



**Minutes of the
POOSH Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 27 January 2015
Hosted by UBM**

Room 3, 9th Floor, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UY

Present:

Ms Susanna Everton	AOHNP	SE
Ms Sharon Brunt	BOHS (Chair)	SB
Mr Reg Sell	IEHF	RS
Ms Carolyn Williams	IRM	CW
Mr Mike Nixon	Safety Groups UK	MN
Mrs Cathy Nixon	Safety Groups UK	CN
Mr Harry Hopkins	SARS	HH

Secretariat:

Mrs Anna McNeil	Secretariat	AM
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Invited speakers:

Ms Heather Beach	Director OSH Global, UBM
Mr Mark Glover	Commissioning Editor, UBM

1. Welcome, apologies and membership update

Sharon Brunt welcomed everybody to the meeting and thanked UBM for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Apologies had been received from:

Mr Barry Holt	IIRSM	BH
Mr Rob Vondy	HSE	RV
Ms Beverley Griggs	RCN	BG
Ms Karen McDonnell	RoSPA	KM
Mr Paul Madgwick	RSPH	PM
Mr John Cairn	Safety Groups UK	JC
Mr Richard Jones	IOSH	RJ

2. Minutes of the POOSH committee meeting held on 7 May 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2014 were agreed as an accurate account. The minutes would be placed on the POOSH website.

Action: AM

3. Matters arising from the minutes not covered by the agenda

Members stated that the links to the following websites would be useful:

Health risks at work : <http://www.healthyworkinglives.com/advice/HRatW>

RoSPA NOSH: <http://www.rosipa.com/occupational-safety/affiliated-groups/noshc/>

History of Occupational Health and Safety: <http://www.historyofosh.org.uk?>

Action: AM

It was agreed that Richard Jones should be asked if he had contacted Caroline Raymond to be a speaker at a future POOSH meeting.

Action: AM / RJ

It was also agreed that the Secretariat would try and locate Fiona Walsh and invite her to a future POOSH meeting.

Action: AM

4. Reports from member organisations

It was noted that the following reports had been circulated prior to the meeting:

AOHNP, CIEHF and Safety Groups UK.

The following reports were tabled at the meeting: BOHS, HSE, SARS, and would be circulated to the group with the minutes.

Action: AM

The following updates were received at the meeting:

04.01 BOHS:

SB reported that BOHS were hosting IOHA (International Occupational Hygiene Association) in London from 25-30 April 2015. Shell was the main sponsor, and their Vice-President Health, Dr Alistair Fraser, was a speaker.

On 28 April BOHS will launch 'Breathe Freely' at Merchant Taylor's Hall, London. This initiative is aimed at the construction industry and helping employers to understand and control the exposures, which cause occupational lung disease.

BOHS will be launching a new website with new materials to help employers protect their workers from hazards which cause occupational lung disease. Regional events will then take place around the country with a one day conference planned for October, all aimed at getting out the messages and materials, and facilitating the sharing of best practice.

SB reminded the group they could nominate people for the Peter Isaac Award, which is awarded annually in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the reduction of ill health at work. SB agreed to circulate a reminder, with the criteria, when the nominations were opened.

Action: SB

04.02 SaRS

HH reports that the SaRS current strategy was, over the next five-year period, to apply for Licensed Body status with the Engineering Council.

It was noted that SaRS is collaborating with Engineering UK on a presentation on Risk at the Big Bang Fair on 11-14 March 2015 and that this had been funded by the Lloyds Register Educational Trust. The event is aimed at undergraduates and was taking place at the NEC.

SaRS has been successful in its bid, jointly with Strathclyde University, to run the European Safety and Reliability (ESREL) conference in Glasgow, 26-29 September 2016.

04.03 CIEHF

It was noted that the CIEHF had a new Chief Executive, Steve Barraclough. An event will be held on 3 March to celebrate their award of a Charter, full details to be circulated in due course. CIEHF will be holding a conference from 13-16 April in Daventry with approximately 200 attending.

The CIEHF were looking a patient safety and were trying to identify a member from the Care Quality Commission to join their working party. It was hoped the working party would meet after the election in May 2015.

04.04 AOHNP

SE reported that AOHNP's new President was Diane Romano Woodward. The board were applying for charitable status. The AOHNP were working closely with the NMC on their registration and revalidation programme. It was noted that Christina Butterworth was chairing a working party of occupational health nurses and others on the setting up of a faculty of occupational health nursing.

The annual Ruth Alston Memorial lecture and dinner will be held at the Crowne Plaza, NEC on Tuesday 3 March 2015 and the guest speaker is Dr John Ballard. The AOHNP will also have a stand at the Health and Wellbeing Conference on 3 and 4 March 2015.

