



## **THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY SOCIETY**

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### **2020 SOCIETY AGM MINUTES**

Minutes of the thirty-ninth Annual General Meeting of the Safety and Reliability Society held on Tuesday 24th November 2020 online on Zoom at 1700

Present: 24 members were present: votes which meant that the meeting was adequately quorate.

There were no apologies.

Peter Sheppard as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the AGM's of The Safety and Reliability Society and SARS Ltd would be intertwined so that the financial reports could be dealt with together. He also explained the voting mechanism within Zoom and how the votes would be counted. Peter thanked those who had submitted proxy votes.

1. 2019 AGM. The minutes, reports and accounts for the Society 2019 AGM had been placed on the website. Their acceptance was proposed by P Stanton and seconded by H Hopkins. The resolution was carried by twenty-four votes for, nem con.
2. Council/Chair's report. The Chair reported that the Society had undertaken several activities that improved the profile of the Society. These included continuation of a recruitment and retention strategy, webinar programme and a risk register. The Society had successfully attained Licenced Member status with the Engineering Council during this year. Despite a pandemic, the Society had adapted operations and moved forward. During this year Council met quarterly to discuss various operational matters and approve and oversee various projects. Peter thanked the Council for their help during the year and thanked the office for their support.
3. Peter Stanton, then gave a financial report for the previous financial year. The SARS Ltd financial statement had been tabled at the SARS Ltd AGM. The budget for 2020/21 for the Society was tabled. The budget was generated to work on a break-even basis and Council had previously endorsed the decision to run events and projects on cost neutral terms and this continued. The budget had been cast to consider the outcome in the previous year and the ongoing need to recruit members while maintain good quality membership benefits. It was reported that that the accounts had continued to grow the positive reserve situation of the previous year It was resolved that the Council Report and Accounts should be accepted. Proposed by R Denning and seconded by H Hopkins. Accepted nem con.

4. It was resolved that Voisey and Co Chartered Accountants should be reappointed as auditors. Proposed by P Stanton seconded by R Denning. Accepted nem con.
5. It was resolved that the revised subscription levels should be accepted.

	2020	2021
Fellow	186	189
Member	126	129
Associate member	93	96
Associate	93	96
Retired Member	81	87
Retired Fellow	81	87
Student	55	55
Affiliate	900	950
Academic Affiliate	450	500

Fees for employees of Affiliate Companies would be invoiced at 10% discount.

Proposed P Stanton and seconded by A Buchan. Carried nem con

6. External Affairs Committee – no report was given.
7. Membership and Grading Committee  
R Denning reported that there had been a significant increase in membership application during the year and congratulated SaRS on attaining Licenced Member status with the Engineering Council
8. Publications Committee – no report was given.
9. Branches Committee – no report was given
10. Engineering Membership Committee  
A report was tabled by the Engineering Membership Committee outlining the success during the year of attaining the Licence from the Engineering Council to register Incorporated and Chartered Engineers. E Taylor (Chair) thanked all those involved.
11. Council Resolutions - No resolutions were considered
12. Election of Council Members and Officers

Nominations:

The following people were elected following nominations received as follows:

Louise Whiting (Elected)

The Chair thanked Louise for her continuing support of the Society.

There was one new member of Council nominated and co-opted during the year:

Richard Derrett-Smith (Co-opted)

The Chair welcomed her to SaRS Council.

Retirements and resignations during the year were:

Anson Jack and Trevor Cockram completed their term on Council and did not wish to be re-elected.

The Chair thanked them for their service on Council and in key roles during his terms.

13. Officers of Council for 2020/21 are as follows:

14. Peter Sheppard – Chair

Andrew Buchan – Chair Elect

Peter Stanton – Financial Director/Treasurer

Richard Denning – President

Jacqueline Ward – CEO/ Company Secretary

15. In other business, the Chair thanked Council officers for their contributions and welcomed new members. Jacqueline Ward thanked Peter Sheppard for his service as Chair and Richard Denning for his service as President.

16. Peter Sheppard took the Chair and outlined the business for the coming year.

17. The Society AGM was closed at 17.20.

Jacqueline Ward  
Secretary/Chief Executive  
30<sup>th</sup> November 2020