TSSA Retired Member's Group Committee

Minutes

Thursday 11th August 2022

Present; John Rees (Chair), Luke Howard (Secretary),
Bob Bayley (Newsletter), Tim Young (Minutes & Website)
Dinesh Bhardwa, Cheryl O'Brien

Apologies; Dave Porter (Treasurer), Joel Kosminsky and Steve Whitehead

Chair; John welcomed those present.

Minutes; No Minutes were presented for approval. There were consequently, no matters arising.

Secretary; i. With the next General Meeting next month being held hybridly in Bristol, Luke is now looking for other venues that can host future meetings in similar fashion. A number of possibilities were mentioned, including Stockport & Leeds, although some present were not keen on meetings being held so far north. It was noted that Cheryl will Chair the meeting in Bristol as John can only attend virtually, due to other commitments.

ii. Luke reported that no further action has been taken on uploading RMG documents to the TSSA website. Tim advised that he has uploaded all copies of Pension News Update that he has received, to the TSSA website. He plans to check what Committee & Full Meeting agendas he has, and Minutes thereof, plus recent newsletters, that he has, obtain any missing items from Luke, and post all to the website.

iii. There has been no further development on the election\re-election of a General Secretary. Cheryl noted that there have been significant allegations levelled against Manuel, Frank and Luke Chester which are being investigated. A QC has been appointed. No-one was certain either, how the proposed merger would affect the election process, or indeed, whether an election would be required at all. Disquiet was also expressed at the EC going to Gibraltar en bloc when fellow workers are striking and losing money

iv. Nothing further was reported concerning Equalities Research.

v. Luke will prepare a report on the Conference held in Sheffield back in May, and send a copy to Bob for the newsletter.

vi. It was suggested that Stephen Lawrence might be amenable to joining the Committee. Luke will speak with him and report back.

General Meeting; Luke proposed that the upcoming meeting in Bristol finish at 3pm latest, in order that those attending in person could catch trains home from nearby Bristol Parkway without a lengthy wait.

It was suggested we try and get someone from IBB to speak in Bristol.

Luke asked who was intending to attend. Tim said he would attend virtually, but was still willing to Minute proceedings from a distance.

Treasurer; Dave was unable to be present, and had submitted a report which was accepted.

Newsletter; Bob had circulated a draft copy of the newsletter to Committee members shortly before this meeting and invited feedback and further contributions.

Pre Ret. Seminars; The Chair had nothing to report.

NPC; Due to Steve and Joe being unable to join us, this agenda item was withdrawn.

Visits; The possibility of resuming visits was discussed again. It was agreed that this would be raised during the meeting in Bristol and feedback noted from the wider RMG membership.

28th April; The draft agenda drawn up was considered satisfactory for the next all member meeting.

It was noted that any questions to the Report & Accounts need to be submitted prior to this date.

The question was raised that if the merger goes through, will the post of TSSA Treasurer disappear ?

IBB; Annual Conference will reconvene in London on 17th September. RMG will have its next full meeting five days later. We have not received, and we need full information in order to make a decision. Luke will write to Walkden House accordingly. It was noted that the IBB District will decide on rules and protocols. The Certification Officer will not be interested in minutiae.

Next Meetings; All Member Meeting on 22nd September in Bristol, with a hybrid facility. Committee on 4th October by Zoom. **Please note the change of date from 6th** AGM on 17th November. Final Committee of the year on 6th December.

AOB; No dates or venue have been announced yet for TSSA's Annual Conference 2023.

Cheryl reported that BTP members have been transferred out of all branches into a dedicated BTP branch based in the Midlands, with no prior warning or advice.

It was also noted that the Midlands Divisional Council has been moribund since before the pandemic.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.51pm.