

FEDERATION OF PILING SPECIALISTS

EXECUTIVE GROUP REPORT FOR PRESENTATION AT
THE QUARTERLY MEETING ON 19TH JULY 2018

Date of Reported Meeting: Thursday 5th July 2018
Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 27th September 2018

KEY MATTERS

Interview with Dawson WAM

The Executive met with Paul Kelly of Dawson WAM as part of the interview process required when joining the FPS as a full Member. He gave a strong account of the company and the Executive agreed to them joining and were satisfied they will be an active Member of the Federation.

Reform of the Construction Business Model

Martin Blower has written letters on the subjects of retention/fair payment and Brexit skills shortages. These he has sent to his MP and to BEIS in order to highlight the issues that need addressing post Carillion and Grenfell. It is hoped that Members shall adapt these letters and send them to their MPs in order to foster awareness and understanding of the construction sector.

FPS Auditor

The Registration Board has agreed to increase the Auditor's remuneration day rate from £450 to £500. The rate was originally set in 2009 and has not been revisited since, in bringing Julie Parham on to the audit team it has been necessary to review this in order to ensure we have a fair market rate. This will mean that the audit cost to Members shall increase.

Technical Standards

A discussion on BIM/Digital Construction was held with a view to determining what more the FPS can do to influence the state of the market to ensure clients and Tier 1s engage in the right way with Members. Discussion revolved around the need to respect Members' competitive advantage around their adoption of digital construction and defining standards for BIM outputs from projects, e.g. AGS dataformat, required rig telemetry etc. This subject to be picked up with Mark Pennington.

NVQ on Geotechnical Installation

The Secretary has reported that NOCN are interested in aiding with the development of the qualification. However this does require a review of the National Occupational Standards in order to form the units for the NVQ. George Swann from the CITB has been assigned to assist. We shall push this forward by asking him to call together a National Working Group to review the NOS and push this forward.

PR Strategy

The Executive have instated a new process for the checking of articles produced by Jooce. It was felt that another Executive member should review articles in addition to the author and the Secretary. This will support Debbie to ensure there is a focused consideration and a direct sign-off process.

Annual Dinner judges

The intention with the awards is to continue to have a mix of judges that represent someone from the industry, a client organisation and an academic or consultant. Pam Rigby of United Utilities has agreed to be a judge for the awards. Other judges that are being considered include Tim Chapman (Arup), Chris Harnan (ex-FPS Chair) Jo Fautley (Build UK), Roger Bailey (Thames Tideway) Rachel Monteith (Buro Happold), Denise Bower (Major Projects Association)

Other subjects are to be covered elsewhere on the AGM agenda.