04.05 Safety Groups UK

MN informed the group that SGUK had been started in 1947 and there are now over 70 local safety groups around the country. Volunteers run SGUK and the secretariat is RoSPA.

SGUK attend many conferences and give talks to promote SGUK membership of local groups and raise awareness of the 'Health Risks at Work' campaign. There are five major components of the initiative:

- Risks to skin
- Risks to breathing
- Risks to hearing and touch
- Risks to muscles, bones and joints
- Risks to wellbeing

All these components are supported by DVDs, workbooks and interactive internet tools (all free to access)

SGUK work with many bodies to promote awareness of the issues.

The group were informed that local group meetings were run across the country and to contact the local secretary for venue and date details.

It was noted that John Cairns would be speaking at the Health and Safety UK meeting scheduled to take place at the Mermaid Centre, London, on 25 June 2015.

MN informed the group that SGUK had held an awards ceremony at the House of Lords on 26 January 2015. These awards, which covered a variety of topics, had been sponsored by BT for the last 15 years. The overall winner was the Isle of Wight Safety Group who had been working with Bob Rajan (HSE) on a peer-to-peer method of sharing knowledge and changing behaviours among college level welding students.

Total SGUK membership stands at approximately 7000, and membership of local groups was between 20 and over 1000. SGUK is funded by sponsorship and there was currently room for 12 sponsors. In return for their sponsorship, sponsors get a page in the OSH Journal to publish a technical article. SGUK also get sponsorship in kind from some organisations, for example UBM.

04.06 IRM

CW informed the group that the IRM had moved offices and their new address is: 2nd floor, Sackville House, 143-149 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 6BN.

The IRM also had a new Chief Executive, Ian Livsey, and a new Chairman, Jose Morago. It was noted that Sarah Hamilton (ex-IOSH) having joined the IRM in a member engagement role some months ago, had now left.

Membership of the IRM was currently 4500, of those 70% were UK and the rest were overseas.

5. Website update

It was noted that the minutes and member organisations' reports received for the last meeting had been uploaded to the website. Minutes of the last meeting (18 September 2014), together with member organisations' reports would now be uploaded to the website.

Action: AM

6. Update on membership

It was noted that the British Safety Council had been invited to join POOSH.

[Post meeting note: BSC has agreed to join POOSH and will be attending the next meeting]

It was agreed that AM would contact RSPH, RCN and IIRSM and ask if they still wanted to have a representative on POOSH.

Action: AM

AM also agreed to circulate the objectives to the group.

7. Future speakers

It was noted that Lawrence Waterman had been invited to speak at a future meeting.

[Post meeting note: Lawrence Waterman has accepted the invitation and hopes to attend the next meeting]

The following potential speakers were considered:

Steve Howells (Thames Tideway tidal sewage project)
Loughborough University – simulated hands (SB to supply the name)
Nicola Stacey – HSE Foresight Group
Public Health England – Ebola response (SB to contact PHE colleague)
Morrisons – Occupational Health head (SE to contact)

8. Health and Safety Week 2015 – Heather Beach, UBM

HB thanked POOSH for the opportunity to address the group and update them on UBM's future plans.

Last year UBM approached the HSE and asked for a 'health and safety week'. Numerous health groups were approached and there were over 2000 downloads of the 'health and safety week' banner. UBM then analysed the objectives, what had been achieved and what did not go as well as planned.

UBM have decided to focus on health during 15-19 June 2015. On 18 June there will be a symposium looking at the gap between safety and health.

POOSH members were asked to contact Mark Glover if they wished to have an input to the programme.

UBM plan to put photographs on their website with the theme 'selfie = healthy' and members were asked to let Mark and Heather have photographs showing healthy outcomes.

HB asked all organisations to promote 'Health and Safety Weeks 2015' to their members and to support the initiative. HB agreed to send text to SB (for circulation to the group) for organisations' newsletters or websites.

HB agreed to send the presentation to the secretariat for distribution to the group.

Action: HB / AM

SB thanked HB for a very helpful update on Health and Safety Week 2015.

13. Dates for meetings in 2015

Meeting dates in 2015 were confirmed as follows:

Wednesday 13 May 2015
From 1100 – 1500 (approximately)
BOHS
5/6 Melbourne Business Court
Millennium Way
Pride Park

Derby DE24 8LZ

Thursday 24 September 2015
From 1100 – 1500 (approximately)
IRM
2nd floor, Sackville House
143-149 Fenchurch Street
London EC3M 6BN

14. Any other business
There was no other business.