

Date of Reported Meeting: Monday 8th July 2019

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10 October 2019

Executive Committee Formation

Alasdair Henderson shall need to step down as an officer of the Federation owing to a role change within BAM. This means there are currently two positions to fill on the Executive Committee. Under the FPS rules it is up to the Executive Committee to determine how it is composed. Members who have previously expressed an interest in joining the Executive are being approached in the first instance.

Member engagement with the FPS

Reforming the Quarterly committee meetings and its agenda in order to give them more value to Members was discussed. It was recognised that the meetings are underutilised by Members who possibly do not fully appreciate that the FPS can shape and influence the industry externally through its links to Build UK and through the co-operation of the Members. It was also recognised that more could be realised from peer-to-peer discussions on common issues e.g. the HSE's position that HIPOs are prosecuted as if they were actual accidents. The outcome of this is to look at adding Executive briefings to the Quarterly meetings with a round table discussion in order to ensure the meetings have a direct benefit to attendees.

Formation of an Operations, Plant & Safety Committee

It was agreed that the Plant Committee has been struggling for some time to develop a meaningful agenda and gather the right input into it in order to make progress. The root cause of this is that most plant issues tend to be operational in nature and so much about the mechanical issues of the rig. Therefore it was determined that the best approach would be to create a combined Operations, Plant and Safety Committee in order to address issues from all sides. The training remit of the S&T Committee should then be separated out and placed with John Chick under the Learning & Development Forum, once a programme of activity has been determined.

FPS Safety Day

As part of the new OPS committee approach it was suggested that a day in the meeting cycle should be dedicated to a mixture of physical demonstrations and seminars on the key safety/operational/plant issues for the FPS. This could include demonstrating appropriate exclusion zone practise with a live rig, automated manual handling techniques and other plant innovations that Associate Members wish to demonstrate. The intention would be to invite clients, principal contractors and other stakeholders to attend to learn about our issues and solutions.

FPS Strategic Priorities

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

Build UK Prequalification

A briefing document was reviewed that set out a number of potential options for the FPS around whether the Federation should become an accreditation body for its Members. Build UK have defined a Common Assessment Standard (CAS) based on PAS91. It is unclear what the situation is in terms of whether it is necessary to develop a piling specific question set as an adjunct to the CAS. This throws up further issues around if the FPS should produce these questions – creating a potential danger that non-Members shall claim to adhere to FPS standards. It would be possible to make the FPS audit part of the CAS, however, this would open it up to being assessed by Achilles, Builders Profile etc – which would be inappropriate and again a dilution of FPS value. Clarification is being sought from Build UK.

FPS Reserves and Savings Account

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.