

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE UK CHAPTER OF THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND INFORMATION OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION (AOC) HELD AT THE RAF CLUB ON 16 MAR 17

Present:

Wg Cdr	John Clifford OBE	President
Mr	Chris Howe MBE	Vice President, Awards & Webmaster
Wg Cdr	Roger Hannaford	Secretary
Wg Cdr	John Stubbington	Treasurer
Mr	Richard Canale	Non-exec
Wg Cdr	Phil Davies	Non-exec
Mr	Jim MacCulloch	Non-exec
Dr	Sue Robertson	Non-exec, Visits Coordinator
Prof	David Stupples	Non-exec, Academic Director

Plus 10 members.

Apologies had been received from Mr Ian Fish, Membership Secretary and Mr David Peck, Non-exec.

ITEM 1. WELCOME TO AGM AND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

1. The President, John Clifford, welcomed members to the 2017 AGM and thanked the Secretary for setting it up, running it and for all his assiduous work as ever in ensuring the Chapter ran smoothly, effectively and efficiently. He also thanked Phil Davies for making all the arrangements for the AGM.
2. It had been a very successful year, but not without its challenges, though, and opportunities. The UK had again won the Chapter of the Year Award in the Large Chapter category, this being the 5th year running, which was quite a record to have. He aimed to make it 6 in a row.
3. Earlier in the day the Chapter had fulfilled a long-standing commitment to have 100 Gp recognised in the RAF Club by having a badge painted by the College of Arms presented to the Club, and it would then take its long-overdue place on the Club wall alongside the other group and squadron badges. As many knew, 100 Gp was the first RAF organisation focused on EW to help protect the bombers taking the offensive to Germany. It was particularly interesting to have Phil James MBE, 100 Gp Association President, there and to hear him recounting his missions on 192 Sqn during the war. He joined aged 19 and completed a full tour as a Flight Engineer on Halifax aircraft.
4. The AOC HQ had a new President, Lisa Fruge-Cirilli, for 2 years, and she appeared to want to modernise the Association. There was much work to be done on governance, more committees, new aim, mission, etc. There were around 20 committees in all.
5. The submission John had sent about the AOC mission statement, agreed by the UK BOD, had not been taken into account. It had attempted to remove US-only acronyms and to broaden the statement to include areas important to all of us, such as SIGINT. At the request of the new President, he had re-sent it, together with proposals on new membership approaches to attract new young and diverse members. The UK BOD would update the UK Chapter constitution, in accordance with the UK submission in due course.

6. The AOC Annual Symposium had moved to a new venue in downtown DC in 2015, which was a big success with more attendees and a good line-up of speakers. The STEM program was particularly impressive. The graphics material from the STEM program was available if anyone wished to access it. The AOC had had a successful year financially, in part due to non-US conferences.
7. Looking to the future, the UK Chapter had a new Board member, whom some members might know: Professor David Stupples, Professor of Electronic and Radio Systems, Director of EW Research, City University London. He would be the new Academic Director, and he would be speaking after the AGM about "EW in the Urban Environment".
8. Dr Sue Robertson had become AOC Region 1 Director and had started out very well, with her first AOC BOD meeting the following next week.
9. AOC EW London would be held 6-8 June 2017 at the London Olympia Conference Centre. The exhibition was sold out, and there was a very high level of sponsorship. The call for Papers would end the day after the AGM. There would be a small AOC/JED stand, and John had a code for volunteers to register for the conference and exhibition. VP Chris Howe MBE would head-up the team.
10. DSEI was scheduled for 12-15 September at Excel in Docklands. Once again, courtesy of Clarion Events who ran DSEI, there would be an AOC Pavilion this time in the prestigious Joint Zone. Equally prestigiously, the Chapter had been asked to run a 90- minute EW seminar, PM on Day 1; John was in the process of planning it. The Chapter would be looking for volunteers to man the stand on all 4 days. Volunteers would receive a complimentary exhibitor-access pass for the whole event. During DSEI 2015 the Chapter had aided the UKTI DSO by inviting members to a PEWSE briefing they had set up. It turned out that all the attendees were UK Chapter members. John would determine if anything similar was planned for 2017.
11. The Chapter had not been invited to the Classified EW Symposium in September at Shrivenham, although had advertised it and many members attended. John had agreed to advertise the 2017 version in the Newsletter.
12. Thanks to the BOD and particularly Ian Fish, the executive membership director, and the efforts of some members, the Chapter was probably as large as it had ever been, certainly since John had joined in 1996, with around 500 members.
13. The Christmas Dinner had been a great success, and the Chapter recognised the achievements of Dr Jim Wickes, Julian Grenfell and Phil Davies. He thanked Phil Davies for running it.
14. Chapter finances were on a sound footing, mainly because of advertising on the web site, thanks to Chris Howe. He also thanked John Stubbington for his meticulous accounts.
15. The Chapter had made a number of awards and intended to extend the award program in the coming year, both financially and in terms of scope. Chris Howe would give a brief on the awards programme, and John thanked Chris for all his diligent work to ensure the recognition of the achievements of members and others in the UK EW and EM community.
16. For the year ahead, John would continue to seek new and diverse members. There would be more Awards, perhaps to Apprentices thanks to a suggestion at the AGM last year, and there would be a programme of visits.

