



Minutes of the National Operational Committee Zoom teleconference at noon on Friday 9 July 2021

Present

Andy McCombe	East Midlands	Acting Chair
Roy Chape	Welsh	
William Read	West Midlands	Minutes
Andrew Swapp	North West	
Ross Baird	Scottish	first hour
Ian Cameron	South West	
Jo Tyler	Eastern	

In attendance

Jeannie Barr	Board representative	Society Director
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Apologies and Absences

Yorkshire and Humber
Southern
Northern Ireland
Northern
London
South East

Introduction

- Andy McCombe welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Jo Tyler representing Eastern Branch; he thanked William Read for volunteering to take the Minutes. Jeannie Barr suggested that Sue Bagge be asked to take the Minutes in the future, which was agreed. Sue to be contacted and provided with dates of future meetings.

Andy McCombe reported that Louise Cadle had stepped down as Chair of the Southern Branch.

Previous Minutes

The previous Minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising

The Yorkshire & Humber Branch offer to pilot the new upgrade process is still ongoing. Finalising of the process has been delayed until the new website becomes available. Different options for using plugins to allow access to different tools to ensure the process is more user friendly are being explored.

The Mentoring pilot in the South West Branch has not commenced. Ian Cameron will make further enquiries with regard to potential start date.

The mentoring programme has however been rolled out to student members in other areas and take up so far is encouraging.

Further requests for potential mentors will be made with training offered to anyone who is interested in becoming a member.

The national mentoring policy and guidance will be reviewed following feedback from mentors and mentees.

No nominations had been received for Fellows; Branches are to be urged to consider suitable nominees for fellow and honorary fellow.

Andy McCombe stated that the major exercise on Flooding is still planned for 19 – 23 September 2022 under the EPS banner.

Board Update (1 July 2021)

An approach has been made to the Society, to be part of a qualification development group to develop vocational qualification in resilience based on the Society's competencies.

Discussion are ongoing between the Society and individual learning bodies including universities, colleges and other education providers to explore options with regard to potential partnerships.

A Task & Finish Group is to be convened to explore options for income generation which will be led by Jacqui Semple.

Two of the directors will provide support to London Members until such time as a new executive committee can be elected for the new London Region.

The Board have requested ideas with regard to potential President, patrons, champions for the Society.

Work is ongoing to develop a corporate membership, corporate sponsorship package and package of learning that can be made available to LRFs, colleges and universities.

Once the website has been updated it is intended that a list of fellows will be made available with photos and bios and a note of their area of interest. Fellows will also be approached to provide permission for their names to be published in "Resilience" magazine.

Opportunity to apply to become a Director of the Society, and being a Board member, will be sent to members. Portfolios available will include new work streams such as marketing and communication, business development and member services.

The date for the AGM and Annual Conference had been fixed and publicised in the members update.

The review of the Core Competencies Framework is ongoing and it is hoped it will be completed for launch at the AGM and Annual Conference.

The membership of the Society is stable and growing.

The update to the website is still ongoing. A group of members who are interested in developing the website is to be convened.

The structure review is ongoing.

The Society will not have a stand at this year's Emergency Services Show at the National Exhibition Centre.

Branch Updates

East Midlands – Andy McCombe reported that 2 Committee meetings had been held, and a survey of members carried out, with 25/70 replies received. A Multi-Agency Information Cell Event will be held in the Autumn; also a "critical friend" from another county will be invited as an Observer to a Lincolnshire LRF exercise to provide impartial observations.

Eastern – Jo Tyler, Essex County Council, is working to re-establish the Branch Committee and Branch.

North West – Andy Swapp reported that a cyber security event is being planned, with the major contribution from the Regional Cyber Security Office. Such offices

exist in all parts of the country, and should be available to participate in Society events in providing speakers etc.

London – Two London-based Board members are working to “co-ordinate the transformation” from the former London Branch to a new London Regional Branch.

Scottish – no report as Ross Baird had left the meeting.

South West – a Branch AGM and Study will be held in August. Ian Cameron has been working on NATO projects abroad, including North Macedonia.

Welsh – Roy Chape reported that some “Lunch and Learn” sessions had been held, with a typical attendance of 33. The Branch AGM will be in November.

West Midlands – the Branch AGM will be in January 2022, and an event may be held for members in the autumn.

Any other business

Jeannie Barr requested that branch events and activities be placed on the website for the information of all members. Learning should be shared where possible.

Ian Cameron suggested that branch events be featured in the weekly Update sent out by Dawn. When Dawn requests information for the Update on Monday, it would be helpful if specific events are mentioned eg anyone involved in EURO football arrangements in Glasgow & Wembley.

Future NOC meeting dates will be promulgated to run in between Board meeting dates.

The meeting finished at 1325hrs