IIRSM

West of Scotland Branch Meeting

Thursday 13th June 2013 Stow College Glasgow

MINUTES

1. Arrival, coffee, refreshments
   b. Apologies: Colin Vooght, Ian Lowrie, Kenny Brown, Billy Menzies, Sharon Lobban
   c. Speaker: Neil Spencer (Central Chemical Services)

2. Welcome
   a) The meeting was chaired by Karen Hoskins. KH welcomed all attendees including new members to the fourth branch meeting.
   b) KH thanked Stow College for again providing the venue and refreshments for the branch meeting.
   c) Housekeeping and emergency arrangements for the premises were explained.

General
   a. KH gave a general re-cap on the formation of the IIRSM branches in Scotland – 1 year since their original formation. KH discussed the disappointment with the poor attendance at the Regional Meeting hosted by SKY last year and encouraged more members to support these types of event going forward.
   b. KH gave a general review of the IIRSM website and encouraged all members to view the range of tools and free resources available. Healthy Eating has been recently added to the free resource area.
   c. KH reminded all of the Fellowship level within IIRSM which also entitles registration on the Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OHSCR). Information on the application process for FIIRSM status can be found in the Membership section on the IIRSM website.
   d. KH informed the membership that one of the planned speakers on Mobility & Accessibility was unable to attend due to ill health. Neil Spencer from Central Chemical Services was in attendance to deliver his presentation on Legionella.

Committee Changes
   a. KH announced her decision to stand down as Chairman now that the West of Scotland Branch was firmly established. That left a vacancy within the committee which Garry Kirk agreed to fill. There being no objections GK accepted the post.
b. With the Secretary’s post vacant nominees were requested to fill the post. Rob McMillan, William Poole and Andrew Meiklejohn expressed an interest. It was agreed that Rob McMillan would take up the post as the new Secretary. Both William Poole and Andrew Meiklejohn would assist in supporting the committee going forward.

c. GK gave a short speech following acceptance of the Chairman’s post and reiterated that the future direction of the Branch was in the memberships hands.

Deputy Chairman Introduction

a. Phillip Pearson – currently the Deputy Chairman of IIRSM, gave a brief introduction. Phillip joined the IIRSM board in January 2013 and is due to take up the position as Chairman on 1st August 2013.

b. Phillip discussed the importance of the “Membership Body” going forward and the part they have to play at the heart of future decisions made within the organisation.

c. Phillip thanked KH for her performance in setting up and launching a number of new IIRSM Branches over the last 12 months. It is hoped that further new branches can continue to be formed going forward to meet the needs of the growing membership body – currently 8000 members at present. Challenge going forward is to grow the membership.

d. Phillip informed the members on the focus on integrated risk management going forward. There will be a greater emphasis on ALL persons who currently work within the “Risk Industry”

3. Speaker Presentation – Legionella

a. Neil Spencer delivered an interesting presentation on Legionella. Neil discussed the key changes currently being proposed with L8 which is currently in Draft format.

4. Date of next meeting

a. The next meeting is planned for November 2013 however the final date for this is TBC. With other safety organisations branch meetings also planned for November, care would be taken to ensure these do not clash.

b. Speaker topic for next meeting has yet to be agreed – members should look to the Branch area on the website for further information.

AOB

a. There being no other business the meeting was closed.

General Discussion & Networking

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