

CIWEM Central Southern branch Annual General Meeting 2019

16 May 2019 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Function Room, Griffin Pub, 10 Church Road, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire RG4 7AD

Minutes of the CIWEM Central Southern branch Annual General Meeting 2019

Attendance

Present: Attendance list held by CIWEM Head Office

Apologies: No apologies

1. Introduction and welcome

The Branch Chair, Darren Lumbroso, introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that following a short AGM, there would be two talks on use of earth observation data in providing 'early warnings' in two different disciplines.

2. Minutes of the AGM held on 10 October 2018 and matters arising

Darren noted that there were no actions arising from the 2018 AGM, but asked if anyone wanted to raise any items based on the minutes. There were no comments from the floor.

3. Chair's report

Darren gave a verbal report on his and the branch's activities during the previous year. The primary objective of the branch was to hold a series of technical meetings that covered the full range of topics of relevance to the membership. Over the past year a total of 11 meetings had been held, and Darren showed a slide summarising the topics covered.

The branch programme runs from September to June/July each year, and so the committee was starting to put together the new programme for 19/20. Darren asked for any ideas for talks or speakers to be raised either at the meeting or to be emailed to the committee.

Darren noted that the branch seminar was being held in Reading on the 11th July 2019 and would consider 'water resources challenges in the UK under climate change'. The final details of the speakers were being finalised and the meeting was now open for bookings via the main CIWEM web site. There were opportunities for company sponsorship, which was very good value, and would allow each company to have two delegates.

Darren then went on to explain that as the branch chair he took part in bi-monthly telecoms with the other chairs and HQ officers, to discuss more general issues relating to the running of the Institution. There was also an annual face-to-face meeting at Saffron Hill. One of the current initiatives was to develop a new web site to improve the availability and accessibility of information for the membership. The other ambition was to improve the accessibility of meetings and to look at recording the events so that a wider audience could be reached. Darren noted that this did throw up several challenges for the committee, who were all volunteers fitting the branch activities around their existing work and personal time. Darren showed slides of the branch area and the location of the membership, which illustrated the difficulties in being able to reach everyone in such a large area.

Finally, Darren put out a final request to the audience:

- For any volunteers to join the committee
- For venues to hold evening meetings
- For topics or speakers for technical meetings.

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4. Financial governance | Treasurer's report

Andy Tagg, as Honorary Treasurer, explained how the branch managed its income and outgoings, and gave a summary of the monies held at Head Office as of end 2018 on behalf of the branch, and the assumed budget for the current year.

5. Election of officers by nomination and seconds and show of hands vote at the AGM

Darren read out the proposed membership of the new committee for the coming year, which had been circulated as part of the AGM notice. There was no need for a vote as there were sufficient places for those standing. As noted above, there were a few vacancies.

6. Any other business

There was no business raised from the floor.

9. Date and time of next AGM

Darren noted that the next AGM would be communicated as part of the finalisation of the next year's programme, but it was likely to be in May 2020.