

Engineers Ireland – Fire & Safety Division

Minutes of the 2013 AGM.

Date, Time and Location:

18 April 2013, 6:30pm – 8:00pm, Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Dublin 4

Present:

Dan Fitzgerald (DF)
 Kevin Woods (KWO)
 Kenneth Wynne (KWY)
 Thomas Leonard (TL)
 David O'Connor (DOC)
 Donal O'Keefe (DOK)
 John Comey (JC)
 Ruth Walsh (RW)
 Michael Lyons (ML) – briefly by phone
 Máirín Ní Aonghusa (MNA) - Customer Service Officer, Engineers Ireland

Apologies were received from Paul Curran, Brian Colletine, Colm Traynor, Robert Page, Michael Lyons, and Piotr Smardz (though Michael Lyons did contribute briefly by phone).

#	Note	Action
1	<p>2012 Minutes DF read through the 2012 Fire & Safety Division AGM minutes. These previous minutes were reviewed and agreed.</p>	
2	<p>Committee Members Existing members were all understood to want to remain in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colm Traynor • Paul Curran • David O'Connor • Michael Lyons • Brian Collentine • Dan Fitzgerald • Piotr Smardz • Thomas Leonard • Gerard Buckley • Robert Page • Kenneth Wynne • Kevin Woods • John Comey • Donal O'Keefe <p>New Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruth Walsh (Dublin Fire Brigade) • Calum McMillan (Arup Consulting) 	
3.	<p>Officers</p> <p>Officers were elected as follows:</p> <p>Chair – Dan Fitzgerald stated that he was happy to remain as Chair. He was proposed by David O'Connor, and was seconded by Kevin Woods.</p> <p>Liaison Officer – David O'Connor said that was happy to remain as Liaison Officer. He was proposed by Dan Fitzgerald, and was seconded by Kenneth Wynne.</p> <p>Secretary – Kevin Woods indicated that he would be happy to assume the role. He was proposed by David O'Connor, and was seconded by Dan Fitzgerald.</p>	

	<p>Third Level Liaison Officer – Michael Lyons indicated by phone that he would be happy to assume this role. He was proposed by David O’Connor, and was seconded by Donal O’Keefe.</p> <p>STEPS Officer – Ruth Walsh indicated that she would be happy to assume this role. She was proposed by Dan Fitzgerald, and was seconded by Donal O’Keefe.</p> <p>CPD Liaison Officer – Kenneth Wynne indicated that he would be happy to assume this role. He was proposed by Thomas Leonard, and was seconded by Kevin Woods.</p> <p>It was agreed that the F&S Division would not have a Public Relations Officer.</p>	
4	<p>Fire & Safety Division Annual Conference</p> <p><u>2013 Conference</u></p> <p>Approx. 40 persons attended the Fire & Safety Division Annual Conference at the Clayton hotel Galway on March 13th 2013.</p> <p>The following made presentations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Professional Indemnity insurance for professionals, Michael Davis, Aon Risk Solutions 2. New Building Control Regulation, Martin Vaughan, Ass Principal Officer DoE 3. IS3218, Certification of fire detection and alarm systems, “a system in crisis”, John Comey and Michael Lyons. 4. BS9991, New CoP for Residential Buildings, Martin Davidson of JGA 5. Domestic Fire Sprinklers, Donal O’Keefe 6. Control Burn for High Hazard Installations, Thomas Leonard of BOC <p>Unfortunately, a presentation by Piotr Smardz of INBEPO on “Fire Safety Regulation, a comparative perspective, Ireland v Poland” could not go ahead as Piotr’s flight from Poland was cancelled.</p> <p>Otherwise, the conference went well. Aidan O’Flaherty subsequently provided delegate feedback, and suggestions made have been taken into consideration during planning of the 2014 Fire & Safety Division conference.</p>	
	<p><u>2014 Conference</u></p> <p>The Fire & Safety Division Annual Conference and Seminar will take place on March 26th 2014 at Clyde Road. This will be listed as an event on Engineers Ireland bulletins. The following topics and speakers are proposed (subject to amendment):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New IS3218 standard (Fire Detection Alarms Systems) – Vincent Carrigy 2. Fire Safety Regulation, a comparative perspective, Ireland v Poland - Piotr Smardz, INBEPO 3. Topic TBA – Aidan O’Connor, HSE 4. Structural Failure and the Twin Towers – Barbara Lane, Arup Consulting 5. Dublin Port Fire Main – Pat Conneealy, HSA 6. Texas Fertilizer Explosion, Liam O’Cleirigh, BOC Consulting 	<p>JC</p> <p>KWY</p> <p>DOK</p> <p>KWY</p> <p>TL</p> <p>TL</p>

	<p>Engineers</p> <p>7. Special Fire Protections including for Data Centres – Kevin McConnell, FM Global Insurance</p> <p>8. Fire Suppression Systems (possibly including ESFR sprinklers) – Tony Crilly, National Sprinkler Co.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>???</p>
5	<p><u>Evening Lectures</u></p> <p><u>2012 -2013</u></p> <p>Fire & Safety Division Evening Lectures held during 2012 and early 2013 were as follows:</p> <p>18th October 2012 - BS9991:2011 - Fire safety in the design, management and use of residential buildings. Code of practice Changes and Overview - Martin Davidson of Jeremy Gardner Associates</p> <p>22nd November 2012 - Insurer’s attitude to building construction and fire protection with regard to property risk – Liza Doyle and John Sheil of Chartis Insurance (AIG)</p> <p>24th January 2013 - New Building Control Regulations and Code of Practice for Inspection and Certification - Changes and Overview – Martin Vaughan of DoE.</p> <p>21st February 2013 - Technological Aids to Fire Evacuation in Buildings – John Comey of Comsec.</p>	
	<p><u>2013 – 2014</u></p> <p>For 2013-2014, the following lectures and meetings are proposed:</p> <p>Thursday 19th September “Pre Season “Committee meeting Conference Room 6.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 17th October 2013 Evening Lecture PI Insurance for Engineers (in the context of the new Building Control Regulations) Michael Davis, Aon Risk Solutions 6.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 21st 28th November Evening Lecture Seveso III Directive Thomas Leonard of Byrne O’Cleirigh (MNA since advised that date may need to be altered because of an existing lecture theatre booking – TBA) 6.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 16th January 2014 Evening Lecture New Building Control Regulations Calum McMillan, Arup Consulting 6.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 20th February 2014 Evening Lecture New IS3217 Emergency Lighting standard John Comey of Comsec 6.30pm</p> <p>The Annual conference and Seminar will take place on 26th March 2014 at Clyde Road.</p> <p>The F&S Division AGM will be held at 6:30pm on 17th April 2014 at Clyde Road.</p> <p>The F&S Division Christmas Lunch will take place on Friday 13th December 2013. The venue is to be agree later.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>TL</p> <p>???</p> <p>JC</p>
6	<p><u>AOB :</u></p> <p>DOC suggested that CIBSE should be informed of future fire detection and protection events.</p>	<p>KWO</p>

	<p>Fire Risk Assessor – qualifications and registration with regard to UK Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order (“RRO” / “RRFSO”) were briefly discussed. Irish consultants working in the UK may need to be registered.</p> <p>New Building Control Regulations will come into force on 1st March 2014.</p> <p>DOC asked if there was an electronic means of members recording attendance at CPD events.</p> <p>MNA advised that the normal maximum term for officers is two years, though this is not obligatory.</p> <p>MNA agreed to e-mail an outline of the role of CPD Liaison Officer.</p>	<p>KWO</p> <p>MNA</p>
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