

**NOTES FROM THE GREATER LONDON REGION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 1 BIRDCAGE WALK ON 10th March 2015**

Present: G. Hartill (GH) E. Robinson (ER)
C. Ingram (CI) I. Berry (IB)
Y. Yan (YY) S. Paish (SP)
C. Clarke (CC) T. White (TW)
V. Liu (VL) S. Barker (SB)
P. Knight (PK) C. Maycock (CM)
A. Perera (AP) R. Guy (RG)
J. Blake (JB) M. Pitt (MP)
M. Saunders (MS) P. Kapadia (PKa)
K. Jones (KJ) C. Price (CP)

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. APOLOGIES

Absentees S. Haslam (SH) M. Osborn (MO)
C. Lowther (CL) G. DeNadia (GD)
R. Sharma (RS) Saviyen Subramanyan (SS)
K. Huntington (KH) J. Tomlinson (JT)
F. Khoshnoud (FK) B. Takala (BT)
W. Todd C. Brown (CB)

3. AGREEMENT ON AGENDA

3.1 Agreed.

4. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

4.1 Agreed

5. MATTERS ARISING AND ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING

5.1 None

6. HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 There have been one substantial transaction recently due to the joint IMechE and IET celebrations, which came to ~£50000. Each institute was due to pay £2000 each and Colin Brown has agreed to contribute

the rest from HQ. Some far this has been £900, however this does not quite bring the transaction total down to £4000.

6.2 **VL agreed to contact CB and Davy Thaliens of the IET to finalise the financial part of this event.**

6.3 The balance of the account currently stands at ~£2500

6.4 The University design challenge has cost ~£1200 from the region's education budget.

6.5 EYF is the only outstanding transaction before the AGM, however there has been some confusion as to which budget this money actually comes from. **VL, CC, RG agreed to contact Peter Finegold and agree where this money will come from this year and next.**

7. COUNCIL/RSB UPDATE

7.1 GH requested if there were any items that would like to be raised at the upcoming RSB meeting

7.2 The group commented on website improvements, the clarification of VAT and issues related to non-member colleagues unable to attend lectures.

7.3 GH will report back to the committee at the June meeting.

7.4 Current other agenda items include:

- a) Regional Updates
- b) Collaboration with other institutions
- c) The IMechE Manifesto
- d) The Young Members
- e) Business Development Managers
- f) Skills for the Future

8. NOMINATIONS

8.1 The committee positions for the upcoming AGM were discussed. The following nominations were made:

Position	Nominee	TBD Nominee
Chairman	Giles Hartill	
Vice Chairman	Charles Ingram	
Hon. Secretary		
Assistant Hon. Secretary	Youyou Yan	
Hon. Treasurer	Verina Liu	
Assistant Hon. Treasurer	Charles Clarke	
Central Events Committee Chairman	Phoebe Knight	
STEM Projects Co-ordinator		Sarah Haslam
Publicity Officer		Farbod Khoshnoud
Assistant Publicity Officer		Saviyen Subramanyan
Website Officer	Ed Robinson	
Media Officer	Pareen Kapadia	
Social Media Officer		Bernard Takala
IMechE Divisions & Groups Liaison Officer	Simon Paish	
ICE Liaison		Chris Brown
ICChemE Liaison		Jasper Tomlinson
IET Liaison	Gary Hayes	
RAeS Liaison	Charles Clarke	
Uni Design Challenge Lead	Tony White	
Climate Change Lead (co-opted)		Will Todd
Member	Ian Berry	
Member	John Blake	

8.2 For committee members that did not attend the meeting it was assumed that they would stand for their current positions. **CI is to confirm this and coordinate advertising open positions.**

9. AREA UPDATES

9.1 Central Events

9.1.1 Awaiting input from PK

9.2 NW Area

9.2.1 Ken Jones has been appointed as the Chairman of the NW area.

9.2.2 The talk at Brunel University on the history and rebirth of the F1 relationship between Honda and McLaren was very well attended but lessons have been learnt from the experience which it is felt could have been better presented.

9.2.3 A site visit to Aston Martin Lagonda is taking place on the 8th of April and a visit to a working paper mill take place in late spring but date is not confirmed as yet.

9.3 **SW Area**

9.3.1 The area has grown in numbers especially with new younger members attending.

9.3.2 The Whitechapel bell foundry tour went very well and a welding lecture is taking place tonight.

9.3.3 Acoustics, University electric car, Kew Gardens tour, mini cooper tour events are all scheduled.

9.3.4 A mystery donor has added a substantial sum to the area account, it is suspected in error. VL and AP are to investigate further.

