

Engineers Ireland Fire & Safety Division – AGM – 17th April 2014

Attendees:

Dan Fitzgerald, Chair
Kevin Woods, Secretary
Máirín Ní Aonghusa, Customer Service Officer
Ruth Walsh, STEPS Rep.
Paul Curran, Committee Member
Paul Tyson, Attendee (new committee member)
Seamus McAreevey, Attendee (new committee member)
Robert Page, Committee Member
John Comey, Committee Member
Pat Sheridan, Attendee
Thomas Leonard, Committee Member
Colm Traynor, Committee Member
David O'Connor, Liaison Rep.

Apologies were received from:

Piotr Smardz, Committee Member
Kenneth Wynne, CPD Rep.
Calum McMillan, Committee Member
Brian Collentine, Committee Member
Michael Lyons, 3rd Level Rep
Donal O'Keeffe, Committee Member

Election of Officers and Committee for 2014-2015.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chair:	Dan Fitzgerald
Vice Chair:	Kevin Woods
Secretary:	Kevin Woods
Council Rep:	David O'Connor
Liaison Rep:	Paul Curran
STEPS Rep:	Ruth Walsh
3rd Level Rep:	Michael Lyons
CPD Rep:	Kenneth Wynne

Fire & Safety Division Committee:

Brian Collentine, Calum McMillan, Colm Traynor, Dan Fitzgerald, David O'Connor, Donal O'Keeffe, Gerard Buckley, John Comey, Kenneth Wynne, Kevin Woods, Michael Lyons, Paul Curran, Piotr Smardz, Robert Page, Ruth Walsh, Thomas Leonard.

New committee members: Seamus McAreyve, Paul Tyson.

The Fire & Safety division of Engineers Ireland has a total of 809 members.

2013/14 Evening Presentations and Events

The following events were held during the 2013 / 14 period:

Thursday 19th September | Pre Season Committee meeting | Conference Room | 6.30pm

Thursday 17th October 2013 | Evening Lecture | How to Avoid Litigation... | Ian Crotty, Rachel Lee, Nina Gaston of Kennedys Solicitors | 6.30pm

Thursday 28th November | Evening Lecture | Seveso III Directive | Thomas Leonard of Byrne O'Cleirigh | 6.30pm

Thursday 12th December | Evening Lecture | Control of Smoke and Fire in Ventilation Systems | Barry Stenson of Entropic | 6:30pm (event held jointly with CIBSE)

Friday 13th December – Christmas Lunch at Marco Pierre Whites. Brian Power attended as a guest of the Division.

Wednesday 22nd January 2014 | Evening Lecture | New Building Control (Amendment) Regulations | Calum McMillan, Arup Consulting | 6.30pm (Calum also delivered a similar lecture for the Thomond Region)

Thursday 20th February 2014 | Evening Lecture | This was postponed until 17th April.

Wednesday 26th March 2014 – The 2014 Annual Fire & Safety Division Seminar and Conference took place at Clyde Road (see later note).

Thursday 17th April 2014 - The F&S Division AGM was held at 5pm at Clyde Road followed by an Evening Lecture | New IS3217 Emergency Lighting standard | John Comey of Comsec | 6.30pm

We were invited to attend the CIBSE Christmas Lunch. David O'Connor attended on our behalf.

2014 / 2015 evening presentations and events:

The following events are scheduled for 2014 / 15:

Thursday 25th Sept 2014 @ 6.30pm **Pre-Season meeting** in The President's Room (post meeting note – changed from 18th Sept – KW)

16th October 2014 @ 6.30pm – Evening Lecture “**Gas Services in Buildings**” Colm Traynor to follow up with Speaker. Paul Tyson is also to make enquiries.

20th November 2014 @ 6.30pm Evening Lecture “**Draft Code of Practise for Seveso Sites**” Seamus McAreevy to follow with Richard Hedderman, ACFO, Dublin Fire Brigade

15th January 2015 @6.30pm Evening Lecture “**Construction Safety**” David O'Connor to follow up with Speaker, (Joint Event)

19th February 2015@6.30pm Evening Lecture “**Revised TGD-B**” to be presented by Chris Barry of DoE (post meeting note - Changed from “**Fire Safety in Data Centres**” - KW)

April 16th 2015 @ 6:30pm – **F&S Division AGM**. No evening lecture planned. (Post meeting note – We may possibly do a joint event with CIBSE or IFE on this evening – KW).

