

ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH TRANSPORT & ENGINEERING MUSEUMS

Annual General Meeting

The Science Museum, London, SW7 2DD

on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at 4pm.

PRESENT - Tim Bryan, Robert Excell, Andrea Bishop, Chris Smyth, Peter Ovenstone, Oliver Green, Rob Shorland-Ball, John Beckerson, Keith Gibbins, Andy King, Peter Stephens, Graham Binns, Richard Sykes, Ron Palmer, Steph Gillett, Geoff Challoner, Richard Clarke, Elizabeth Chard-Cooper, Grace Scott, Rachael Gollin, Lee Hutchinson

APOLOGIES - Andrew Simpson, John Clayson, Peter Lugg, Chris Berridge, David Senior, Jane Insley,

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - held at Brunel Museum, Railway Avenue, Rotherhithe, London, SE16 4LF on Wednesday 22th October 2014 at 4pm were accepted as an accurate record.

2. MATTERS ARISING –It was briefly noted that meetings in London tended to be more expensive but were more convenient for most people.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Tim apologised for the lack of an AGM in 2015 which was due to workload and a postponed meeting last autumn. Consequently we have two sets of accounts to present this year. He noted with regret the passing of Lord Montagu, our former President, who had made an enormous contribution to ABTEM in its early days.

Since the AGM at the Brunel Museum we have held seminars about 'New Audiences' at Liverpool, Archive Collections at the RAC Club, and 'Death of the Machine' today at The Science Museum. A joint meeting with Maritime Heritage Trust was also held at the Titanic Hotel in Liverpool last October.

Another joint meeting will be on 7th December at Ellesmere Port in association with the Inland Waterways group.

Tim thanked Lee Hutchinson who had done a great deal of work to make today's seminar so successful and Graham Binns who has prepared the recent excellent Newsletters. The next Newsletter is due in December.

The merger of ABTEM with the Science, Technology & Industry SSN has led to an important strengthening of the committee. Help is now needed to unify our e-mail contact lists and enhance our membership database. Please let Tim know if you are able to assist with this at tim.bryan@britishmotormuseum.co.uk.

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We will be focusing over the next two years on the project to update the old MGC Standards in Care of Large & Working objects for which we are very pleased to have been allocated funding from Arts Council England.

Tim thanked all the committee for their support and Andy Simpson who stepped down during the year.

4, REPORT ON ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Copies of the independently examined accounts were circulated. For 2014 there was an excess of spending over income of £184.41 on the operational account. For 2015 the merger with the Science & Technology SSN brought some additional funding and ABTEM now has a balance of over £5,000. Arts Council funding is accounted for separately. All the initial funding for the Scoping Study has now been spent. Funding for today's seminar has come from ABTEM's operational account & the Science Museum's support in hosting the event is much appreciated.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Keith Gibbins, Seconded by Richard Sykes and approved unanimously.

5, REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

There was a brief discussion about this revision, which had been initiated by the merger with the Science & Technology SSN, to enable strengthening of the committee. It became clear that issue of Full/Institutional and Associate member elections continues to cause confusion. The committee undertook to consider further amending the constitution.

This revised constitution was circulated and acceptance was proposed by Oliver Green and seconded by Richard Sykes and approved unanimously.

6, ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

The 2015 elections having been delayed Andrea Bishop and Jane Insley were due to retire and were willing to stand for re-election, Graham Binns was standing in place of Andy Simpson who retired earlier in the year. All were elected unanimously. It was noted that Andy King and Elizabeth Chard-Cooper had been co-opted by the committee during the past year.

7, APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Chris Angell is willing to continue as independent examiner and was proposed by Peter Ovenstone and unanimously agreed.

7, ANY OTHER BUSINESS

John Liffen noted that he had not had notification of the meeting as an Associate, though he had received details through work, it was noted that he would be contacted in future at home by post.

Andy King noted that most people now used e-mail and 39% had heard about the event directly from Eventbrite so this worked well though we must not overlook those without e-mails.

John Beckerson mentioned Elektrokinetica - A new museum of electrical and electronic technology in Suffolk – contact him for more information john@beckerson.co.uk

THE MEETING CONCLUDED.