

**NOTES FROM THE GREATER LONDON REGION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 1 BIRDCAGE WALK ON 15 OCTOBER 2014**

Present: G. Hartill (GH) I. Berry (IB)
C. Ingram (CI) M. Saunders (MS)
Y. Yan (YY) P. Oldham (PO)
C. Clarke (CC) D. Thielens (DT)
P. Knight (PK) E. Robinson (ER)
M. Osborn (MO) B. Takala (BT)
A. Perera (AP) S. Paish (SP)
S. Barker (SB) T. White (TW)
F. Khoshnoud (FK)

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Chairman Giles Hartill welcomed everyone and thanked them all for coming.

2. APOLOGIES

K. Huntington (KH) S. Haslam (SH)
V. Liu (VL) M. Pitt (MP)
C. Lowther (CL) C. Maycock (CM)
C. Brown (CB) J. Blake (JB)
R. Campbell (RC)

Absentees R. Sharma (RS) Saviyen Subramanyan (SS)
A. Du (AD) J. Tomlinson (JT)

3. AGREEMENT ON AGENDA

3.1 Agreed.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

4.1 GH had a few notes for CI to update.

5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

5.1 GH is to speak to CB.

5.2 MS is to talk with Clive Price in respect of the email that the GLR has agreed to send out to its members on behalf of Imagineering

6. THEME EVENTS

6.1 The committee welcomed Philippa Oldham (PO), Head of Transport and Manufacturing at the IMechE. PO discussed the key themes that the IMechE will be concentrating on this year; Energy, Environment, Manufacturing, Transport Society and Education. PO agreed to send CI the IMechE's Theme Briefing paper, for him to distribute to the

committee for comment by the end of November. A few items were discussed (housing policy, technician skill shortage, and industrial finance) and PO agreed that topics were typically more effective when they were part of a government focus or had significant media attention. SB suggested increase communication between the YMP and PO in order to ensure events complimented the IMechE's selected themes.

7. COMMITTEE POSITIONS

7.1 The final GLR committee positions have now been filled. The committee welcomed:

D&G Liaison Officer - Simon Paish

Publicity Officer – Farbod Khoshnoud

Assistant Publicity Officer – Saviyen Subramanyan

Website Officer – Ed Robinson

Social media Officer – Bernard Takala

Media Officer – Pareen Kapadia

GH agreed to contact all those in the GLR and area committee's that require Lyris and Near You site access and coordinate with Kevin Manning to ensure everyone is appropriately trained on the two systems.

8. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

8.1 This year's budget is under a non-traditional arrangement where the FY will run from September to August. Despite some teething problems with this arrangement, the bank balance is quite healthy £4000

9. COUNCIL/RSB UPDATE

9.1 After the latest RSB meeting, version 2 of the GLR plan is ready. GH is to distribute this to the committee in time for comment at the next meeting. This plan will become the document that the GLR committee report against showing how it is performing.

9.2 GH encouraged all of the committee to vote in the upcoming manifesto survey that has been put together by Stephen Tetlow the CEO of IMechE.

10. AREA UPDATES

10.1 **Central Events**

- 10.1.1 A talk on Mechanical Engineering in the Theatre is taking place on November the 26th. This event has already been a great success for the Hertfordshire region
- 10.1.2 Christmas/New year's lectures organisation is well underway
- 10.1.3 After Christmas the Welding Institute will be holding a talk on when things go wrong, although a date has not yet been fixed for this.

10.2 **NW Area**

- 10.2.1 A visit to RAF Conningsby is arranged for the 19th of November
- 10.2.2 A visit to Marin Baker ejector seats takes place on the 3rd of December
- 10.2.3 A visit to Bletchley park is planned of the 15th of March

10.3 **SW Area**

- 10.3.1 A relatively quiet period for the SW area other than the luncheon club
- 10.3.2 Currently trying to organise a Crossrail talk but are liaising with CEC and other regions as they too are organising talks.

10.4 **S Area**

- 10.4.1 Both the Brompton Cycles tour and Recycling plant visit were oversubscribed so there are plans to hold these two events again, with priority to those that were not selected this time.
- 10.4.2 On the 22nd of October there will be a event on time keeping at the National Physics Laboratory.
- 10.4.3 The Whitechapel bell foundry tour is scheduled for January 31st
- 10.4.4 Succession plans for positions available at the next AGM are underway.

10.5 **YMP**

- 10.5.1 The get registered event that was held a couple of weeks ago was very positive with around 35 member showing up.
- 10.5.2 The technical visit at the Building Research Establishment on the 17th of October, went well.
- 10.5.3 Succession plans for positions available at the next AGM are underway.

- 10.5.4 SB invited the IET YMP to the IMechE YMP Christmas social to be held at a cocktail bar in Clapham junction.

11. EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- 11.1 SET for Sport – Alton Convent School from Northampton have once again signed up for this event. P.K. and C.L. are assisting with this event and are searching/hoping for a London based school.
- 11.2 EYF – Aaron Du is organising this with HQ
- 11.3 Big Balloon Debate – Due to take place in March to align with science week.
- 11.4 Speak up for Engineering – will now be pushed into next year May/June 2015. GH and SB are to confirm the regional rules for this event. A.D. is to check the IET involvement via the IET.
- 11.5 Bloodhound – IET event on the 10th of December. The IMechE have requested to be part of this and DT will confirm that everything is in order before PK advertises it to the GLR members. If the IMechE cannot join in then they will organise a bloodhound event last year.
- 11.6 The University Design Challenge – The national finals took place at IMechE HQ and Lancaster University swept the board of prizes. The event has been a terrific success and more universities are expected for next year's event and it is hoped that soon the event will form part of many universities curriculum in a similar way to Formula Student. The committee congratulated T.W. and all of the team for their effort towards this very positively met event.

12. ENGINEERING INSTITUTION LIAISON

- 12.1 The IMechE and IET Christmas social takes place on December the 9th after respective meetings. The event starts at 19:30.
- 12.2 Two New Year events, one with the IMechE and the other with the IET, have inadvertently been organised one day after the other. Despite concerns of attendance it was agreed that it is too late to change either event, and they will both go ahead as planned.

The committee had significant discussion in respect of the IMechE New Year joint lecture event. Tim Fox will be presenting the IMechE's Food report in one theatre whilst Captain Winter will be talking about what it is like to run a Royal Navy ship in a war zone.

13. GLR AREA STRUCTURE

- 13.1 GH discussed his intentions to create interest in the formation of the eastern region by advertising the region with the universities. DT of the IET mentioned that the IET has recently formed an eastern region

and perhaps the IET and IMechE can join forces to assist with membership advertising.

14. AOB

14.1 CC reminded all of two upcoming events with the RAeS. 17th of November is the light aircraft design conference. IMechE members will receive a special rate of £50 for this all day event. 11th November the Captain of the A380 who successfully performed an emergency landing will be giving a talk.

14.2 Discussions of a joint event in May 2015 between the IMechE and RAeS

15. NEXT MEETING DATES

15.1 The next meeting, on the 9th of Decmeber, will be a short meeting. CEC will meet at 17:30 as usual, GLR meeting will start at 18:00 and finish early around 19:15.

16. CLOSE.

Charles Ingram

Hon. Secretary
GLR Committee

26th October 2014