

MIDLANDS MEMBERS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

23RD NOVEMBER 2022, TIME 19:00; LOCATION VIRTUAL

	<p>The following are minutes for the meeting edited & grouped to allow legibility; they are not therefore verbatim records but representative of the reports, discussions and actions</p>	
	Topic	Action
1	Apologies & Welcome to new members	
1.0	<p>Welcome from the Chair, Michael Spreadbury.</p> <p>Thanks to the new faces who have come to this meeting.</p> <p>No apologies.</p>	
2	Chairman's Report	
2.0	Membership numbers are slightly down this year for the Midlands Member Group – this is understood to be in line with overall membership numbers.	
2.1	The group are quite spread out across the Midlands based on our latest available heat map, although they are concentrated around urban centres.	
2.2	Michael provided a recap of his first year as chair. COVID has provided challenges to the functioning of the group, coupled with the new committee members we are just finding our feet.	
2.3	2 nd Year Plan outlined	
3	Secretary's Report	
3.1	Current committee members for the following year are included in the AGM slides. No positions up for re-election. Glen Redpath has taken on the position of Mentor Co-Ordinator.	Glen to engage with membership group to determine how many mentors are available

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3.2	<p>Past and future events have been summarised in AGM slides.</p> <p>Current events open for registration:</p> <p>Essentials of Optimisation – Delivered by Sara Penrose. Registration link below:</p> <p>https://www.icheme.org/membership/communities/members-groups/midlands/events/19-01-23-essentials-of-optimisation-training-skills-for-engineers/</p>	
3.3	<p>An interactive vote for the meeting attendees indicated that there was a reasonable consensus on what events members would like to see from the group.</p> <p>Survey to be circulated over social media and mailing lists to the rest of the membership group</p>	Glen to circulate the membership survey and report on response at next committee meeting.
4	Treasurer's Report	
4.1	Due to challenges in having in-person events very little money has been spent or amassed.	
5	AOB	
5.1	Jonathan Seville raised suggestions for a variety of events that could be involved with the universities in the West Midlands (Get Chartered, industry talks, etc.). Earl provided some clarification regarding who is currently responsible for these events at different universities.	Glen to get in touch with Jonathan to initiate getting this organised.

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Committee Members & Volunteers		
Earl Hutchinson (Past Chair)		
Michael Spreadbury (Chair)		
Sara Penrose (Vice Chair)		
Glen Redpath (Secretary)		
Nikolay Cherkasov (Treasurer)		
Darius Khoshdel		
Asad Nadeem		
Laura Grindley		
Jonathan Seville		
Peter Turner		
Sam Watson		
Key		
Present	Apologies	Unknown