

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF ENGINEER SURVEYORS  
PROFESSIONAL SECTOR COUNCIL  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 14.00 HRS  
Via Zoom**

Present: David Young (Chair) (Allianz)  
Alistair Reid (Allianz)  
Kevin Hawkins  
Geoff Hayward (UNITE)  
Alan Richards (HSB)  
Dean Greer (Allianz)  
Patrick Fielder (Allianz)  
Dominic Dawson (Zurich)  
Alan Fitzpatrick  
Caroline Hamilton (SAFed)

In Attendance: Daniel Moir (SOE)  
Kerry Holmes (SOE)

Apologies: Andrew Kidd (BES)  
Pete Hutcheon (INITA)  
Mark Russell (INITA)

### **1. Welcome & apologies**

The Chair welcomed those in attendance and noted the apologies. It was suggested that because of a number of new faces introductions would be in order. Introductions were made and the Chair thanked the Council for their continued support.

### **2. Minutes from previous meeting and Actions**

The minutes from the last meeting were scrutinised and accepted. Daniel Moir updated the Council on work aimed at improving communications to INITA, which is ongoing. The Council were informed that invites had been sent out for all future meetings of the BES PSC, these need to be forward to Caroline Hamilton and Alan Fitzpatrick.

**Action – D. Moir**

All other actions are covered in the day's agenda.

### **3. Post nominals**

The Chair updated the group on the Society's current position regarding post nominals and ongoing communications with the Engineering Council in relation to the IRTE sector. A document had been circulated prior to the meeting setting out the case for the BES sector to also be recognised through separate post nominals. It was requested that this Council review the document and provide any feedback by 19 February 2021 prior to submission.

An update was also offered on the work being carried out by the Improvement Working Group, which continues to meet and is considering all options with regards to how the Society will function in the future.

Throughout the discussion the Chair reiterated the importance of registration and the benefits of cross pollination between the sectors but for also the BES to be appropriately recognised.

**Action - All**

#### **4. Head office report**

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.

Kerry Holmes gave an update on marketing and communications and set out plans for a campaign later in the year. The key points of the campaign included:

- The purpose of an engineer surveyor
- What the job involves day to day
- The range of roles within the profession
- The impact engineer surveyors have in society
- How to become an engineer surveyor.
- The benefits of professional registration

The Council offered feedback on the presentation and suggested a number of areas to consider, including with engaging with larger employers within the industry for support and potential sponsorship.

**Action – P. Plawna**

It was acknowledged that any campaign would involve working closely with SAFed and it was agreed that a follow up meeting between the Chair, Kerry and Caroline Hamilton will take place to agree next steps.

**Action – K. Holmes**

#### **5. Regional updates**

There were no updates from regions as due to the pandemic all regional events have been cancelled. It was requested that the regional representatives be contacted to scope out plans for 2021 and ensure engagement.

**Action – D. Moir**

#### **6. Feedback from SOE Board meeting**

The Council were reminded that there are upcoming elections and communications will be sent out in the coming week.

#### **7. Plans/events for the rest of 2021**

It was agreed that a meeting would take place between SAFed and the Society to explore opportunities to work together in publishing materials and sharing channels, including the Society hosting a SAFed webinar series.

**Action – D. Moir**

The Chair shared his hope that whilst events might be difficult, the BES Professional Sector Council would be able to have a face to face meeting before the end of the year however acknowledged this would be dependant on Government guidelines.

#### **8. Committee feedback (internal & external)**

The Council were informed that a Diversity and Inclusion Committee will soon be formed and the Society will be actively looking for volunteers. Anyone interested in being considered for the Committee should contact Daniel Moir.

**Action – All**

There was no update on external committees.

#### **9. AOB**

A request was made by Alan Richards for the data on Society membership with regards to gender split, it was agreed this would be provided.

**10. Action – A. Dale**

It was agreed that future BES meetings via Zoom will take place between 1500 and 1700, with the exception being the BES Professional Sector Council meeting scheduled for 27 May 2021 which will begin at 1000. An update to the invites will be sent.

**Action – E. Thompson**

#### **11. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the BES Professional Sector Council takes place on 27 May 2021 at 1000.