



## Thames Valley Branch

32<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the IOSH Thames Valley Branch  
held on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 via Zoom

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stephen Ablett, David Adams, Adeshina Adeboye, Toritseju Adejumo, Stewart Andrews, David Armstrong, Ian Axford, Paul Beaumont, Colin Behan, Michael Bergin, Martin Botha, Helmi Bouraqui, Jane Brown, Sally Butler, Vince Butler, Ka Fu Cheung, Helen Corcoran, Joao Corte-Dos-Santos, Mark Cummins, Tracy Curtis, Simon Cutmore, Peter Dempsey, Andrew Flisher, Joe Fullbrook, Mariusz Giergowski, Stephanie Gunness, David Heath, Zafar Iqbal, Grahame Jamieson, Greg Jones, James Johnstone, Liam Jordan, Myra Kelly, Teresa Kelly, Robert Loftus, Chris Longden, Kathryn Lubkowski, Steven Maunder, John McNab, Kerry Monger, Nathalie Muller, Neia Nanyis, Grzegorz Niesterkowski, Taiwo Obe, Graham Parker, Tyrone Partridge, Katerina Peshikj, Michael Pitfield, Timothy Preston, Damian Prisk, Jim Prowse, Steve Pulling, Rubin Rajan, Dominic Roarty, Steve Rogers, Andrew Rooke, Nathalie Scott, Paul Sivachuk, Grant Skinner, Martin Sole, Przernek Stachow, Amrit Singh, John Steed, Bosco Tsz Yan Chan, Michael Walcott, David Westover, Billy White, Chris Williamson, Tom Wilson, Tsz To Wong,

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none received

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:**

The minutes of the AGM, held on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 were accepted as a true record.

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

None

### **CHAIRS REPORT**

Last year was a continuation of the previous year working around the worldwide pandemic of the Corona Virus with all meetings being virtual. The loss of lives to this virus is terrible, but there are signs of improvement and returning to a normal life and so as a branch I hope to establish a new normal for our members.

Our programme this year was reduced to one virtual session per month and one session was dropped as the speaker was ill and I thank the committee for their continued work in delivering the programme.

The institute has decided to reintroduced face to face next year and as a guide have suggested that branches deliver around 3 virtual events to one F2F meeting as a norm.

Going forward will still be a challenging period, some members want to return to face to face and less emphasis on virtual meetings and others prefer virtual meetings rather than face to face so pleasing everyone will need to be a magic trick.

Members present and past are reminded that there is an institute Benevolent Fund that they can apply to, and I hope those who need assistance do explore this.

We as a committee award an annual safety prize to the NFTS students and are committed to continuing this going forward. I would like to thank Chris Stops for over 15 years in this partnership, Chris has decided to stand down and I will take over the liaison of this going forward. In the judging of this completion Chris and I were assisted by Kelly Nicoll and I thank her for her help in this.

Our committee has morphed slightly, our vice chair resigned for personal reasons, and I would like to thank Nick Bathurst for the sterling work he has done for this branch over many years running the evening events and arranging field trips, thank you and you will be missed.

The committee has been strengthened this year, firstly by Myra Kelly standing up to be our new vice chair and the addition of three new members- Kerry Monger, Melvin Keyani and Stephen Ablett- Thank you all and welcome.

I would like to thank our Regional Manager Nathalie Muller for hosting our virtual sessions.

And not least a big thank you to the whole committee who work behind the scenes to make these events happen- Those mentioned previously and David Heath, Steve Pulling, Tom Wilson, Laura Graure, Joao Matias and Karl Petre

Our continued aim as our newly formed committee is to deliver quality events as a branch rather than quantity and if you have any areas of interest you would like to be included, please let me know.

I hope for your continued support of our branch and we as a committee are here to enhance our member's experience.

Thank you.

*T. J. Partridge*

Tyrone Partridge

#### **ELECTION OF BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

Under the new regime all the executive committee were elected by on-line voting in April. The results are as follows:

Chair - Tyrone Partridge

Vice Chair - Myra Kelly

Secretary - David Heath

Treasurer - Steve Pulling

Communications co-ordinator - Tom Wilson

Programme co-ordinator – Laura Graure

Members : Joao Matias, Karl Petre, Kelly Nicoll, Stephen Ablett, Melvin Keyani, Kerry Monger.

#### **AOB**

A member asked when we would be returning to face to face branch meetings and also about the financial situation of the branch and IOSH. The chair said that a executive committee meeting would be held the following week and the next years programme (starting in September 2022) would be confirmed. Regarding face to face, a business case for funding will need to be submitted to IOSH for each event. The Institution was in financial difficulty prior to the pandemic but with few real events taking place the situation has been resolved. (Virtual meetings cost very little compared with venue hire.)

The AGM closed at 20.00

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