

MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE INSTITUTE OF PROFESSIONAL INVESTIGATORS
HELD AT THE CIVIL SERVICE CLUB
NEW SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON
ON FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER, 2013

The Principal opened the meeting at 11.00 a.m. and welcomed the guests, Sallyann Baldry, Head of Business Development, Industry Qualifications and Christy Hopkins, Assistant Director, Customer Service and Quality Improvement, at the Security Industry Authority.

Sallyann Baldry

Sallyann has worked for awarding organisations for over 20 years. When the SIA was formed in 2003 she led Edexcel's strategy to create a suite of qualifications for the Private Security Industry, managing a complex set of processes required to administer "licence to practice" qualifications and working closely with the SIA sub-sector standards development groups, including the Professional Investigators Group. In 2005 the Association of Security Consultants awarded Sallyann the Security Association Awards Imbert Prize, which is awarded to the person making the most notable contribution in the security industry in the preceding year.

In August 2011 Sallyann joined the awarding organisation, Industry Qualifications, as it went live with its first tranche of QCF qualifications. She is responsible for driving its ambitious strategy for growth, whilst ensuring it fully embraces its values and ethos as a mutual organisation to the benefit of members.

Christy Hopkins

Christy is responsible for delivering a transformation of the SIA's UK wide regulatory services from paper and manual handling to e-enabled and automated services; delivering a targeted, time critical plan that puts the SIA and its 500,000 customers at the front of the UK Government's 'digital by default' agenda; operational management of end to end service provision for UK regulator through management of an outsourced service provided and an "in-house" customer service and quality improvement team; and he has responsibility for service transition, cost reduction, growing e-services and converging services with other public sector solutions.

He is the former Head of Investigation for the SIA and may have some interesting and relevant information for our sector.

PRESENT

From the Board:

David Palmer	Principal
Ian Hopkins	Deputy Principal
Brian Walker	Treasurer
James Harrison-Griffiths	
Simon Smith	
David Pryke	Secretary General
Lynda King	Asst. Sec. General

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Dan Aharon, Ian Willis (Guest), Alberto Biancofiore, Nicholas Nicolaides (Guest), Richard Bradshaw, Richard Cumming, Paul Hawkes, Ruth Hoffmann-Sales, Richard Lee, Richard Newman, Michael Pettit, Alan Roberts, Simon Scales, Brendan Tolan, Susan Ward, Lynne Watts-Plumkin (Guest).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Nicola Amsel, Paul Ball, Peter Bartlett, John Bateman, Edward Bliss, Roger Bunting, Hamish Cole, Jim Cole, John Cousin, Keith Coventry, Tim Dabin, Terry Davies, Jim Egan, Paul Elliott, Peter Frost, Alf Goldberg, David Hattersley, Alan Marr, Jon McNally, Richard Pearce, John Talbot and Mike Welply.

MINUTES OF THE 34TH AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM, held at the Civil Service Club, London, on Friday, 22nd November, 2012, having been circulated to the members, were approved and signed by the Principal. Proposed by Ian Hopkins, seconded by James Harrison-Griffiths. Carried unanimously.

PRINCIPAL'S AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Principal advised that the reports had been circulated to all members in the Annual Report prior to the AGM and asked for comments. None were forthcoming. On a proposal by Simon Smith, seconded by Brian Walker, the reports were unanimously approved.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD 1/4/12 to 31/3/13

The Treasurer advised that there was little to add to his report and that he was pleased to note a small surplus for the relevant period. He asked if there were any questions from the floor.

None were forthcoming and on a proposal by David Palmer, seconded by Simon Smith the report was unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD

The Principal advised that Jim Cole had retired from the Board in August this year. In addition, Ian Hopkins had advised his retirement from the Board. The Principal took the opportunity of thanking both for their many years of service and support to the Institute and this received the unanimous support of those present.

The Principal advised that five members had volunteered to serve on the Board :

Richard Newman
Richard Bradshaw
Richard Cumming
Richard Lee
Brendan Tolan

Mr Newman had been proposed by David Palmer and seconded by Dick Smith and was duly elected to the Board.

The remaining 4 had been proposed by James Harrison-Griffiths but required seconders. Pending receipt of the necessary recommendations, Messrs Bradshaw, Cumming, Lee and Tolan were co-opted to the Board with immediate effect.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Principal advised that David Agnew from the Home Office would be joining the lunch following the AGM. Mr Agnew had asked the Institute if they could advise on the types of characteristics associated with law abiding PIs, in conducting his/her surveillance, enquiry or investigation into a person or property – compared to the sort of characteristics which would be associated with the more ‘rogue’ or unscrupulous types of PIs. The Principal had therefore extended an invitation to lunch in order that Mr Agnew could raise his queries with members present.

Ruth Hoffmann-Sales felt that a female Institute member should possibly be sought to join the Board. The Principal advised that the opportunity to join the Board was open to all members and that it was to be hoped that female representation would soon be forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.