



Professional Organisations in Occupational Safety and Health (POOSH)

Minutes of a meeting held on

8 December 2010

at E.ON, 100 Pall Mall, London

Present:

Chair: Neil Budworth	Institution of Occupational Safety and Health
Reg Sell	The Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors
Harry Hopkins	Safety and Reliability Society

In attendance:

Anna McNeil	Secretariat
-------------	-------------

Apologies were received from:

Siobhan Clarke	Association of Occupational Health Nurse Practitioners
Peter Griffin	FOM / SOM & International Institute of Risk and Safety Management
Andrew Griffiths	Chartered Institute of Environmental Health
Harry Hopkin	Safety and Reliability Society
Caroline Minshell	RCN Public Health Forum
Carolyn Williams	Institute of Risk Management
Clare McNicholas	Health and Safety Executive

1. Welcome

Neil Budworth welcomed the group and noted that there were a large number of apologies for today's meeting for many and varied reasons outside people's control.

Neil Budworth reported that he had received a letter from FOM and SOM confirming that they were reluctantly leaving POOSH as they do not have the resources to support both POOSH and the Council for Work and Health. It was agreed that NB would write to them expressing POOSH's regrets and thanking them for their input.

Action: Chair / Secretariat

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2010

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2010 was an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising:

it was noted that the Council for Work and health now has an active website and updates on their work could be accessed via the website.

It was reported that the Society for Occupational Medicine were considering opening up membership to non-medics and that a consultation period would take place in 2011.

4. Minutes of the Summit held on 26 November 2010

It was noted that the draft minutes had been sent to Geoffrey Podger and Peter Brown for approval prior to publication.

Two questions had been raised: a) should POOSH take a position on the mix and level of activity of the HSE in relation to guidance, information and enforcement and b) to what extent should POOSH try to influence the HSE agenda, rather than react to it.

Action: Secretariat

The summit had attracted a good level of attendance and was felt to have been useful. This suggested that POOSH might work in a different way, which would be more effective for the member organisation. Suggestions had been made that POOSH may consider having three meetings per year. The first meeting to prepare for a meeting with a significant speaker; the second to be a summit type meeting with a senior player and the third meeting to review and develop actions from the summit.

5. Matters arising from the Summit meeting on 26 November 2010

NB reported that he would contact Professor Dame Carol Black to see if she may be willing to attend a POOSH meeting (or to send a deputy) in February 2011. The date of the February 2011 meeting would be arranged to fit in with Dame Carol's availability.

Action: Chair / Secretariat

It was also suggested that Chris Grayling should be invited to a future meeting to talk about the role of the professional bodies in "the Big Society".

Action: Secretariat

6. Reports from member organisations

IOSH

Report forwarded to the website.

Institute of Ergonomics and Human Factors:

The Institute are still working on their charter but other more immediate priorities keep arising. They have held two successful conferences recently; Control Rooms in Paris and Oil and Gas in Manchester. It was reported that the Federation of European Ergonomic Societies had held its first meeting in Bruges on 10 October 2010.

It was noted that the Institute were cooperating with the HSE on the new scheme for the accreditation of safety consultants.

The next Annual Conference will be held at Stoke Rochford on 12-14 April 2011.

AOHNP:

The Association held their AGM and Good Practice Forum on 23 November 2010 at the Union Jack Club, London. Changes to the Board were made at this time with Siobhan Clarke Stepping down as a director of the Association. Jeremy Smith also stepped down as President, although he will hold the post of Immediate Past President for the next year. Christina Butterworth, Health Risk Manager at BG Group has now taken over the Presidency of the Association, having been Vice President for the last year.

The AOHNP new Board meeting is scheduled for 13 December and at that time the Association representative for the POOSH group will be discussed. It will, however, be likely that the representative will be Susanna Everton who attended the recent Summit.

The POOSH group is informed that the Annual Ruth Aston Memorial Lecture and Dinner will be held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, NEC, Birmingham. The lecture will be delivered by Greta Thornbory and the subject will be 'Occupational Health Nursing and Professionalism'. Further details will be on the AOHNP website shortly.

SARS;

It was noted that the society had recently moved to new headquarters on the University of Manchester campus, which was likely to be the venue for their programme of meetings and seminars during 2011. Their new contact details are as follows:

The Safety and Reliability Society
2nd Floor, Room 2.36
One Central Park
Northampton Road Manchester M40 5BP

T 0161 918 6663
E info@sars.org.uk

Other reports would be forwarded to the website in due course.

7. Consultants' Register

A report would be circulated from Andrew Griffith following the meeting.

Action: Secretariat

Post meeting note – report circulated to the group

8. Council for Health and Work

See matters arising for an update.

9. HSE Update and promotional campaigns

No report had been supplied.

10. POOSH Membership

Consideration had been given to whether RoSPA and BSC should be invited to the next two meetings as observers and following a ballot it was agreed that they should.

Action: Secretariat

11. POOSH Chair 2101

It was noted that no nomination had been received, however Andrew Griffiths from the CIEH had indicated that he would consider the position if no other candidates were forthcoming. Andrew would therefore be asked if he would be willing to take of the role of POOSH Chair.

It was noted that Neil Budworth would step down as Chair after the meeting and, on behalf of the POOSH Group, Reg Sell thanked Neil for all his hard work as Chair of POOSH during 2010 and for organising such a successful Summit Meeting.

Action: Secretariat

12. Any other business

NB informed the group that he anticipated circulating guidance on Chronic Conditions to IOSH and requested that other POOSH group members may be willing to also circulate the guidance. This was agreed and NB agreed to circulate the link to the secretariat.

Action: Secretariat / NB

13. Date and Venue of the next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting date would be subject to Dame Carol Black's availability. A venue would then be selected.

Action: Secretariat