

To: ALL MEMBERS

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Subject: REPORT OF THE 34th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UK LAND & HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY ASSOCIATION LTD HELD AT 10.30 ON WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL 2014 AT THE LOWRY CENTRE, MANCHESTER

Attendees

Graham Mills – Technics Group (AGM Chairman)
Olivia Masters – Astrium Ltd
Oliver Viney – Atlantic Geomatics
David Watterston – C D Surveys
Luke Steadman – CAT Surveys
Alison Watson – Class of Your Own
John Tristram – Co-ordinated Surveys
Chris Harrison – Datatag
Caroline Hobden – Diversified Communications
Paul Bryan – English Heritage
Graham Stroud – Ground Surveys
Diana Stroud – Ground Surveys
Adam Bradley – Jacobs
Nick Blakeway – Jacobs
Andy Barton – Jelf
Oliver Brooks – KOREC
Andy Beckerson – KOREC
Mark Johnson – Landmark Surveys (Wales) Ltd
Tim Badley – Leica
Adam Axtell Powell – Lockton
Chris Lennon – Lockton
Stewart Hunt – Longdin & Browning
Mark McGarragh – Loy Surveys
Stuart Dimond – M K Surveys
Neil Harvey – Met Geo Environmental
Sam Roberts – Met Geo Environmental
Nick Hampson – MHLS
Kai Duebbert – Murphy Surveys
Norman Oliver – N D Oliver & Co Ltd
Mark Combes – Severn Partnership
Mike Hopkins – Storm Geomatics
Chris Mills – Survey Control Services
Chris Sweeney – Survey & Engineering Projects
Ian Smith – Survey Operations
Dave Orritt – Survey Operations
Dave Bennett – Topcon

Also Present:

Rory Stanbridge – TSA Secretary General
Rachel Tyrrell – TSA Administration Manager
Susan Murphy – TSA Administration Assistant

Guests

Ruth Badley – Ruth Badley PR

Barry Mudie – Met Police

1 Apologies

John Witherden – Aworth

Steve Walker – Construction Skills Academy

Trevor Burton – Fugro

Gary Simpson – Geotechnical

John White – J C White Geomatics

Peter Collings – Land Development Services

Steve Hawkins – Laser Surveys

Sue Stewart – Laser Surveys

Charlie Matthews – Leica

Richard Maltby – Maltby Surveys

Adrian Halliwell – M & A Surveys

John Furniss – MHLS

Robert Jones – On Centre Surveys

Alison Gentle – Stanburys

Roy Stanbury – Stanburys

Apologies were also received from Peter Barker of Sumo Services Ltd who made every effort to attend but was forced to turn around due to a major motorway accident.

2 Approval of the report of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted without amendment.

Proposed by Neil Harvey and seconded by Graham Stroud.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4 To approve the Resolution: To receive the 34th Annual Report and the report and accounts for 2013.

The report and accounts were accepted without comment. Proposed by Stuart

Dimond and seconded by Mark Combes.

5 To approve the Resolution: To appoint CBR Accountancy as the Association's accountants for the coming year.

The Chairman stated that CBR had once again provided an excellent service to TSA during 2013.

The resolution was approved unanimously. Proposed by Oliver Viney and seconded by Adam Bradley.

6 To announce the composition of the Council, and the incoming President and Vice President

The Chairman announced the composition of the new Council as:

Graham Mills – President

Vice President – Mark Combes

Council: Peter Barker, Adam Bradley, Stuart Dimond, Adrian Halliwell, Nick Hampson, Olivia Masters, Mike Hopkins, David Watterson, Oliver Viney and John Witherden.

The Chairman confirmed that Peter Barker will be Chairman of the Technical Committee, Adam Bradley will be Chairman of MIA and that Mark Combes will be Chairman of PR.

Graham Mills went on to express his thanks to Stuart Dimond and John Witherden who had chaired PR and MIA last year. He also expressed his thanks to Andy Bradford who has stood down from Council.

Finally, Graham welcomed back Olivia Masters to Council following her maternity leave and new members Oliver Viney and Nick Hampson.

7 President's Award

The President informed the meeting that Lockton, the recommended PI Insurers for TSA, had introduced in 2008 an annual prize to be awarded at the discretion of the President. The Award is given to a person who the President believes has made an outstanding contribution to The Survey Association or our industry.

The President went on to state that last year the award had been made to Alison Watson, the first person to receive the award from outside TSA. This year however, the President had looked inside TSA this year and was happy to present the prize to a Council member who has given valuable service to TSA over a number of years. The recipient has stood on Council since 1995 and in that time has attended seventy five Council meetings travelling over 25000 miles in the process. He had served as President for two terms and been the Chairman of Finance for the last seven years. He has now stood down from Council for a deserved rest.

The winner of the President's Award was then announced as John Furniss from Malcolm Hughes Land Surveyors. John was unfortunately indisposed so the award was accepted from Chris Lennon of Lockton by Nick Hampson, John's fellow director. Nick went on to say that John has always seen the importance of involvement with TSA and that he would be very grateful and proud to receive the trophy. In addition to the trophy, Lockton will also donate £100 to the recipient's nominated charity.

The President then expressed his sincere thanks once again to Lockton for continuing to sponsor this very important prize.

8 Any other business

Neil Harvey questioned the size of the surplus in 2013 and whether or not there was an intention to limit this in future years. The Chairman answered that TSA had a couple of projects on the go, one of which he could not yet discuss, but that might need considerable investment. Hence the surplus was larger than originally planned for.

Alison Watson reminded the attendees that COYO is now involved with a number of large companies and reiterated that members of TSA will be paid £250 per day to go into schools and teach them about surveying via her programme. The Chairman stated that TSA would again promote this through the monthly update.

Neil Harvey opened a discussion on the number of companies expressing an interest in joining TSA. The Chairman suggested that it is in part due to an improvement in the economy and, in some cases, due to the FREE advertising of jobs on the website available to members. Neil then asked if the Secretariat could cope with the number of expressions of interest in joining TSA. The Secretary General confirmed that the Secretariat could cope but a watchful eye was being kept on the situation.

Adam Bradley asked if the recent establishment of UMA (Utility Mapping Association) might impact on TSA. The Chairman stated that he did not think so but that TSA was involved in ongoing discussions with the new organisation.

8 Closing of AGM

The Chairman expressed his thanks to all members of Council and Committees for their continued efforts on behalf of TSA and to the Secretariat for their excellent and continuing support.

He then announced that the next Discussion Group meeting will be held on the 12th November 2014 at the SS Great Britain in Bristol.

The meeting closed at 10.55.