



## 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the British Dam Society held on Monday 14 March 2016 at 18:00, at the Institution of Civil Engineers.

**Present:** Chairman: Andy Hughes  
Vice-Chairman: Tracey Williamson  
Technical Secretary: Andrew Pepper  
49 Members + 12 guests in person + 59 members and guests on-line

#### 125 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Brett Marshall proposed and John Braidley seconded the approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30 March 2015. These were approved by the meeting.

#### 126 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman presented the Annual Report for 2015, which had previously been circulated to members. He highlighted some of the key points.

BDS continued to urge Defra to implement legislation in England to reduce the lower limit of statutory reservoirs to 10,000 m<sup>3</sup>, in line with the other three UK countries.

Membership continues to grow, with 562 individual members and 31 corporate members, with the number of under-35 members showing particular growth. The new initiative of the Young Engineers' Forum is expanding with visits and other events now being arranged.

BDS finances are strong, and enable initiatives to utilise some of the accumulated funds to further the society's strategic objectives to be undertaken. These could include scholarships and other initiatives aimed at bringing young people into dam engineering.

Anthea Peters, editor of Dams and Reservoirs, has done excellent work in getting the journal published closer to its scheduled date, but more papers are needed – he urged every member to consider writing a paper.

BDS runs a number of competitions, which are increasing in popularity, and which encourage interaction with BDS.

BDS has a full programme for about two years ahead, although there have been problems recently with ICE's system of live streaming of events – this should improve soon.

A record number of 239 delegates attended the Supervising Engineers' Forum in April 2015, and planning for the 2016 Conference at Lancaster in September 2016 was making good progress.

A number of BDS Members attended the ICOLD meeting in Stavanger, although the Chairman's nomination of ICOLD President was unsuccessful.

The Chairman acknowledged the work of all the members of the BDS committee in carrying out their different roles, and also thanked Tim Fuller of ICE, the BDS Secretary, for his work throughout the year.

The report was proposed for approval by Paul Farnell, seconded by Newman Booth and approved by the meeting.

#### 127 **ACCOUNTS**

The Vice-Chairman (who is also the BDS Treasurer) reported that the societies finances were in good shape, and that the 2014 accounts were about to be sent to the auditors.

The main BDS income was from the Supervising Engineers' Forum and the Conference, and while these were also the main items of expenditure a small surplus had been realised from the Supervising Engineers' Forum.

Funds had recently been spent on supporting the Young Engineers' Forum, attendance at ICOLD meetings and there had been additional expenditure of Dams and Reservoirs as the number of issues has increased to 'catch up' with the publishing dates.

The net result was a reduction in funds at year end (31 December) from £135,621 in 2014 to £124,106 in 2015.

The Vice-Chairman thanked Sean Cross, of ICE Finance, for his help with the day-to-day finances and in preparing the year-end accounts.

The accounts were proposed for approval by Newman Booth, seconded by Tony Bruggemann and approved by the meeting.

#### 128 **COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE**

##### *(i) Retiring Committee Members*

The Chairman recorded the Society's appreciation of the services of the members who now retired from the committee at the AGM:

- Newman Booth
- Craig Goff
- Giles Hird
- Ian Hope
- Chris Scott

##### *(iii) Committee Election*

Following an invitation six nominations had been received for three vacancies on the Committee, which meant that a postal ballot had been held. From the 190 ballot forms returned (32% of membership) the following were elected to serve on the BDS Committee from 2016 to 2019:

- Lesley Dunne (Atkins)
- Rachel Pether (Black & Veatch)
- Alan Warren (Mott MacDonald)

#### 129 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### 130 **NEXT MEETING**

The next Annual General Meeting would be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers on 20 March 2017