



THE SAFETY AND RELIABILITY SOCIETY

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2023 SOCIETY AGM MINUTES

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Safety and Reliability Society held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 online on Zoom at 1700

Present: 23 members were present: 7 proxy votes which meant that the meeting was adequately quorate. There were no apologies.

Louise Whiting as Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. She 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. Andy thanked those who had submitted proxy votes.

1. 2022 AGM. The minutes, reports and accounts for the Society 2022 AGM minutes had been placed on the website. Their acceptance was proposed by Mike Sleath and seconded by H Hopkins. The meeting voted and the resolution was carried *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 as well as improvements to the SaRS website. Both membership and affiliate membership had remained steady during the year. During this year Council met quarterly to discuss various operational matters and approve and oversee various projects. Louise 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 2023/24 for the Society was tabled. The budget was generated to work on a break-even basis and Council had previously endorsed the decision to 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 maintaining 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 C Harrison and seconded by H Hopkins. meeting voted and it was accepted nem con.
4. It was resolved that Voisey and Co Chartered Accountants should be reappointed as auditors. Proposed by P Stanton seconded by L Whiting. meeting voted and it was accepted nem con.

5. It was resolved that the revised subscription levels should be accepted.

	2023	2024
Fellow	204	213
Member	135	141
Associate member	102	108
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Retired Member	90	96
Retired Fellow	90	96
Student	57	58
Academic Affiliate	500	500
Affiliate	950	950

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

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6. External Affairs Committee – There was no report.
7. Membership and Grading Committee
L Whiting reported that there had been a drop in membership applications in the year but a Membership Growth Committee had been formed to counter this,
8. Publications Committee
C Harrison reported on improvements in downloads for the journal, and the increase in copyflow. The application for entry into the SCOPUS database was successful.
9. Branches Committee – no report was given
10. Engineering Membership Committee
No report was given
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 (Re-elected)

The Chair welcomed them to SaRS Council.

Retirements and resignations during the year were:
Andrew Buchan
Harry Moss

The Chair thanked members service on Council and in key roles during her term.

13. Officers of Council for 2022/23 are as follows:

Chris Harrison – Chair
TBA – Chair Elect
Louise Whiting – Past Chair
Peter Stanton – Financial Director/Treasurer
Richard Denning – President
Jacqueline Ward – CEO/ Company Secretary

14. In other business, the Chair thanked Council officers for their contributions and welcomed new members. Jacqueline Ward thanked Louise Whiting for his service as Chair and Richard Denning for his continued service as President.

15. Chris Harrison the Chair and outlined the business for the coming year.

16. The Society AGM was closed at 17.30.

Jacqueline Ward
Secretary/Chief Executive
30th November 2023

Approved by Safety and
Reliability Chair Louise
Whiting 30th November
2023

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