



# THE WELDING INSTITUTE

## TWI LONDON BRANCH AGM

### Minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Meeting held on line using Zoom on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 18:00

#### **Present**

Ray Sheldon (RS), Stephen Shapcott (SS), Eric Martin (EM), John Boran (JB), Alan Denney (AD), Mike Lawrence (ML), Alireza Valizadeh (AV), Simon Mills (SM), John Davies (AJD), Robert Doggett (RD), Kate Day (TWI Secretariate).

#### **In Attendance**

10 Branch members (A full list of those on line is shown in Attachment 1)

#### **1 Apologies for Absence**

Ed Foakes (EF), James Warren (JW) and Daniel Weeks (DW).

#### **2 Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted by exception there being no objections.

#### **3 Matters Arising**

None

#### **4 Secretary's Report**

The Secretary presented his report (see Attachment 2).

The Secretary's report was accepted by exception there being no objections.

#### **5 Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer presented his report and the accounts for 2020 (see Attachments 3 and 4)

The Treasurer's report and accounts were accepted by exception there being no objections.

**6 Programme Secretary's Report**

The Programme Secretary presented his report for the past and coming year along with the Branch Programme (see Attachments 5 and 6)

The Programme Secretary's report and Programme for 2020/2021 was accepted by exception there being no objections.

**7 Election of Officers for 2020**

Voting for all committee appointments was carried out as a block vote. There were no objections to the names nominated and the list was accepted by exception there being no objections (see Attachment 7)

**8 Appointment of Auditors**

The Treasurer has had the accounts audited by Julie Dowson, who is an accredited book keeper and has handled the finances of small company for many years.

The branch accounts are not complex and do not warrant the appointment of an accountancy firm.

The Treasurer's recommendation was accepted by exception there being no objections.

**9 Any Other Business**

A question was raised by Ed Warren regarding the attendance of Branch or wider TWI members at London Branch meetings. The Programme Secretary stated that for Branch meetings Branch members had priority but this could be widened depending upon the uptake.

**10 Chairman's Remarks and Close of Meeting**

The outgoing President expressed his thanks to the committee for their efforts over this past year in adapting to new methods of working and to the Secretary for keeping the committee informed via a monthly Bulletin and more recently using Zoom.

The meeting was declared closed at 18:30. There followed a presentation by Mike Russell (Operations Director – TWI) on TWI Ltd: Overcoming the Challenges.

# ATTENDEE LIST

Robert Doggett

Daniel Sillars

Philip Hoggett

Khalid Nor

Alireza Valizadeh

Stephen Shapcott

Dwight Miller

John Boran

Farrokh Faramarzi

Edward Warren

Simon Mills

Stephen Emerson

Andrew Davies

Leonardo Serodio

Eric Martin

Alan Denney

Michael Lawrence

Sumesh Chettiar

John Evans

Raymond Sheldon



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### **London Branch Secretary's Report 2020**

**The branch has been subjected to a number of radical changes in this past year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Although the AGM in January and the branch meeting in February took place at the Lancaster Hall Hotel all subsequent face to face activities ceased.**

**Branch meetings were cancelled and TWI started to offer online webinars to all members. Committee meetings ceased and in order to keep the committee up dated with administrative and other matters a Branch Bulletin was issued on a monthly basis.**

**Lengthy discussions with TWI regarding Zoom or Teams accounts for each branch has still not been fully resolved and as a temporary measure branches were told to get a monthly Zoom account and expense the cost.**

**Draft protocols for wide participation webinars, local branch technical meetings and branch committee meetings all using virtual mediums have been circulated and it is hoped these will be finalised soon.**

**Regrettably there have been several resignations from the committee over the year however, a better distribution of office holders has been achieved amongst those remaining and at least one replacement has been obtained.**

**The Secretary would like to express his deep appreciation to Eric Martin who has served for many years as Treasurer and has been an active and supportive member of the Branch.**

**The Secretary would also like to thank all the committee members for their contribution and assistance in helping to keep the branch going in these unusual times.**

**Mike Lawrence**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



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### **London Branch Treasurers Report 2020**

**The branch started the year with £9,343.58 carried over from 2019 in our No 1 account. The grant received from TWI during 2020 was £2,952.00 giving the branch a total income of £12,295.58. The grant was reduced from 2019 due to impact of COVID-19 and the subsequent reduction of branch activities.**

**Our costs for the year came to £966.69 leaving a balance of £11,328.89. This amount has been carried forward to 2021.**

**The majority of the branch expenditure was at the beginning of 2020 and were for two meetings in January & February, and a cancellation charge for the room hire of the cancelled March meeting. Since then, the only expenditure has been for a month's Zoom subscription to allow an online committee meeting.**

**Due to the combined impact of COVID-19 and the closure of some college welding departments we have made no donations to colleges during 2020.**

**Given the ongoing impact of COVID-19 all meetings will continue to be held online line and hence there will be no major expenditure in at least the first quarter of 2021.**

**Our No 2 account has a balance of £1,893.96, up £10.86 from last year as a result of interest. There has been no outgoings from this account.**

**Ray Sheldon**

**5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**For LONDON BRANCH**

**BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES**

£	9343.58	1. Bank Balances as at 1st January (as per 31st December of previous year)
£	11328.89	2. Bank Balances as at 31st December (for 1st January of next year)
£	1985.31	<b>CHANGE DURING THE YEAR</b>
£	0.00	Value of debts owing (to be listed for the Committee)
£	0.00	Value of unpaid bills (to be listed for the Committee)

