



Minutes of the 22nd Annual General Meeting

UK Association of Fire Investigators (IAAI Chapter 67)

Monday 27th January 2025 8:30am.

**Location: Crown Plaza City Centre Hotel, 2 St Nicholas Place
Liverpool, L3 1QW**

1 Meeting opened at 8:30am

1.1 David Hancock (UK AFI President) Welcomed Members and acknowledged those that have sent their apologies and invited other apologies from those attending

1.2 David Hancock detailed procedures and outlined voting.

1.3 Apologies:

Director Sean Smith, Leigh Richards, Chirs Clarke, Mick Conlon, Mike Burrows, and Simon Millichap.

2 Committee Elections

2.1 David Hancock gave the President's address, thanking the UK-AFI Board and the members for their continued support.

2.2 David Hancock thanked Directors Dave Bristow and Mike Wisekal for their contributions to the association over the years as they have reached the end of their elected term. David thanked Paola Ponticelli Tur, who had stepped down from the role of Director of Administration. David confirmed that the UK-AFI Board had approved the appointment of James Acott as Director of Administration.

2.3 David Hancock awarded Past President James Acott with the UK-AFI Lifetime Membership Grade in recognition of his contribution to the association.

2.4 David Hancock handed over the presidency to **Richard Hagger**.

2.5 Richard Hagger gave a short inaugural speech after accepting the Presidency for 2025. Encouraging the members to get involved in the UK-AFI whenever possible as it is their organisation.

2.6 Dr. Peter Mansi Past President (Chair of the Election Committee) was asked to announce the vacant positions:

- 2nd Vice President – **Claire Mansi** accepted onto the Executives Board **unopposed**
- Board of Directors – **Anton Awramenko, Mike Moulden and Pete Stone** were accepted onto the Board of Directors **unopposed**.
- **One place remains vacant**, the UK-AFI Board will consider applicants that who



are willing to be co-opted onto the Board of Directors.

Peter Mansi went on to announce there will be two positions vacant during 2026 elections and that nominations are now open and encouraged the members to consider standing.

2.7 President **Richard Hagger** confirmed the elected Board for 2025 will be as follows:

President **Richard Hagger**

Immediate Past President **David Hancock**

1st Vice President **David Schudel**

2nd Vice President **Claire Mansi**

Director of administration James Acott - (Non-Voting Position)

- Director of the Board **Sean Smith**. 2024-2027 (Term expires January 2027)
- Director of the Board **Lauren Webb**. 2024-2027 (Term expires January 2027)
- Director of the Board **Nathan Stonehouse**. 2024-2027 (Term expires January 2027)
- Director of the Board **Anton Awramenko**. 2025-2028 (Term expires January 2028)
- Director of the Board **Mike Moulden**. 2025-2028 (Term expires January 2028)
- Director of the Board **Pete Stone**. 2025-2028 (Term expires January 2028)
- Director of the Board VACANCY.

3 Minutes of the 2024 AGM

3.1 **Richard Hagger** called for a proposal that the minutes of the 2024 AGM be accepted:

Vote was carried

4 Matters arising from 2024 Minutes

4.1 None.

5 Reports on – Journal - Membership -Financial - CFI Proctors Report - Website

5.1 **Richard Hagger** outlined the details of the reports and stated that the reports are displayed on the website. The audited accounts are available on the website.

UK-AFI has 600 members made up of public, private and international membership, all members were encouraged to ensure their profile is up to date.

Reporting period

During the 2023 to 2024 Financial Year, the UK-AFI Board had approved the motion to change the financial year end from 31 December to 31 March. The change of the financial reporting period was to ensure that all income and expenditure for the Annual Training Conference fell into the same reporting period. The previous reporting period therefore ran for 15-months from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2025.



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6 Constitution Amendment

6.1 None.

7 Further Business

7.1 UK-AFI Member, Tuomas Pälviä is standing for election to the IAAI Board of Directors. UK-AFI Members who are also IAAI Members are reminded that online voting opens on 10 February 2025. The UK-AFI extends our best wishes to Tuomas for his election campaign.

7.2 The UK-AFI fully endorses and supports the critical work being done to support wellbeing and protect firefighters and fire investigators from the harmful effects of fire contaminants. We encourage all professionals and stakeholders to consult and follow guidance. Dr Peter Mansi emphasised the importance of health monitoring and full blood panel screening within the fire investigation and wider fire communities. The UK-AFI will be covering these topics during the Summer Training Conference in July 2025.

7.3 The **European Association of Fire Investigators (E-AFI)** will be hosting an Online seminar on 12th February 2025, titled '**Potential use of smart metering devices in fire and crime investigation.**' UK-AFI Members are invited to register if they wish to attend.