Council (as well as to elected offices at Centres) after the expiry of one year from the date of their relinquishing the office held at IETE HQ or Centres.

(e) The Chairmen of Centres, who are ex-officio members in the Governing Council, shall not be eligible for election as elected members of the Governing Council until the expiry of one year from the date of their retirement as ex-officio member in the Governing Council.

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### 42 NOMINATION FOR ELECTION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

(a) The Governing Council shall, not later than the last working day of January in each year, constitute a Board of Scrutineers comprising four or more members including one Returning Officer amongst them for conduct of the Governing Council election.

(b) (i) Every fifth year and not later than 15 April the Secretary General shall send a Directory of the Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nomination(s), as on 31st March. For the
remaining four years, not later than 15 April of each year, the Secretary General shall send a list of new Corporate Members enrolled up to 31st March and entitled for nomination(s) along with a list of Corporate Members whose names were deleted as on 31st March. Along with this list, Secretary General shall indicate the number of vacancies that are to occur in the year for the election to the Governing Council.

(ii) Thus, the total number of Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nomination(s) as on 31st March each year, will be the Corporate Members listed in the Directory of that year.

(iii) The Secretary General shall, not later than 15 April in each year, update the list of Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nomination(s) as on 31st March on the IETE website (www.iete.org). Simultaneously, the Secretary General shall arrange to send an email/SMS to all Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nominations intimating that the Governing Council Election online process has started and they may nominate members.

(c) After the updating of the list as stated in Byelaw 42(b) the Corporate members shall nominate candidate(s) online to fill such vacancies, for which the eligibility shall be:

(i) The nominee shall fulfill the qualifications given in Byelaws 37 and 41(c), and

(ii) The nominee and the nominator shall not be in arrears of subscription.

(d) The consent of the nominees to accept office if elected thereto shall be obtained online along with a brief bio-data of the nominee not exceeding 100 words, in a format prescribed by the Governing Council from time to time. A Corporate Member shall not nominate more candidates than the number of vacancies declared for election to the Governing Council for that year. The last date of receipt of online nominations duly accepted by the nominee will be 10 May (2400 h).

(e) The Returning Officer and the members of Board of Scrutineers (BoS) shall not themselves be candidates for any election and should not have nominated any one for the Governing Council election. The Returning Officer shall carry out and be responsible for the conduct of the Governing Council Election involving:

(i) Receipt, scrutiny (including authentication of

March. Simultaneously, Secretary General shall arrange to send an email/SMS to all Corporate Members that the updated Corporate Member directory has been uploaded on the website for online elections.

(ii) Thus, the total number of Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nomination(s) as on 31 March each year, will be the Corporate Members listed in the Directory of that year.

(iii) The online election will be initiated by the Returning Officer on 15 April and intimation through emails/SMS shall be generated automatically to all Corporate Members in good standing and entitled for nomination(s).

(c) - No Change -

(d) - No Change -

(e) - No Change -
(a) In the event of there being an election, the Returning Officer shall arrange online balloting. The Secretary General shall provide to the Returning Officer, the list of Corporate Members along with their mobile numbers and email addresses as on 31st March. The Returning Officer shall put up the ballot along with the bio data on the IETE website through online voting link by 31 May. The Corporate members in good standing as on 31st March will be eligible for casting the vote. The Returning Officer shall also upload the procedure to be followed for online voting on the IETE website. The Returning Officer shall activate the online voting process from 01 June and deactivate on 30th June (2400 h) every year. The postal balloting system shall be discontinued with effect from 2014 for Governing Council elections at IETE HQ and Executive Committee elections at IETE Centres.

(b) Online voting facility will close on 30 June (2400 h).

(c) In a meeting of the Board of Scrutineers, the online ballots as received shall be counted by associating not less than three members including the Returning Officer and counting procedure of the valid votes and declaration of result shall be completed by 02 July and submit the result to the President IETE.

**CASUAL VACANCIES**

46. A casual vacancy cannot be for more than one year. Any
year. Casual Vacancies in the Governing Council arising during the year may be filled by the Governing Council from amongst those contestants who were not elected, but obtained the next largest number of votes in the last election to the Governing Council. In the case of vacancies arising from amongst the office bearers, except that of the President, the President shall, in consultation with the Governing Council, nominate a member to fill the vacancy from amongst its elected members. The name of each person so nominated shall be announced at the next ordinary meeting of the Institution, but he shall retain his office only for the rest of that year and these vacancies will be further filled up within the reserve list of the next subsequent election. Any period of office so served shall not count as one tenure in the Governing Council under Byelaws 39, 40 and for the purpose of Bylaw 41 (c).

Casual vacancy arising in the Governing Council for less than one year shall not be filled. Casual vacancies so arising during the year may be filled by the Governing Council from amongst those contestants who were not elected, but obtained the next largest number of votes in the last election to the Governing Council. In the case of vacancies arising from amongst the office bearers, except that of the President, the President shall, in consultation with the Governing Council, nominate a member to fill the vacancy from amongst its elected members.

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**Decision.** The President gave details regarding the amendment of Byelaw 9, 10, 17, 18, 22, 37, 38, 41, 42, 44(c) and 46 as circulated vide IETE/M/323/1st SGM/2014-15 and contained in the Annual Report 2014-15. The SGM after detailed discussions unanimously approved the above proposed amendments in the Byelaws except last four lines of Proposed amendment to Byelaw 37 shown underlined and reading “The sitting members of the Governing Council including casual, nominated, organizational and ex-officio members shall not be eligible to contest election for the Governing Council”.

**VOTE OF THANKS**

3 There being no other item, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Maj Gen P K Jaggia, VSM (Retd)
Secretary General

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