Monday, 13 May 2013
IIRSM (Ireland Branch)

Dear Members,

We are pleased to announce that on the 13 May 2013 the Ireland Branch of the IIRSM held their second AGM. The meeting was held at: Antrim Enterprise Agency, 58 Greystone Road, ANTRIM, BT41 1JZ.

There were three main topics:

a. To elect the three office bearers for the incoming year
b. To determine the Forecast of Events for the forthcoming year.
c. To determine the regularity of meetings.

**Election of Office Bearers**

You will be pleased to know that only one place was contested, that of Deputy Chair.

As a result, the existing post holders were re-elected after votes of confidence were heard from those present. Your elected members are:

**Gerard de Brun** (Chairman)

**Robin Kirkpatrick** (Deputy Chairman)

**Sid Seymour** (Secretary)

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**Vote of thanks**

A vote of thanks was passed by the Chairman to the two main organisations that have provided their facilities to host our meetings during this last twelve months. Thanks were extended to the **Patton Group** and **Farrans (Construction) Ltd** for their contribution.

Please be aware that we are currently without a permanent location to hold our meetings and had to seek an alternative venue for the AGM. In this instance, the AGM was sponsored by **Fiontar Safety Management**. Should your company wish to sponsor one of our events for 2013/14, please get in touch with any of the three elected members mentioned above.
Forecast of Events

After consultation with those members present, it was determined that this year, there will be three branch meetings (dates below). Each meeting will have a speaker and that each event should be free to members and their guests. However, in an attempt to offset any costs that may occur, we have asked that each event should be sponsored by a business or individual that adds value to our organisation.

Dates for your diary:

14 October 2013 – A seminar on Drugs and Alcohol in the workplace.

Speakers: Mike Doyle and Siobhan Donnelly, SIIRSM, CMIOSH - Deputy Chairman IIRSM

Siobhan heads SRT Donnelly & Associates, specialising in all aspects of health and safety including systems and training for managing stress and drugs/alcohol risks in the workplace. She is the leading expert in assisting directors in preparation for interview under caution with HSE, HSENI and the HSA.

Mike Doyle is the Country Manager Ireland for Concateno PLC

This event will be sponsored by SRT Donnelly & Associates

10 February 2014 - Building Information Modelling (BIM)

“The Government Construction Strategy was published by the Cabinet office on 31 May 2011. The report announced the Government’s intention to require: collaborative 3D BIM (with all project and asset information, documentation and data being electronic) on its projects by 2016.”

Our membership discussed this issue at our last meeting and it was voted that it will be a topic for the incoming year. Venue and Speaker to be confirmed. Currently, this meeting has no sponsor and presents an opportunity for your firm to contribute to the presentation to a likeminded audience.

12 May 2014 – Lone Working

With technology currently more available to even the smallest firms the establishment of triple bottom line lends itself to lone working and thereby getting maximum benefit from the labour force.

Lone workers need to know there is a robust support procedure in place to help them if they need assistance. Managers and colleagues need to be assured that lone working staff is safe and, in the event of an untoward occurrence, it can quickly be picked up and assistance provided. This may require additional risk control measures to be in place, which take account of foreseeable emergencies e.g. personal accidents, illness, violence.

This is an area that was discussed at after the AGM and it was considered worthy of a full presentation at a later date. We encourage our members to attend this (and every) presentation.

A speaker has been sourced but not confirmed at the time of going to press and the venue will be confirmed nearer the date. At this time, this meeting has no sponsor and presents an excellent opportunity for your firm to contribute to the presentation to a likeminded audience.
NB. The 12 May 2014 meeting will provide the platform for the Branch AGM.

**Guest Speaker – 13 May 2013**

Using *Sustainability, Environmental & Quality Management* as his strapline, our guest speaker was Mr Liam McEvoy, Group Environment & Quality Manager for the Henry Group. He has over ten years’ experience working in the waste management and construction industries for both public and private sector companies and organisations throughout the UK and Ireland. He has been a prime Speaker at high profile industry events including (but not limited too) the NI Waste Summit 2012, BITCNI Responsible Business Conference 2012 and Climate NI Business Risk & Award 2013.

He volunteered to share his expertise with the group by explaining the management of environmental and quality management for the business including liaising with external stakeholders including Clients and regulatory bodies. He expanded on the provision of clear practical steps which the company can and should take so that it can deliver projects that strengthen the communities they work in, protect and when possible enhance the natural environment and positively impact the economy.

His expertise, gleaned through several organisations (Patton’s, ARENA network and Bryson Recycling), placed him in an ideal position to discuss his presentation in depth. Through subsequent Q&A after his deliver, he was able to clarify some of the finer points of associated with his strapline.

He was thanked by the Chairman for his contribution to our meeting and has agreed to members having site of his PowerPoint presentation. This will be available via the IIRSM Ireland Branch pages.

We ask our membership to provide maximum attendance at our meetings. The information gleaned is mainly of a regional nature, delivered by regional professionals, for your benefit.

All members are encouraged to make maximum use of social media:

Website: [http://iirsm-ni-branch.weebly.com/index.html](http://iirsm-ni-branch.weebly.com/index.html)

Twitter: [@iirsm_ni_branch](https://twitter.com/iirsm_ni_branch)

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