



Minutes of the National Operational Committee Teleconference Held at noon on 28 May 2020

Present

Andy Brown (AB)	NOC	Chair
Andy McCombe (AM)	East Midlands	Dep NOC Chair/Sec
Ian Cameron (IC)	South West	
Roy Chape (RC)	Welsh	
Darren Nuggent (DN)	Yorks and Humber	
William Read (WR)	West Midlands	
Andrew Swapp (AS)	North West	
Davy Bright	Scottish	

In attendance

Dawn Shaefer (DS)	Taynuilt Media
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Apologies* and Absences

Louise Cadle*	Southern
Ian Taylor*	South East
Andrew Morrison	Eastern
Mark Chapple*	London

1 Andy Brown welcomed those joining to the meeting and welcomed Dawn from Taynuilt who was to update later on media and comms.

Previous Minutes.

2. The Minutes of the NOC teleconference on 26 Feb 20 were agreed for accuracy by DN and seconded RC.

Previous Actions.

University Visit had to be cancelled, Flood Group up and running, search for new honorary president put on hold.

Board Update.

3. AB apologised for late papers submission, since previous meeting in March increase in members and visits to website. Cyber Security paper circulated and had been included in website tender. CCF work is ongoing by BCI and circulated their paper. Academic qualifications were discussed and is still ongoing. Some PWG's are active whilst others are not.



Branches – allow charging for non-members to attend events as needed by each branch. Virtual meetings paper suggests 45 minutes and now used more often. Corporate membership is still under discussion. Transformation work still ongoing. Jeannie & Andy to engage with universities for internship or work experience but this does need to be monitored.

DB – great idea but proviso for health & safety

AS – through flow for interns would need to have good records

AM – how would they be able to access information on available placements

AB – they would complete a piece of work or project

Professional standards & learning - branch handbook had been circulated and is being updated in view of current circumstances.

Taynault update and website analytics circulated and discussed- clear showing that Jacqui's media presence having an impact. Website tender is on website and closes in June. Publicity Matters are engaged with EPS to hand over to new provider. Non-disclosure document circulated. By laws are being updated. Huddles are being well received, good discussions, Webinars are being explored with experts.

Finance- some members are delaying payment due to being furlowed.

Security Institute, NOC advised to have a look at their online presence.

Corporate membership delayed to next meeting.

Fellows and Members could be asked to assist Directors with ongoing work.

AM – suggested to ask Central Government for funding to assist the EPS to become the prime developer of all resilience professionals assisted by lower membership fees and an increase in office staff to get our objectives completed.

Website Review

4. Website – NOC members offered their views to DS on how they would like to see the new website developed to make it more users friendly and comprehensive. A couple of bidders have asked questions, hopeful for new provider as from 1st July.

Branch Updates and Points for next Board Meeting on 11 June 20

5. Details below:

a. International, Northern, Eastern, London, West Mids, Southern, South West, Northern Ireland – no reports.

b. East Midlands – stable membership, some have joined and some have left the branch. All events cancelled and no engagement planned as AM is focused on Covid 19.

c. North West – not been able to support membership trying to set up teleconference but they are busy with work. Decided to telephone members to



assure them the EPS is still here. The Huddles are a lifeline for members. Had to cancel event just as Covid 19 started.

d. Scottish – had to cancel April AGM, will revisit when possible, if this is delayed what are the rules?

e. Welsh – cancelled AGM & Conference, supporting LRF for PPE supply if Branches do not engage then they will be invisible. Will be emailing out to all members with update on AGM

f. Yorks & Humber –not able to connect at Branch Level, was planning to be more active but day job has overtaken. Would like to utilise Zoom but some organisations have restrictions on using Zoom

AB - Guidance for Branches on using Zoom

Media and Comms update

8. Dawn Shaefer gave an update on the Website Tender and reviewing the current provider. Phase two could be a new website or revamping what we have now. Weekly update goes out on Thursday or Friday, branches are welcome to send her information to be sent out.

Dawn can be reached via Media@the-eps.org

Resilience Magazine

9. NOC discussed whether the Soc could afford to still publish paper copies of the magazine or if this was still viable or necessary in the on-line world. The suggestion was to ask each member their preference. Branches were requested to seek articles for the next edition.

NOC face to face meeting opportunity in Sep 20

10. Likely linked to an annual EPS event, possibly late September.

Any Other Business

11. Following points discussed:

London Branch

Branding/Rebranding

Validating Civil resilience

Surviving a recession – finances for EPS



Objectives, update etc

Directors roles & responsibilities – in hand by AB

Telephone conferences zoom etc

DS asked for all branches to communicate to their members regarding the website survey.

Dates for 2020 meetings

12. Meetings two weeks before the Board meetings. Dates AGM date TBC and 26 November at noon.

Updates on dates to be sent out