

Business Practice Working Group 2016-17

WG Leader – Eur Ing John Talbot
Personal Members' Representative

Membership of BPWG during 2016-17 1

Members of the BPWG who retired at the beginning of the 2016-17 session:

Jackie Bland

Tony Hodgson

Seamus Lefroy Brooks

John Powell

Geraint Williams

However, all have continued in other WGs and on Senate

Membership of BPWG during 2016-17 2

Matthew Baldwin

Chris Danilewicz

Sally Hudson

Ken Marsh

Neil Parry

Colin Spinley**

Adam Cadman**

Jonathan Gammon

Julian Lovell

Andrew Milne

Graham Shore*

John Talbot

** Adam joined in September 2016

** Colin joined in November 2016

* Graham resigned in October 2016

BPWG Meetings

- Since last year's AGM the BPWG has met 4 times, in the morning of the Senate's afternoon meetings, on:
 - 26 May 2016
 - 15 September
 - 23 November
 - 28 February 2017

The purpose of the BPWG

- to keep under review the business practice of the industry and how that impacts on Members
- to monitor the business practice of the Association and how that can be improved
- to promote the Association to the Construction Sector, and
- to manage the governance of the Association on behalf of The Executive Council and Senate

BPWG activities during the last year

hosting:

- Membership Panel}
- Awards Committee} on behalf of Senate
- Industry joint projects
- Strategic Review Panel
- Marketing Plan
- AGS Finance } on behalf of the Exec Council
- AGS Governance }
- Website overview
- Strengthening Overseas connections (AGS HK)

Planned activities for the next year

- Internally:
 - the strategic review of AGS
 - continue reorganising AGS operations
 - formulate a business plan
 - formulate a marketing plan
- Externally:
 - create or continue links with AGS (HK), BGA and others
 - promote AGS as *the* UK authority for geotechnical business practice (and, of course, similarly for our other Working Groups)
 - seek & generate new business opportunities
- Pursue other ongoing activities from last year

AGS New Articles of Association

- The new Byelaws passed at last year's AGM means that the Articles are out of phase
- Also, the existing Articles, dated 1991, are based on the now defunct Companies Acts 1985-89
- They were rewritten last year to comply with the current Act (2006) and to ensure no conflict with the new Byelaws
- We are due to vote on the new Articles in the AGM today, so may I commend them to you

Business Practice Working Group

Thank you for your attention

Before I hand over to the next speaker,

Are there any questions?