

Minutes of a Meeting of the Operations Professional Sector Council
Thursday 20 May at 10.00am
Via Zoom

Present: Tony Robinson (Chair)

Alan Fitzpatrick
Mark Hansford
Ian Jackson
Matt Jenkinson
Prof Lock
Steven Reece

In Attendance: Daniel Moir

Apologies: Steve Tennison
John Platt

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the group and acknowledged the apologies.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Agreed and adopted.

3. Head Office update

Daniel Moir updated the group on the membership and registrations numbers.

The majority of staff continue to work from home with a handful going into the office to carry out business critical activities. There is currently one member of staff on furloughed leave.

The Council were informed that a new page had been added to the website that was only accessible to members of that respective professional sector. The page contains the minutes from previous meetings and the individuals who sit on the Council. Due to this Council overseeing both the IPlantE and Operations sector it was requested that members have access to both.

Action – D. Moir

A discussion took place regarding the content of the website and the need for it to properly represent each sector. Due to the similarities between operations engineers and plant engineers the content for each page is mirrored, however the Council felt that there needs to be some difference between the two to demonstrate the reason for the two sectors. It was agreed that the marketing and communications manager would work with the Chair and vice Chair to update the website accordingly.

Action – K. Holmes

4. Improvement Working Group update

The Council were updated on the Society's current position regarding post nominals and ongoing communications with the Engineering Council.

5. Membership growth

A discussion took place on opportunities for membership growth and education providers were identified as a particular area of interest. It was suggested that links be established with targeted providers in order to create a pipeline for prospective new members. An individual working for the University of Hertfordshire was identified as a potential opportunity. It was agreed that the Society should reach out to the identified members in order to set up a meeting to discuss opportunities.

An action plan will be drawn up based on Appendix 1

Action – D. Moir

6. Climate change white paper update

The Council were given an update on the ongoing work regarding the climate change white paper. This activity has led to a number of further opportunities to promote the Society in this area. Members from other sectors have contributed to the development of this paper and a subsequent one, as well as responses to Government.

Further promotion of the Society's work in this area will take place over the coming months with both a webinar scheduled to take place and a round table for select corporate partners.

7. AOB

N/A

The Chair thanked the group for attending and closed the meeting.