9.4 **S Area**

9.4.1 Sadly the recent lunch club get together was cancelled but a risk and project management lecture for the 18th has had a good response.

9.4.2 CFD presentation and a Brooklands visit are planned for the near future.

9.5 **YMP**

9.5.1 Aaron Du, has been appointed as the new chair of the YMP

9.5.2 SB will continue to assist and immediate past chairman

9.5.3 There has been great interest and more members joining the panel.

10. EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

10.1 The Big balloon debate – took place yesterday, and went well despite only attracting 22 guests, but there were 6 speakers. Reburrr won the debate. It was agreed that next year the dates should not coincide with Science week as this is what was felt to cause the low numbers.

10.2 SET for Sport – Alton Convent School from Northampton have once again signed up for this event. It will take place on the 16th of March during science week. SB commended PK on her hard work organising the event.

- 10.3 EYF – is ready to go and will take place on the 20th of March.
- 10.4 OWI2050 – there are now two proposals for this event. 1st is to spread the event across two dates to accommodate the boys and girls schools involved. 2nd is to create one big event in the summer.
- 10.5 Speak out for Engineering – arranged for the 18th of June, with heats in April. Prizes are confirmed as being the same as last year, but room booking must be well organised as it is on the cusp of the numbers between the main lecture theatre and a smaller room.
- 10.6 Global Engineering Debate – Dates and details are now on the YMP website
- 10.7 Get registered event – This is being organised by YMP member Ben Moneycombs for the 19th of May. It is proposed to hold the event twice a year.
- 10.8 The University Design Challenge – It is now officially a national event with 4 more regions to compete in the next event; Southampton, Wessex, Yorkshire and the Midlands. 5 universities will take part in the event in London alone; UCL, Brunel, Kingston, Middlesex and Greenwich. The national final takes place on the 2nd of October and is looking to start to involve both 2nd and 1st year university students. It is hoped that with the change of department head at Cambridge university, the course may be interested to join.
- 10.9 Imagineering – Advertising of the initiative has been circulated to GLR members, as well as the website being updated. FK is to setup an Imagineering page. The initiative has received positive comments from Parents when advertised but the initiative is looking for more companies inside the M25 to release tutors into the schools environment to promote it. It was suggested to collaborate with the IET summer fair event to increase visibility.
- 10.10 Bloodhound – The last event was very successful. PK has started to coordinate events for next year. The YMP are keen to create a bloodhound committee member position.

11. ENGINEERING INSTITUTION LIAISON

- 11.1 The Aeronautical institution welcomed the promotion of its events on the IMechE website, although there are some issues to iron out. An upcoming event of solar power flight prompted the committee to discuss the latest attempt to fly around the world only using solar energy.
- 11.2 The committee was joined by Tim Poole from the SE Railways division. The railways division is currently doing very well assisted by the amount of railway engineering activity currently taking place in Britain.

- 11.3 They currently run roughly 7 lectures and one technical visit a year, all of which are advertised at the beginning of the year.
- 11.4 The Railways division currently meet at 55 Broadway, the current TFL headquarters but due to intended vacation of the building by TFL in 2015, they will need to move too.
- 11.5 The railways division run an annual national competition, currently involving at least 7 universities, sometimes more, to build a very technically accurate 1/5th scale model locomotive, that is capable of passing real life locomotive qualification tests.
- 11.6 The division is keen to advertise with the GLR membership due to natural harmonies such as a crossrail event. Increased collaboration was discussed and agreed.
- 11.7 They have two events coming up; rebuilding gearboxes on diesel Locomotives and building electric diesel hybrid locomotives.
- 11.8 **It was agreed that SP and TP would discuss with PK, CP, FB and Kevin Manning to advertise current events and advertise to the GLR region, as well as planning a future joint event**

12. PRESEDENTIAL VISIT

- 12.1 The approved date for the next presidential visit is the 29th of January 2016
- 12.2 A rough plan is currently being constructed for the day but the idea is for it to take place in the east side of London, possibly at a university.
- 12.3 It is expected to be the inaugural event for the NE area.

13. GLR AREA STRUCTURE

- 13.1 CI presented a report on the current area split of the GLR and a proposal based on postcodes.
- 13.2 **Due to time constraints CI agreed to send the presentation out to the GLR committee members for comment.**

14. AOB

- 14.1 **CI is to send publicise future tentative meeting dates**

15. CLOSE.

Charles Ingram

Hon. Secretary
GLR Committee

17th February 2015