

DIGGERS' FORUM

Saturday 18th March 2017, 11.00am
Bristol Museum and Art Gallery, Queens Road Bristol

AGM Minutes

Present: Samantha Boyle (Treasurer); Richard Bradley; Cat Gibbs (Secretary); Kelly Madigan; Paul Riccoboni (Chair); Ben Saunders; Tudor Skinner; Gemma Ward

1.	Apologies	Action
	Callum Allsop; Charlie Enright; Robin Weaver and Anna Welch	
2.	Minutes of last AGM	
	Minutes from the last AGM were passed by the committee	
3.	Matters Arising	
	Business Plan, to be reviewed and updated	RB
4.	Chair's Welcome and Opening Remarks	
	<p>To be circulated, but highlights include the congratulations on DF's proposed Statement of Competence being ratified and adopted in to policy, ensuring training is a core principal for ROs. Though DF would like to see measureable systems of competence encouraged in formal training schemes.</p> <p>Working together with BAJR to make sure that Diggers' aren't being taken advantage of by ROs.</p> <p>Working with Prospect to produce a statement on the new CSCS cards.</p> <p>Thanks to departing committee members.</p>	PR
5.	Secretary's Report	
	<p>At present DF has 767 ClfA members and 1 non-member. Our outreach on social media continues to grow, largely thanks to BS, KM and GW. We currently have 432 Facebook group members and 383 Twitter followers, though we still struggle for any real engagement from this audience.</p> <p>DF continues to be represented on several ClfA committees including Validation Committee and Groups Forum, as well as Advisory Council and the Industry Working Group.</p>	
6.	Treasurer's Report	
	SB presented the budget which was approved by the meeting. A breakdown is attached but briefly £800 received, £625.36 spent, mainly on travel, BBQ and conference sundries.	

7.	Elections to Committee	
	GW stood for election as Treasurer via the postal ballot, and was uncontested. GW was elected to the position of Secretary; SB volunteered to remain Treasurer, and CA elected as committee member.	
8.	Other Items	
	Advisory Council CG has now been elected to the AC, DF need to nominate a new representative to fill their seat. It does not need to be the same person for all of the meetings PR and BS volunteered to attend, work permitting.	PR, BS
	Conference Update RB, GW, SB and CG will be attending the conference for all three days, BS and KM some attendance. We will have a table and hope to engage members in discussions on training, and their expectations of their employers, plus anything else they wish to raise. Possibility that RB will wear a costume...	
	Newsletter It was decided by the committee that although the Newsletter was highly valued it did require a supreme amount of effort to maintain. Going forward we would move to writing statements and advice notes, which are easier to put together, and could be posted on social media as well as emailed to members.	
	DF Facebook Group Need to compose a 'pinned post' of group rules/expectations. NO advertising or requests for accommodation etc. Hope to encourage more engagement, and boost discussion of shared issues	KM
9.	AOB/Future items	
	Beginners manual – essential information/ things you need to know! Next AGM venue – possibility of holding it in Edinburgh.	BS