

NORTH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF MINING AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS

SCHEDULE BYELAWS

I. - CONSTITUTION

1. The North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers shall consist of Honorary Fellows, Fellows and Members, who shall be Corporate Members, together with Associate Members, Students and Associates, who shall be Non-Corporate Members.
2. The Officers of the Institute, other than the Treasurer and the Secretary, shall be elected from the Corporate Members and shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. The Council shall consist of the Officers, 12 Corporate and three Non Corporate Members. Past-Presidents up to eighteen in number shall be ex-officio members of the Council, so long as they continue to be members of the Institute, but they shall be in addition to, the above named fifteen Councillors, provided always that the maximum number of members of Council permitted by the Charter shall not be increased, and that the number of Past-Presidents may be decreased by the Council in so far as in necessary for this purpose.
4. The Council may co-opt additional members or other specialists who in the opinion of the council are necessary for advising the council on specific matters. They shall not be entitled to vote. The maximum number and terms of office of such persons shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

II. – OBJECTS

5. - The objects of the Institute are: -
To advance and promote the science and technology of Mining Engineering, and engineering generally. More especially to secure the increased safety and the improved health and well being of those employed in such industries.
To undertake and/or take part in scientific research, investigations and experiments for the purpose of securing the objects as above.

To obtain, collect, acquire and disseminate scientific knowledge and technical information appertaining to and promoting the efficiency, safe conduct and working of the industries in question.

To advance and assist the education of persons studying the science and technology of engineering as above.

To advance and promote the science and technology of addressing the environmental and socio-economic legacies of former mining activities.

To advance and promote the study and appreciation of the history of mining, through the conservation of information previously acquired by the Institute, and by encouraging collaborative research into all aspects of mining history.

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III. - QUALIFICATIONS OF HONORARY FELLOWS, FELLOWS, MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, STUDENTS AND ASSOCIATES.

6. "Honorary Fellows" shall comprise Persons who in the opinion of the council distinguished themselves by their attainments, or have so contributed to the advancement of mining or other branches of technology as to be approved and be elected by the Council.

7. "Fellows" shall comprise all persons of not less than 30 years of age who in the opinion of council shall:

(a) have been so educated and trained in mining engineering or an ancillary branch thereof or in a field associated therewith as in the opinion of the Council to be fully qualified; shall hold such certificate of competency or possess such qualifications as the Council may from time to time prescribe; and shall have had at least five years experience in a responsible position, or a corporate member of a relevant body recognised by the council such as shall satisfy the Council as to his professional ability; or

(b) be a person whose position and attainments in science or technology or other related field justify in the opinion of the Council, his election as a Fellow.

8. "Members" shall comprise of persons of not less than 25 years who in the opinion of the Council are engaged in pursuits of a character which, lead to qualification as a Fellow or are otherwise approved by the Council, and shall have passed such examinations as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

9. "Associate Members" shall comprise of persons of not less than 23 years who in the opinion of the Council must at the time of his candidature be engaged in mining engineering or an ancillary branch thereof or in a science associated therewith and shall satisfy the Council that he is in the process of qualifying as a Corporate Member or otherwise approved by the council and shall have passed such examinations as the Council may from time to time prescribe.

10. "Students" shall comprise of persons who are in the process of qualifying for the profession of mining engineering or a field related to mining. Such person may continue as a Student until he attains the age of 25 years while they continue to study.

11. "Associates" shall comprise all persons who shall be a person who desires to promote and advance the science, history, research and practice of mining and holds a position, which, in the opinion of the Council renders him eligible for Associateship.

12. Each Corporate Member may use the title of the class to which he belongs, or the appropriate abbreviation thereof as shown hereunder, and shall not use any other title or abbreviation to describe his membership of the Institute: -

Honorary Fellow	Hon FNEIMME
Fellow	FNEIMME
Member	MNEIMME

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IV. ELECTION AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

13. Any person qualified and proposed to become an Honorary Fellow shall be proposed according to regulations made from time to time by council.

14. Any member desirous of being elected to a grade of membership or of transferring to a higher grade of membership shall be proposed and elected according to regulations made from time to time by council.

15. Any person whose subscription is in arrears in whole or in part for more than three months shall be treated accordingly to regulations made from time to time by council which may allow for the members exclusion from membership at which time the bad debt shall not be expunged.

16. Every member of the institute shall at all times so order his conduct as to uphold the dignity and reputation of the profession and so safeguard the public interest in matters of safety and health and otherwise. They shall exercise their professional skill and judgement to the best of their ability, discharge their professional responsibility with integrity.

