

Notice is hereby given that the

56TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE OF REFRACTORIES ENGINEERS

will be held at 12.30 on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at
Tankersley Manor, Church Lane, Tankersley, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S75 3DQ, UK

President Mr C Arthur will preside
By order of the General Council

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies
2. To approve the Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting held on 12th October 2016 at Tankersley Manor, Barnsley.
3. To approve the General Council's appointment of Officers of the Institute for the year 2017/2018 where appropriate

President	2017/2019 Mr Jan Theron
Senior Vice President	2017/2018 Mr Callum Arthur
- 4a. To re-elect elected Members of Council.
- 4b. To elect any other members of Council nominated prior to the meeting date.
5. To receive a joint report from the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary on the Management and Operations of the Institute.
6. To approve General Council's recommendation that the published audited accounts for the period ended 31st December 2016 to be accepted.
7. To approve the General Council's recommendations of subscription charges for 2018.
8. To appoint accountants as recommended by the General Council to act for the Institute for the financial year 2018.
9. Any other business as put forward within the Institute rules.

Any amendments to this agenda will be posted on the Institute's website www.ireng.org not later than two weeks prior to the meeting

Members who wish to record votes on any item on the Agenda and who cannot themselves be present at the Annual General Meeting may arrange with the General Secretary, or with any members of the Council, to vote on their behalf by proxy.

If it is any member's intention to vote they should furnish the General Secretary with instructions, in writing, giving full details of the item on the Agenda they are concerned with. And whom they wish to appoint as their proxy.

Any member not attending the Annual General Meeting, and not arranging such a proxy vote, will be deemed to be in favour of all resolutions, approved at the Annual General Meeting by the members there present.

COMMENTS TO THE INSTITUTE OF REFRACTORIES ENGINEERS DRAFT ACCOUNTS

- Advertising income, both Journal and e Directory reduced since 2015. Strong likelihood that this may continue into 2017.
- As the branch network struggles to survive, the monies raised from social fund raising has fallen and should not be expected to increase in the foreseeable future. In general, the branch network and its future needs to be discussed by Council.
- The Journal expenses have reduced significantly due to many tasks having to be taken in house. Time constraints on those that have worked on the journal mean that this situation is not sustainable and outside assistance will be required.
- Marketing costs increased in 2016 due to an attempt to raise the profile of the IRE at several conferences not least the annual conference and training day which was very well attended. Membership is now steadily increasing; this strategy will be reviewed and discussed for 2017.
- Net surplus for 2016 in a very difficult climate, showed a slight increase on 2015.

P Bottomley. Chairman of the Executive Committee.