

Date of Reported Meeting: Tuesday 8th October 2019

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 16th January 2020

Executive Committee Formation

Malcolm O'Sullivan has rejoined the Executive Committee after completing his move to Van Elle. Stuart Norman accepted an invitation to join the Committee to replace Alasdair Henderson.

Member engagement with the FPS

It is intended that the FPS Quarterly meetings should include a presentation in the future to add more value for Members. It is proposed that Richard Volk, legal advisor to BAM, provides an overview to how HSE are prosecuting accidents.

Formation of an Operations, Plant & Safety Committee

The OPS committee has been formed and has met. The intention is for each company to have three representatives representing each discipline with one having being selected as a primary representative in order to ensure the committee is balanced. The expectation is that should the primary rep not be able to attend that they should send an alternative rep from the others within the company.

FPS Safety Day

This idea is to be scoped more fully and the different options explored: i.e. whether to integrate with an existing event or to hold an independent event. Both shall have cost implications and shall need professional support to organise.

AGS Project on SI Procurement

It was reported that the AGS group has identified three projects: adding GI procurement guidance into the NEC suite of documents, revising the GI specification and producing wider guidance on different methods of procuring GI generally. The FPS position is to provide the task group with the piling industry's requirements so that these can be embedded in these guidance documents. It was also agreed that an article should be drafted on the digitisation of ground information and the fact that most specialists are not receiving it in co-ordination with the wider publicity drive to be done on this issue by the task group.

FPS Strategic Priorities

Covered elsewhere on the Quarterly Agenda – these topics were updated and discussed also.

FPS Reserves and Savings Account

As reported previously the Executive are looking at putting a substantial proportion of the FPS reserves into two savings accounts in order to ensure the money is protected and gaining a reasonable rate of interest. This is prompted by both the Secretariat needing better access to the bank accounts to ensure prompt payment and administration of FPS invoices and payments and the sizeable funds that have built up in relation to the apprenticeship that should be spent to the benefit of the Members. Two accounts have been identified, however the governance and practical transfer of the money are being looked at in order to do this in a way that is both timely and allows all necessary protection of the FPS reserve to be maintained.

AMs and Subscriptions

The AM subscription amounts were reviewed. It was agreed that £500 TAMs subscriptions should be raised to £1000 as currently their membership fee only covers the cost of their tickets to the FPS events. It was also suggested that concrete suppliers are approached in the medium term with a view to engaging with them on Sustainability.

NVQ in Geotechnical Installation

This project cannot progress unless there is support from FPS members in the form of the number of operatives that the qualification would apply to. Members are to be asked again if they have a requirement for geotechnical installers to be recognised or not.