17. Disciplinary procedures to be followed in case of complaint against a member shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by Council

V. – SUBSCRIPTIONS

18. The annual subscriptions of each grade of membership shall be such sums as the Institute in Council may from time to time determine. Annual subscriptions shall be payable in advance and the first subscription shall be considered due on election. Subsequent subscriptions shall fall due as set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

19. When a member in any grade in the opinion of the Council deserves special consideration for reasons of ill health, advanced age or other sufficient cause the Council may then or at any time thereafter reduce his annual subscription to such lower sum as the Council may from time to time determine.

20. Engineering Firms, Manufacturers, Companies, Charities or other Corporate Bodies may subscribe annually to the funds of the Institute, and each subscriber a sum as the Institute in Council may from time to time determine. Each Corporate Body shall be entitled to benefits set out in regulations made from time to time by council

21. It shall be competent for the Institute to carry out the functions of an Affiliated Organisation of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IMMM) or its successor bodies and to direct from time to time that members of the Institute who are also members of the said IMMM, shall pay their subscriptions direct to the said IMMM, providing a Grant for such members of the IMMM is received annually from the IMMM.

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VI. Election of Council & Officers

22. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be appointed by Council and notified to each AGM. They shall be appointed and serve a term of office in accordance with regulations made from time to time by council.

23. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be appointed by Council and notified to each AGM. They shall be appointed and serve a term of office in accordance with regulations made from time to time by council.

24. Councillors shall be elected from amongst the membership and serve such terms of office according to regulations made from time to time by council

25. In case of the decease, expulsion, or resignation of any Officer or Councillor the Council, if they deem it necessary that the vacancy shall be filled shall co-opt to the next AGM

26. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall be appointed by the Council and notified to each AGM. The same person may hold both these offices.

VII. - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

27. The President shall take the Chair at all Meetings of the Institute, and of the Council. He shall be ex-officio a Member of all Committees.

28. In the absence of the President at any General or Council meeting it shall be the duty of the Past-President in attendance at the meeting who has most recently held the office of President to preside. If no Past-President is available one of the Vice-Presidents and if no Vice-President is there, the members present may elect one of their number to take the Chair.

29. At Meetings of the Council, six shall be a quorum. The minutes of the Council's proceedings shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Members.

30. The Treasurer and the Secretary shall act under the direction and control of the Council. Their duties shall be defined in regulation made from time to time by council

31. The Council may appoint Committees for the purpose of transacting any particular business, or of investigating any specific subject connected with the objects of the Institute. Such Committees shall make their report to the Council, who may act thereon, and make use thereof, as they see fit. Mechanisms and procedures for such committees shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council. These regulations shall also contain the membership criteria and terms of reference for standing committees.

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VIII. MEETINGS AND PUBLICATIONS OF THE INSTITUTE

32. Ordinary General Meetings shall be held according to a programme determined by the Council as set out in regulations made from time to time by council. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in each calendar year but no more than 15 months after the previous Annual General Meeting at which the report of the Council and an abstract of the accounts of the previous year shall be presented. The retiring President shall induct the new President, who shall present his Presidential Address.

33. A Special General Meeting shall be called whenever the Council may think fit, and also on requisition to the Council, signed by ten or more Corporate Members. The business of a Special Meeting shall be confined to that specified in the notice convening it.

34. Every question, not otherwise provided for, which shall come before any General or Special Meeting, shall be decided by the majority of the votes of the corporate Members present.

35. Members shall be entitled to introduce guests to any General Meeting. The guest shall not take part in the proceedings except by permission of the Chairman of the Meeting, nor shall they be allowed to vote. Any special condition relating to the introduction or participation of guests shall be set out in regulations made from time to time by council.

36. The Institute is not, as a body, responsible for the statements and opinions advanced in the papers, which may be read, nor in the discussions, which may take place at the meetings of the Institute.

37. The secretary shall notify all members of Council of the date, time and agenda of all Council meetings according to regulations made from time to time by council.

IX. - PROPERTY OF THE INSTITUTE

38. The funds of the Institute shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, and shall be disbursed or invested by him according to the instructions of the Council, but shall be applied solely to the promotion of the objects of the Institute, and no portion thereof shall be paid directly or indirectly by way of dividend, gift, bonus, or pecuniary profit to any member of any class of the Institute, provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the awarding of prizes at the discretion of the Council or the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Institute, or of payment to any member of any class of the Institute in reimbursement of expenses properly incurred by him on behalf of the Institute.

39. The premises of the Institute shall be open at times decided and published by Council.

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X. - ALTERATION OF BYELAWS

40. No general alteration shall be made in the Byelaws of the Institute, except at the Annual Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Every such alteration shall be announced at a previous Ordinary General Meeting, and inserted in its minutes, and shall be available to the members on request at least fourteen days previous to such Annual or Special Meeting, and such Meeting shall have power to adopt any modification of such proposed alteration of the Bye-laws. No such alteration shall, however, come into force until it has been allowed by Her Majesty in council.