An additional evening lecture topic – “**Building Control Regs – Experience to date**” might be run (TBC, or this may be a fall-back topic for the annual seminar). Post meeting note - Dan Fitzgerald has been told that Beauchamps Solicitors may be prepared to speak on this at a future event.

We might also run an additional evening lecture jointly with CIBSE, IFE, RIAI, or other institution. KW to investigate.

We will circulate notices of future events to AIRM, RIAI, CIBSE, IFE, Hospital TSMs, Institute of Facilities Managers, and others.

Future evening lectures may be webcast. New recording equipment is being tested with options to (a) stream this or (b) to put this on YouTube (or both).

Other topics for future events:

Electrical Panel fire suppression including Firetrace, and internal fire detection.

Process Safety Management / Barrier Management (Robert Sherman)

Kildare Landfill Fire

Fire Protection in Data Centres (Kevin McConnell)

Property Loss Adjusters – Lessons Learned from Fire Incidents

Post meeting notes –

Gerry Stanley of DFB has volunteered to speak on fire investigation at a future event.

Annual Seminar and Conference 2014

The 2014 Fire & Safety Division Annual Conference and Seminar took place on March 26th 2014 at Clyde Road. Simon Purdue, Engineers Ireland CPD Executive, was main the organiser. The following is a list of the presentations and speakers:

1. New IS3218 standard (Fire Detection Alarms Systems) – Frank Pierce, Apollo
2. Fire Safety Regulation, a comparative perspective, Ireland v Poland - Piotr Smardz, INBEPO
3. Emergency Lighting – Aidan O’Connor, HSE
4. Structural Failure and the Twin Towers – Barbara Lane, Arup Consulting
5. Dublin Port Fire Main – Pat Conneely, HSA
6. Wireless Fire Alarm Detection – Ray Puttock
7. New Building Control Regulations – Callum McMillan, Arup Consulting
8. ESFR sprinklers – Paul Kennedy, Automatic Fire & Sprinkler Co

Robert Sherman of MMI was to speak on Process Safety & Barrier Management, but had to cancel shortly before the event. Robert provided his slides, and these are available on request.

The seminar was deemed a success. There were a total of 76 attendees including 15 from Dublin fire Brigade. It was noted that not many F&S division committee members attended. There was a long Q&A session at the end of the seminar, with particular interest in the new Building Control Regs. Simon Purdue reported good feedback from attendees.

Annual Seminar and Conference 2015:

A one Day Annual Fire and Safety Division Seminar will be held at Clyde Road on Thursday 26th March 2015. Presentations will each last 20 to 25 mins. The following topics and speakers are proposed:

1. Building Control Amendment Regulations, Part B Perspective from the Assigned Person—Dan Fitzgerald to request a speaker from Arup Consulting
2. LPG fire safety topic- Kevin Woods to request a speaker from Calor or FloGas. **(Post meeting note – Brian Murphy of Flo Gas has agreed to speak on LPG fire and explosion safety).**
3. Case Study for Waste Management Sites — Kevin Woods to follow up with speaker from CIWM.
4. Case Study for Waste Management Sites — Fire Brigade Perspective, Kevin Woods to follow up with Dublin Fire Brigade and Robert Page to follow up with Kildare Fire Service. **(Post meeting note – Gerry Stanley of DFB has agreed to speak on waste industry fires).**
5. Health Care Premises Fire Safety — Dan Fitzgerald to follow up with Maurice Johnson of MJP
6. Fire Safety Provisions for Commercial Kitchens — Kevin Woods is to ask Brian Bourke of Forward Fire Engineering if he will speak. **(Post meeting note – Brian Bourke has agreed to speak).**

7. High Voltage Hazards — Ger Buckley may be able to present on this subject. (Post meeting note – KW spoke to GB, and he is prepared to speak on this subject. Note that Ger’s e-mail address has changed. The ESB address no longer reaches him. KW).
8. New Emergency Lighting Standard IS:3218:2013 — John Comey has agreed to present if available
9. Revised TGD-B Status update – Kevin Woods to request a speaker from DoE. (Post meeting note – now to be run as an evening lecture as Chris Barry will need ~60 mins to cover the topic).

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None.