17. He concluded by again thanking all the Board and the members that support the Chapter.

ITEM 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM

18. The minutes of the previous meeting, which had been published on the website, were agreed as accurate, proposed by Garry Crosby, seconded by John Wise and passed unanimously. There were no outstanding actions.

ITEM 3. BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

19. No Executive posts of the BOD were open for election, so the present members continued in post.

ITEM 4. TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS

20. The Accounts were presented by John Stubbington.

21. The year had been benign from the Treasury point of view, with no excitements and no problems. It had ended with an overspend of £345 against the budget projection of an overspend of £993. The major reason for that was the absence of an Operational Award of £750 through 2016.

21. The financial benefit over several years from the Vice President's success with securing income from companies for advertisements on the Chapter website could not be guaranteed into the future. Several had already drawn back. He therefore downsized the anticipated benefit for 2017.

22. Expenditure on functions within the RAF Club continued to be under review, but as yet there was no firm decision on a possible alternative location. The cost of the annual Chapter history event, which would be combined with DEHS, would not exceed the earlier cost of the History Evenings.

23. He thanked Dr Bob Andrews, who had audited the Accounts.

24. The Accounts were approved by the meeting, proposed by John Wise and seconded by Jim MacCulloch and passed unanimously.

25. The full report is attached to these minutes.

ITEM 5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

26. In the absence of Ian Fish, the President briefed that the Chapter had some 500 members, the largest outside the US and including many recruited from conferences. He thanked Ian for his work and commented that all needed to keep looking for new members, particularly younger ones.

ITEM 6. EDUCATION & AWARDS AND WEBSITE REPORTS

27. The VP briefed on Education and Awards; a full list is attached to these minutes.

28. Of note, no award was made to the RN Top EW Student in 2016 but it was hoped to do so in 2017. The Fleet EW Effectiveness Trophy had also not been awarded in 2016 but would be in 2017, and the formal announcement of the winner was awaited.

29. The RAF Smallwood Trophy, together with a cash award from the Chapter, for 2016 had been made to Flight Sergeant Paul Bragg from the Tornado Project Team. It would next be awarded in 2018. The Aerosystems Course Award was due in April 2017 and would be announced after the award ceremony.

30. For the Army, John Clifford and Chris Howe had presented a certificate of Commendation and a cheque for £200 to SSgt (YofS(EW)) Mark Iddon for Yeoman of Signals (EW) Course Top Student.

31. Individual Awards had been made to Phil Davies (Anton D. Tony Brees Lifetime Service Award), Dr Clive Coleman (AOC Technology Hall of Fame Award), Dr Jim Wickes (Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award) and Julian Grenfell (Distinguished Service Award).

