



**MINUTES**  
**of the Special General Meeting of**  
**THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS**  
**held on Wednesday, 22 March 2006 at 5.30 pm**

Sir John Chisholm, President, in the Chair

**1. Announcements**

The President opened the Special General Meeting and made the following announcements:

- (a) the meeting had been convened to consider one resolution, that is, that a Working Party be established to thoroughly review the Royal Charter and Bye-laws of the Institution and recommend changes they find appropriate.
- (b) only Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows of the IEE had the right to discuss and vote on the resolution.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

The notice convening the meeting, circulated to members in February 2006, was taken as read.

**3. Amendment of the Resolution**

3.1 Professor Colin Davidson proposed an amendment to the Resolution to correct a discrepancy in the dates in the Resolution.

3.2 The motion was seconded by the President.

3.3 The proposal was approved by the general assent of the meeting.

**4. Resolution**

4.1 Professor Colin Davidson moved the resolution as amended:

“That a Working Party be established to thoroughly review the Royal Charter and Bye-laws of the Institution and recommend changes they find appropriate. The Working Party to be composed of four members of the Board of Trustees, four members of Council who are not also Trustees, and four of the Petitioners who are not members of these bodies. These members to be selected by the Trustees, Council and Petitioners respectively.

Amongst matters we wish to see addressed are the restoration of Council and Branches into the Bye-laws and the restoration of Branch representation on Council; the role of

Council in relation to the Trustees, and that the Institution is governed by its professionally qualified members.

The Working Party to produce draft proposals by 31st December 2006 to be put to the membership by the Trustees for debate for a period of no less than three months and that final proposals are put before an SGM to be held at the time of the AGM in 2007.”

4.2 The motion was seconded by Professor Colin Aitchison.

4.3 The President opened the discussion and invited contributions to the discussion.

4.4 The President called a poll on the substantive motion to establish a Working Party. The result of the poll was:

For	19,900
Against	6,145

## **5. Close**

The President closed the meeting.