

Annual General Meeting 2011 Proposed Amendments to Branch Regulations of 24 April 2001

Amendment	1				
Paragraph	1.01				
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Reason	<p>To include the new classes of membership To avoid definition of membership classes in Branch Regulations</p>				

Amendment	2
Paragraph	3.01(f)
Current	(f) An Honorary Information Officer
Proposed	Remove this and renumber the items that follow
Reason	This position has not been used in practice.

Amendment	3
Paragraph	3.01
Current	The Branch shall be managed by a Committee of members, of whom the Chairperson and at least two others are Fellows of the Institution, consisting of the following Honorary Officers and members
Proposed	The Branch shall be managed by a Committee of not less than seven corporate members, of whom at least two are Fellows of the Institution, consisting of the following exclusive Honorary Officers and members
Reason	To prevent the same person from holding multiple titled positions To adhere to and align with Institution Regulation 7.2.6

Amendment	4
Paragraph	3.01
Current	(j) Three non-corporate members elected and/or co-opted by the Committee to represent the views of the non-corporate members
Proposed	(i) Up to three non-corporate members elected and/or co-opted by the Committee to represent the views of the non-corporate members
Reason	To give more flexibility in appointing committee members – exactly three is too specific.

Amendment	5
Paragraph	3.02
Current	Corporate members only are entitled to vote and voting shall be by a show of hands or by a ballot of members taken at a meeting if such a ballot is requested by any corporate members attending that meeting.
Proposed	Corporate members only are entitled to vote and voting shall be by a show of hands or by a ballot of members taken at a meeting if such a ballot is requested by any corporate member attending that meeting.
Reason	To remove the plural so that any single corporate member can request a ballot.

Amendment	6
Paragraph	3.04
Current	The Branch Chairperson shall represent the Branch as a delegate member of Council, but in the event of the Chairperson not being able to attend any meeting of the Council, the Committee may appoint some other member of the Branch who is a Fellow of the Institution to act as the nominated representative of the Chairperson for such meeting.
Proposed	The Branch Chairperson shall represent the Branch as a delegate member of Council, but in the event of the Chairperson not being able to attend any meeting of the Council, the Committee may appoint some other member of the Committee who is a corporate member of the Institution to act as the nominated representative of the Chairperson for such meeting.
Reason	To allow non-Fellows represent the branch To restrict to members active on the committee

Amendment	7
Paragraph	3.09
Current	The Committee shall in each year convene a General Meeting of the Branch to be held in the month of April and to be called the Annual General Meeting, the business of which shall be
Proposed	The Committee shall in each year convene a General Meeting of the Branch to be held in the month of December and to be called the Annual General Meeting, the business of which shall be

Reason	To reflect the institution's revised calendar.
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Amendment	8
Paragraph	3.10
Current	The Committee shall convene a meeting of the Branch in the month of September at which the Chairperson elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be installed in the Chair and on the date of such meeting the Honorary Officers and other members of the Committee shall commence their year of office.
Proposed	The Committee shall convene a meeting of the Branch as soon as practicable after the Annual General Meeting at which the Chairperson elected at the Annual General Meeting shall be installed in the Chair and on the date of such meeting the Honorary Officers and other members of the Committee shall commence their year of office.
Reason	To reflect revised institution calendar and to give some flexibility in the date.

Amendment	9
Paragraph	3.13
Current	No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall be six corporate members. This regulation shall not apply in respect of the presentation of a paper or a lecture.
Proposed	No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall be six corporate members. This regulation shall not apply in respect of a publically-advertised event, such as the presentation of a paper or a lecture.
Reason	To generalize the type of event at which a quorum of corporate members must be present without being overly prescriptive (e.g. student prize, graduate evening, seminar...).

Amendment	10
Paragraph	4.03
Current	The Honorary Treasurer shall furnish to the Committee on or before the 31st January each year an audited signed statement of income and expenditure of the Branch for the year to the 31st December. This statement, signed by the Honorary

	Auditors and by the Honorary Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Institution on or before the 31st January in that year and report to the AGM in April.
Proposed	The Honorary Treasurer shall furnish to the Committee on or before the end of February each year an audited signed statement of income and expenditure of the Branch for the year to the 31st December. This statement, signed by the Honorary Auditors and by the Honorary Secretary, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Institution on or before the end of February in that year and report to the AGM.
Reason	To remove the specification for the AGM as being held in April. To give more time for the Treasurer to prepare the accounts for the previous year.

Amendment	11
Paragraph	4.04
Current	Two Honorary Auditors, neither of whom shall be members of the Branch Committee, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. At least one of the auditors shall be a corporate member.
Proposed	Two Honorary Auditors, neither of whom shall be members of the Branch Committee, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
Reason	To allow more flexibility in appointing appropriate Honorary Auditors.

Amendment	12
Paragraph	4.05
Current	The Honorary Treasurer shall, on behalf of the Committee, submit to the Institution by 31st January each year a budget on which the Branch grant for the following financial year will be based.
Proposed	The Honorary Treasurer shall, on behalf of the Committee, submit to the Institution by its notified deadline each year a budget on which the Branch grant for the following financial year will be based.
Reason	To generalize the date at which the submission is to be made

Amendment	13
Paragraph	3.14

Current	All meetings of the Branch shall be governed by the Chairperson, or in his absence by a Vice-Chairperson or in their absence by any corporate member elected by the meeting to take the Chair.
Proposed	All meetings of the Branch shall be governed by the Chairperson, or in their absence by a Vice-Chairperson, or in their absence by any corporate member elected by the meeting to take the Chair.
Reason	To make the clause gender-neutral Comma included to improve readability

Amendment	14
Paragraph	5.02
Current	The Branch may at any time revoke, alter or add to its Regulation by resolution of a Branch General Meeting, but no such revocation of, or alteration of addition to such Regulations, shall take effect until confirmed by the Council of the Institution
Proposed	The Branch may at any time revoke, alter, or add to its Regulation by resolution of a Branch General Meeting, but no such revocation of, or alteration of, or addition to such Regulations, shall take effect until confirmed by the Council of the Institution
Reason	Altered grammar and added the word "or" to improve legibility.