



National Operational Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 8th April 2021 at 12:00 via Zoom

Present

Andy McCombe	East Midlands	Acting NOC Chair
Davy Bright	Scotland	
Ian Cameron	South West	
Roy Chape	Welsh	
Andy Swapp	North West	
William Read	West Midlands	

In attendance:

Sue Bagg

1. Welcome, Introductions

Andy McCombe welcomed everyone to the meeting. See above.

2. Previous meetings - minutes dated 10 Dec 20 – Andy McCombe

No specific actions from last NOC meeting.

Minutes agreed.

3. Board Update – Andy McCombe

Positive work that is ongoing across huddles, webinars, standards and learning pathway.

Pilots for membership upgrade with Y&H branch.

Mentoring pilot also underway.

Work ongoing to look at structures, simplify, keep the networking, less bureaucracy. See item 4.

Finance, considerable investment last year, which was challenging year to support our comms, and development of the EPS. We need income to support further activities. chair to set up task and finish group on income generation, looking at corporate, educational and sponsorship partnerships. In addition to commercial opportunities. Unexpected monthly rent for EPS HQ offices during lockdown being questioned. No branch precepts to be distributed this year, bids can be submitted to central office.

Website, work ongoing. Group to come together shortly and assess feedback from focus groups on website, and consideration of next steps. Perhaps the landscape has changed and we need something different, more interactive with networking the priority.

Focus group feedback, just received, and will be shared. Positive, and endorses much of what was known. Good to know hearts and minds aligned.



Reminder re fellow nominations, anyone deserving of fellow due to their commitment and work in the profession.

PWGs working well, Flood, HAG and CBRN. Health underway to be developed ASAP. Also potential for crowd management and events. City resilience to be relaunched, as no current committee, but the work is important.

Information on director recruitment, including Chair and director of finance to be issued shortly. chair and others in their first term, willing to remain, however we must open this up for nominations.

Spring programme underway. Ideas welcomed.

AGM and event this year will remain virtual.

Assessing events that are intimidating they will take place (emergency services show and international security and disaster response expo)

Education committee to be reconvened. Good engagement with universities.

Core Competency Framework and learning pathway feedback from focus groups and other group meetings. Work now underway to update.

We have about 750 paid-up members and branches will be sent lists to chase non-payers.

4. EPS Structure Review Update – Andy McCombe

AMc updated that he had briefed the Board on the proposal to combine NOC with the Board and remove the NOC layer and focus on a larger EPS executive to progress change. A task and finish group to consider Andy's proposal had not met but Director Stephen Arundell was producing a written proposal. The 6 NOC members attending today's meeting all agreed that one larger executive sharing tasks was the only way forward.

5 Branch Reports – those present

Very little had happened at Branch level since December, NOC members were full of praise for the on-line activities set up by the Board. Welsh branch had held a virtual committee meeting and were planning some learning sessions and a conference.

6. Any Other Business

AMc reported that he was developing a major flooding exercise on behalf of Defra under the EPS banner to run in September 22 as FloodEx22. The exercise will practice national coordination of river and coastal flooding.

Date of the next meeting: TBC after the Future Structures outcome.