



## **Norwich Engineering Society**

### **RULES – April 2009**

- A. Every person wishing to join the Society must apply to the Society using the Society's Application Form. Membership, or otherwise, is solely a decision of Council.
- B. Annual Membership rates can only be proposed by the Council and are submitted for approval at an AGM or at a Special General Meeting.
- C. Membership subscriptions are payable on 1<sup>st</sup> October in each year; age on this date determines the Membership status as Ordinary or Retired. Unless an acceptable reason is given to the Council for late payment, membership of the Society is deemed to have lapsed if no subscription is received by 31<sup>st</sup> January following.
- D. Officers and Council shall take office at the AGM. Officers and elected Members of the Council shall retire annually. Council Members who are not Officers are ineligible for re-election for one year after service for three consecutive years on the Council
- E. Council may co-opt members as they think appropriate for the effective running of the Society (consistent with 4. and 5. of the Constitution)
- F. Written nominations for Officers and Members of Council shall be with the Hon. Secretary seven days before the AGM signed by a Proposer and Seconder.
- G. Two examiners shall be appointed at the AGM to examine the accounts for the following year.
- H. The President, Vice-President, or Council Member elected shall take the Chair to conduct business at the meetings of the Society. In the event of an even ballot the Chair shall have the casting vote.
- J. All Members may introduce a guest to Ordinary Meetings; guests who attend more than three times are expected to become members of the Society.
- K. The Council shall, within 28 days, call a Special General Meeting upon receiving a written request signed by not less than 20 Members, stating the object for which such a meeting is called.
- L. The Council shall call a Special General Meeting if they consider it necessary.
- M. The Council shall interpret these Rules in the event of any question arising therefrom, and shall have power to act in any matter not provided for in these Rules.