

PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON ICE GOVERNANCE

History of ICE Governance – Summary Timeline

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- 1818 First meeting of ICE setting out the original rules
- 1825 4 vice presidents. Council = 7 elected members
- 1828 Royal charter granted
- 1837 Council = president 4 VP's 10 others (8 members 2 associates)
Introduction of graduates
Corresponding members merged with members
Associate = non practitioner of civil engineering though associated with it.
- 1845 Rennie pres Council consisted of 4VP 10 members 2 associates. SGM convened to change from single name nomination for president and to last no longer than 3 years.
- 1845 Class of 'Associate' redefined as 'not necessarily engineers' No member to hold position on council for more than 2 years or be re elected for 3. President to be elected from VP since they would be conversant with the duties of the president
- 1846 Nominations for council extended to include non residents i.e. outside of London this was in light of the growth of the railway network.
- 1849 At AGM Proposal to make all Past Presidents non voting honorary members of council passed
- 1854 Attempt to get 3 specifically elected non resident members elected to council failed
- 1871 SGM Other members on council increased to 15 from 12 to be non residents and not associates was successful, though a proposal to rotate the longer serving more senior members of council failed
- 1880 Introduction of the 1 year presidential term
- 1885 At SGM date of AGM changed to last Tuesday in May
- 1896 Corporate members 6030
2nd supplemental charter granted
This allowed not less than 22 people excluding the president and 4 VP's.
Past president could be appointed to council not more than 4 to be included in the total
Introduction of postal voting
- 1897 First overseas member elected to Council
- 1898 Agreement that although elected in May the new president and council would not taken office until the start of the next session in November
- 1922 Rejection by Council of proposal to form Associate Members committee



- 1923 3rd supplemental charter. Establishes 'chartered civil engineer'
Postal ballot voting and proxy voting for presidential election VP and members of council.
- 1934 Local Association committee, which reported to Council, doubled in size with the introduction of a second member for each Local Association.
- 1935 Revision of by laws
i) extension of the scope of the rules of professional conduct
ii) broadening of age limit for students (17-28 instead of 18-26)
iii) amplification of qualification for corporate membership
iv) time limit for service on council
- 1948 4 more member elected to council
dominions and colonies
1 rep from each local association =10
3 associate members
and any 10 corporate members
No member could support more than 1 candidate
- 1948 By laws changed and council was enlarged 3 places for Associates members
- 1948 Local Association Committee disbanded and Local Association representatives (Territorial members) introduced to council along with 10 overseas members.
- 1962 Fourth supplemental charter
Remove the restriction of amount of value of property held
Increase number of VP's to 5
Members of council resident overseas increased from 10 to 11
Local Associations representatives increased from 11 to 12
Members of council to be prescribed by the by laws
Voting arrangements clarified to ensure general meeting held after a postal ballot.
Provision made for future changes, obviated the need for further supplemental chapters.
- 1970 Report of the committee on the constitution and business of the council
Recommended a council of 50
President, 2 past presidents, 3 VP's, 18 fellows, 9 members, 14 territorials (12 LA's 1 London, 1 Home Counties) and chairmen of standing committees
No provision for overseas
No Associate members since not considered under the charter as 'one body, politic and corporate'
Council service to be extended to 3 years, 1/3 elected each year by annual ballot
Single transferable vote system adopted
- 1971 Changes approved by ballot

- 1971 Overseas representatives and all chairman of advisory committee to become 'corresponding members'
- 1972 Adopted by council
- 1975 New charter
New object 'to foster and promote the art and science of civil engineering'
- 1981 Amendments to the Royal Charter were approved (details not known)
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- 1984 The Institution of Municipal Engineers was merged with the Institution of Civil Engineers. An Association of Municipal Engineers was formed as a sub-division of the Institution of Civil Engineers under its Charter and under the By-laws as amended at that date. Approved by the Privy Council in February of that year.
- 1989 The Society of Civil Engineering Technicians was merged with the Institution of Civil Engineers, formalised by the Privy Council in December of that year.
- 1991 Following a ballot of corporate members, a new membership grade of Affiliate was introduced.
- 1994 The Institution of Works and Highways Management was merged with the Institution of Civil Engineers, merger agreed by the Privy Council in February of that year.
- 2000 The Institution's By-laws were extensively amended and renumbered to take account of the findings of the Future Framework Presidential Commission in 1997, and to comply with modern practice. The changes were formalised by the Privy Council in February of that year.
- 2001 The Charter and By-Laws were amended to grant corporate membership to Associate Members, with full voting rights and the eligibility for election as Vice President, to grant limited voting rights to Technician Members and to allow the election of two Graduate members to the Council. Size of Council 54 members. The changes were formalised by the Privy Council in June of that year.
- 2002 Review of ICE Governance in 2002
 - no change to the size of Council
 - increased number of members elected by Council to the Executive Board
- 2006 Review of ICE Governance 2006 – implemented by ballot 2007
 Chair: David Orr
 - Council to reduce from 54 to 44 members
 - maximum of 9 in Presidential Team
 - 14 Regional Members
 - 4 International Members
 - 2 Graduates
 - chair of GSNC to be a non-voting participant
 - no change to Executive Board

- 2011 Review of ICE Governance 2011 – Chair: Bill Hewlett
- Council to remain as is, but with a third graduate member
 - measures to enable Council to become more strategic – eg Annual Council Strategy Meeting
 - change number of meetings per year: ASM plus 3xCouncil and 6xExec Board
 - re-position the Executive Board, merged with the Finance Committee, with the remit to ensure that the strategy set by Council is effectively delivered through the business plan
- 2014 Advice on ICE Governance by Saxton Bamfylde.
No changes to the governance structure as a result.
- 2018 Council review of ICE Governance – commenced 2017; implemented by ballot 2018.
- Council to remain at 44 members – to provide strategic direction and advice
 - Trustee Board of 12 members, accountable to an advisory Council
 - Trustee Board able to make, amend and rescind Regulations without recourse to a member ballot
 - Charter and By-laws amended to move certain admission, qualification and training requirements, as well as certain disciplinary provisions, into the Regulations.
- Approved by the Privy Council in October of that year.