

Minutes of AGM, Thursday 23rd May 2013

Attendees: Colm O'Donnell, Seamus Crickley, William Curran, Tom Curran

Appologies: Michael Clancy, Seamus Kerr, Brona Carroll, Michael O'Dwyer, Ryan Byrne, Robert Corcoran.

Key Outputs:

1. Committee agreed to focus efforts on 3 or 4 well organised, relevant and high impact events during 2013-2014. Aim to leverage these events to promote the Division against the backdrop of significant development and progression within the Agri-Food sector both nationally & internationally. **(Decision)**
2. The three events held during the 2012-2013 period (DANONE Macroom Infant Nutritional Facility, Diageo Energy Efficient Design Process and the Fluorinated Gas Regulation Revision) attracted an average of 36 attendees per event. This was quite a strong return when compared to events run by other Engineers Ireland Divisions over the same period. **(Info)**
3. Proposed Events:
 - a. Visit to New St James Gate Brewery – end Sept/early Oct 2013 **(WC to organise)**
 - b. Water Technology Event – Nov 2013. Focus areas to include legislation, quality, water treatment, technological breakthroughs etc. **(SC to scope out)**
 - c. Refrigeration; Applications & Developments within the Agri-Food sector. Possible joint event with the IRI - Feb 2014 **(SK to confirm and scope out)**
 - d. Event on Dairy Processing April 2014. Focus areas to include impacts and opportunities associated with EU policy changes for Irish processors; key export markets, product mix and trends, technological innovations/breakthroughs and

role of Engineers in step – changing the competitiveness of the sector in Ireland. Option to partner with the Society of Dairy Technology will be explored for this event. **(TC & CO'D to scope out)**

4. Recommended that wherever possible the committee should reach out to Academic, Government and Industry contacts when organising an event e.g. Universities, IDA, Bord Bia, IDB, ASA, Teagasc, private enterprise (from multinational blue chip FMCG operators to small scale startup companies) essentially any source or subject matter expert that may enhance the impact of a specific event. **(Info)**
5. To ensure events are well organised and well attended, critical that the Agriculture and Food Engineering Division remains strongly connected to event planning in other divisions. Important therefore that Liaison Committee is well informed on our events programme as synergies may exist with other divisions. **(WC to connect with BC on programme for 2013-2014)**
6. Committee agreed to connect via telecon on a bi-monthly basis. **WC to issue recurring invites and telecon details.**
7. Committee Elections:

Position	Elected	Nominated by	Seconded by
Chairman	William Curran	CO'D	SC
Vice Chairman	Seamus Crickley	WC	TC
Secretary	Michael O 'Dwyer	CO'D	WC
Council Representative	William Curran	CO'D	SC
Liaison Committee Representative	Brona Carroll	WC	CO'D
CPD Liaison	Tom Curran	CO'D	WC
STEPS Liaison	TBC		
3 rd Level Liaison	Colm O'Donnell	SC	TC
General Committee Member	Ryan Byrne	TC	WC
General Committee Member	Michael Clancy	CO'D	WC
General Committee Member	Seamus Kerr	WC	CO'D
General Committee Member	Robert Corcoran	WC	SC

William Curran

29 May 2013