**MONEY RECEIVED DURING THE CURRENT YEAR**

£	0.00	Debt(s) from previous year(s) collected
£	2952.00	Branch Grant
£		Other Income
£	2952.00	<b>3. TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED</b>

**MONEY SPENT DURING THE CURRENT YEAR**

£	0.00	Payment of last year's unpaid bills (to be listed for the Committee)
£	445.00	Tech. Meeting Costs (hire of room & equipment)
£	271.00	Tech. Meeting Costs (refreshments)
£	236.30	Lecturers' Expenses (fees, travel & accommodation)
£	0.00	Committee Meeting Expenses (hire of rooms etc.)
£	14.39	Secretary and Committee's Expenses
£	0.00	Branch Prizes
£	0.00	Other Expenses (to be listed for the Committee)
£	966.69	<b>4. TOTAL MONEY SPENT</b>

**CHECK CALCULATION**

£	9343.58	Balance as at 1st January (Item 1)
£	2952.00	Plus Total Money Received (Item 3)
£	966.69	Less Total Money Spent (Item 4)
£	11328.89	Equals Balance at 31st December (Item 2)

PRESENTED BY Hon. Treasurer Ray J Sheldon IEng, MWeldI

EXAMINED & AGREED BY Hon. Examiner Julie Dowson (Mrs)

APPROVED AT AGM BY AGM Chairman (Name, Signature & Date:.....)

**NOTE:** Please complete and return one copy (print) of this completed form together with supporting Bank Statement(s) and any notes to reconcile the end of the current year Bank Balances for No 1 accounts.

**BANK DETAILS TO BE COMPLETED AFTER BRANCH AGM**

**Bank and A/C Name:**

**Sort Code:**

**A/C Number:**

### London Branch Programme Secretary's report 2020/2021.

The London Branch started the 2019 – 2020 programme year with a full programme of events planned to be as follows:

Date	Topic	Speaker
12/09/2000	Joining plastic pipes: how do you know you've done it right.	Mike Troughton. TWI Ltd
26/09/2019	Offshore energy and telegraph cables. Joint meeting with SCI and ICorr.	Fred Parrett, SCI and Trevor Osborne, Consultant
15/10/2019	Codes of practice or gases used in welding and fabrication.	Bill Roffey, Consultant.
30/10/2019	High integrity forgings for demanding applications. Joint meeting with SCI and ICorr.	Dr Michael Blackmore, Sheffield Forgemasters Engineering Ltd
07/11/2019	Getting a grip. How to go faster all leaned over.	Neil Spalding, MotoGP Technology.
17/12/2019	Welding developments in power generation.	Chris Punshon, TWI Ltd.
21/01/2020	Branch AGM. Presentation on AWFTE.	Bill Roffey, Consultant.
11/02/2020	Jaguar: the development of the XJ 220 supercar.	Peter Leake, formerly of Jaguar.
17/03/2020	Cutting-edge: the metallurgy of the Japanese sword.	Gene Mathers, Consultant.
15/04/2020	Testing and certification of structural steel plate-pointers and pitfalls.	Simeon Tulip. Sandberg LLP.
12/05/2020	Well failure investigation in pressure containing couplings super duplex material.	Farrokh Faramarzi, Aker solutions.
14/05/2020	Presentation of TWI Crawley technical College and automatic welding of pipelines.	Alan Denney, consultant.

Live meetings were held successfully up to the February meeting, but due to lockdown the programme was disrupted thereafter and all remaining meetings for the year were rescheduled.

Our online programme was restarted on 15th October 2020 with Simeon Tulip's presentation focussing on lamellar tearing (and centreline segregation cracking), which raised a lot of subsequent debate regarding his definition of lamellar tearing which we will follow-up in a meeting later in 2021.

On 24th of November 2020 Gene Mathers gave his presentation on the Metallurgy of the Japanese sword.

On 10th December 2020 Florin Turcu of Olympus presented the subject of Ultrasonic systems for inspection of welds and corrosion.

Our online presentations have had excellent attendance from the membership.

For present purposes we have cancelled the room bookings for live meetings in the period January to March 2021 and our forward programme is planned to be (STC) as follows:

Date	Topic	Speaker
20/01/2021	Online meeting AGM	
17/02/2021	Online meeting Testing and certification of structural steel plate - pointers and pitfalls – Part 2	Simeon Tulip Sandberg LLP
17/03/2021	Online meeting AUT for welding of offshore pipelines	Alan Kirkham Consultant, formerly of National Grid.
21/04/2021	<i>Possible live meeting at the Lancaster Hall Hotel.</i> Centreline segregation cracking vs lamellar tearing. Open discussion	Alan Denney, consultant and Simeon Tulip Sandberg LLP
19/05/2021	<i>Possible live meeting at the Lancaster Hall Hotel.</i> Weld failure investigation in pressure containing couplings of super-duplex material.	Farrokh Faramarzi Aker Solutions
23/06/2021	<i>Possible live meeting at the Lancaster Hall Hotel.</i> Learning from experience. Members present short lessons from the past.	Speakers to include Alireza Valizadeh

In addition, it is the branch's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and the committee will be planning a celebration.

Ray Sheldon and Alan Denney

15<sup>th</sup> January 2021