



17th Annual General Meeting

UK Association of Fire Investigators (IAAI Chapter 67)

Monday 27 & 28 January 2020

held at

Voco St Johns Hotel, Solihull

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1 Meeting opened at 09.10 hours
1.1 President Deon Webber thanked the delegates, sponsors and exhibitors for their attendance.
1.2 President Deon Webber discussed housekeeping arrangements such as locations of emergency exits, toilets and the venue for lunch and refreshment breaks. Delegates were informed that a fire alarm test would take place at 11.00 hours and that no action was necessary. The location of the fire assembly was pointed out in case of emergency.
1.2 President Deon Webber acknowledged the apologies for non attendance from Mugtaba Lazim and David Morgan. The floor was asked for any further apologies, there were none.
1.3 Deon Webber (outgoing President) gave the presidents address, thanking the Board and Executives for their assistance during his presidential year. He went on to say that it had been a pleasure and an honour to serve the association as President and that he was pleased to hand over the presidency to 1 st Vice President Leigh Richards
1.4 President Leigh Richards gave a brief inaugural address, thanking the immediate past president and acknowledging the achievements of the board in the previous year. He went on to mention some of his aspirations for the coming year, in particular the creation of a new UK-AFI website and he encouraged members to complete the website survey, which was to be sent out to all members.
2. Board Elections
2.1 Past President and election chair Peter Mansi addressed the meeting and explained that the two vacancies (2 nd Vice President and the subsequent director vacancy) had been filled by two applicants who were appointed unopposed. These were <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd VP – Emma Wilson• Director - David Schudel



2.2 **Peter Mansi** then spent some time encouraging members to consider running for the board where they would get much more from their membership. He stated that nominations for potentially three places on the board in 2021 would be open immediately following the AGM. Any interested parties were advised to contact PM via email.

2.3 **Peter Mansi** also informed delegates, in particular those who were members of the international Association that elections were currently being held for the IAAI board, with director and 2nd VP vacancies to be filled. He offered to advise anyone wishing to vote who were unaware of the candidates.

2.4 **Peter Mansi then announced the current make up of the UK-AFI Board of Directors and Executive board, being:**

President **Leigh Richards**

Immediate Past President **Deon Webber**

1st Vice President **Chris Ward**

2nd Vice President **Emma Wilson**

Director – **John Gow**

Director – **Emma Wilson**

Director – **Jon Stewart**

Director - **Mike Broadley**

Director - **Dave Bristow**

Director - **Dai Hancock**

Director - **James Acott**

New Board Member – **David Schudel**

3 Minutes of 2019 AGM

3.1 **Leigh Richards** called for a proposal to accept the published minutes.

3.1.1 Proposed by: **Nick Carey**

3.1.2 Seconded by: **Mike Flanagan**

4 Matters arising from minutes of previous AGM.

4.1 None

5 Reports on membership, financial, newsletter, CFI and the website.

5.1 **Leigh Richards** advised members that the membership, financial, Journal, Proctor and website reports had been available on the secure/members area of the website. He also stated the audited accounts were published ending 31st December 2018



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6.1 IAAI Director **Claire Mansi** congratulated **Leigh Richards** on his appointment

6.2 CM went on to thank the UK-AFI Membership and the UK-AFi Executives and Board for supporting her in her election for the IAAI board. She also brought to the attention of the delegates that for anyone not already a member of the IAAI, there was a discount code specifically for the UK ATC which would give a new member a 50% discount on the annual IAAI membership. She detailed some of the benefits of membership, including the \$11,000 accident insurance cover and encouraged anyone interested to take advantage of this opportunity.

6.3 There being no further business, the meeting closed at 09.40 hours.

7 Date of Next Meeting

7.1 Leigh Richards gave the date of next year's AGM as **Monday 25 January 2021**