

He knows all our problems and he can give us good guidance, and he will do more than that where it concerns the furtherance of the objects for which this Association was formed. Whatever the decision to-day, his help will be invaluable.

Mr Rowe takes over the Presidential Chair from one who has been most active in the support of our affairs—Mr Eric Mensforth. None, and I speak from knowledge, could have been at greater pains to assist us during two separate terms as our President. I want to place on record our great appreciation of his leadership and of his help in so many ways.

HONORARY OFFICERS

The President

N E ROWE, C B E , D I C , B S c , M I M e c h E , A C G I ,
M I n s t T , F C G I , F R A e S , F I A e S , W h i t E x

The Association is honoured to have Mr N E Rowe as its President, on the retirement of Mr Eric Mensforth.

Mr Rowe was Controller of Research and Special Developments, B E A , 1946–51, and is now Technical Director of Blackburn & General Aircraft Ltd. Mr Rowe was a member of the Executive Council of the Association from 1950–55, and is a past President of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Vice-Presidents

Lt-Col J W Richardson and Dr G S Hislop have accepted our invitation to act as Vice-Presidents, Dr Hislop for the second year.

Chairman

At the first meeting of the new Council Dr J A J Bennett was elected to the Chair.

The Extraordinary General Meeting of The Helicopter Association of Great Britain

On Friday, 10th July, 1959, an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association was held at 4.00 p.m. at Londonderry House, 19 Park Lane, London, W 1. The Chair was taken by Lt-Col J W Richardson, Chairman of the Executive Council.

As explained in the Notice and explanatory letter sent out to all Members of the Association, the purpose of the Meeting was the passing of the following Special Resolutions —

Special Resolution No 1 “ That the Conditional Agreement dated 18th February, 1959, made between the Council of the Royal Aeronautical Society and the Council of the Helicopter Association of Great Britain Limited, be and is hereby approved and the Council of the Association is authorised to carry the same into effect ”

Special Resolution No 2 "That the Association be wound up voluntarily and that Mr Frank Rudolf Reber, Chartered Accountant of Messrs W B Keen & Company, be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up and that he be authorised to pay or transfer any surplus funds or assets of the Association to the Royal Aeronautical Society"

A poll was taken, and Special Resolution No 1 was carried, the voting being 139 in favour, 15 against

The meeting was therefore adjourned to a date to be fixed later, to allow the Royal Aeronautical Society time to implement Clause 3 of the Conditional Agreement which requires the Society to seek the approval of Her Majesty's Privy Council to the addition to its name of the words "and the Helicopter Association of Great Britain" When this approval has been received, the Meeting will then be re-convened for the purpose of passing Special Resolution No 2 In event of the voting being in favour, final arrangements will be made for the dissolution of the Association and the Formation of the Rotorcraft Section of the Royal Aeronautical Society

Mr P G Masefield, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, then addressed the Meeting He wished firstly to assure the Meeting, on behalf of the Council of the Royal Aeronautical Society, that if the first Resolution was carried, the Society will be proud to give every possible support to the Helicopter Association in its new guise as the Rotorcraft Section of the Royal Aeronautical Society, under its own Committee, with its own Awards and Section Membership, proceeding autonomously within the Society Mr Masefield felt that in these difficult days for Aeronautics generally, such a combination will bring the maximum possible emphasis to the cause we all have at heart, thereby avoiding difficulties which might arise, and be used by those who did not wish to see the advance of aeronautical science in all its aspects

Mr Masefield said that he was very appreciative of the way in which the problems and possibilities had been stated in the explanatory letter The position had been stated very fairly He believed that the Society's Sections were a great source of strength to British Aeronautics They were a means by which we could make our voices heard by the "Powers that Be" The Royal Aeronautical Society does carry a certain amount of weight, which could be strengthened by what the Association could bring to it

Mr Masefield felt that it was a happy thing that the new President of the Association (Mr N E Rowe), was a past President of the Society

With regard to the question of funds, the Society was aware that it would have to allocate funds to support the work of the Rotorcraft Section The question of the allocation of the Association's funds is up to the Association, and is no concern of the Royal Aeronautical Society until the actual merger goes through at about the end of this year

The question of grading in the Society had worried some members of the Association, but he felt that any difficulties could be cleared up in due course

Mr Masefield stated that the Royal Aeronautical Society had in fact delayed the formation of its Rotorcraft Section at the time of the formation of its Guided Flight and Astronautics Section, so there would be no clash of interests with the Association, and he was sure that the joint approach to the problem had been far the wisest

In conclusion, Mr Masefield paid tribute to the work of the Association, which he was sure would continue with the same aims, objectives and successes as before

The offices of the Section would be at 4 Hamilton Place, W 1, where the projected new lecture hall at the back of the offices would be available for use by the Section