32. All nominations or suggestions for awards would be welcomed and considered by the Board and should be submitted in the first instance to the UK Chapter Vice President by 1 May

ITEM 7. PROGRAMME AND FUNCTIONS REPORT

33. Events had included the AGM with a brief by Sqn Ldr Stu Watkinson, the Historical Evening, a very good visit to HMS Dauntless in Portsmouth, the Air Defence Radar Museum at RAF Neatishead, the Defence Electronic History Society (DEHS) Spring Lecture and Autumn Symposium, the Christmas dinner in the RAF Club and the conferences and symposiums.

34. For the year ahead, there would be the lecture from Prof Stupples after the AGM, AOC EW Europe and DSEI, both in London, visits to 30 Cdo Y Sqn RM and 11 EOD and then DEHS events. Both the spring DEHS lecture and the Chapter's Historical Evening would be replaced by an all-day event at the Reform Club.

ITEM 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

35. **Conclusion.** In conclusion, the President thanked members for attending and closed the AGM. He then invited Dr David Stupples to brief on EW in the Urban Environment.

Roger Hannaford
Secretary
22 Mar 17

UK Chapter Awards Summary 16 March 2017

Royal Navy

The Royal Navy Top EW Student of the Year Award

Not awarded in 2016; however, it is hoped it will be for 2017.

The Royal Navy Fleet EW Effectiveness Trophy

Not awarded (for 2015) in 2016, but will be awarded in May 2017 for the 2016 winner. Details will be announced on the UK Chapter website post award ceremony on 23 May.

Royal Air Force

RAF Smallwood Trophy (Biennial).

The AOC UK Chapter were delighted to recognise the 2016 winner of the prestigious RAF Smallwood Trophy EW Award at the recent UK Chapter History evening held at the RAF Club on 26 May 2016.

The UK Chapter President, Wing Cdr John Clifford OBE, presented a plaque and cheque to Flight Sergeant Paul Bragg from the Tornado Project Team who is a most deserving award winner for his excellent and dedicated work within the Tornado Project Team.

The Aerosystems Course Award 2016

The 2016 Aerosystems Course Award was made to Flt Lt Stuart Watkinson; a certificate and cheque for £200 was presented by UK Chapter Vice President, Chris Howe MBE, at the presentation lunch which took place at RAF Cranwell on 18 Feb 2016. Next award due 21 April 2017 and will be announced post the award ceremony.

Army

Army Yeoman of Signals (EW) Course Top Student

2017 Recipient: The latest presentation of this UK Chapter award, a certificate of Commendation and a cheque for £200, was made during a recent Army Signals dinner at Blandford on Thursday 16 Feb 2017. The presentation was made by UK Chapter President, John Clifford OBE and Vice President Chris Howe MBE to SSgt (YofS(EW)) Mark Iddon.

Operational

EW Operational Award ('In-Theatre' Operations)

Not awarded in 2016

Individual

Individual Awards

2016 Recipients: Mr Phil Davies was awarded the Anton D. Tony Brees Lifetime Service Award; Dr Clive Coleman was recognised with the AOC Technology Hall of Fame Award; Dr Jim Wickes was once again recognised with the highly-esteemed AOC technical award of the Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award and finally Julian Grenfell was recognised with the Distinguished Service Award.

All awards announced during a ceremony at the recent annual AOC symposium in Washington DC on 30th November 2016 and subsequently re-presented at the UK Chapter Christmas dinner at the RAF Club on Friday 9 Dec 2016.

Academia

Welbeck - The Defence Sixth Form College

Lower & Upper Sixth Form Top Student – AOC UK Chapter Physics Prize

2016 Recipients: Lower Sixth Form Winner – tbn
Upper Sixth Form Winner – tbn

2015 INCOME	2015 COSTS	ITEMS	2016 INCOME	2016 COSTS
		AGM		
	520.00	Annual General Meeting		405.00
		CHRISTMAS DINNER		
45.00	2982.20	2014 < Christmas Dinner > 2015		2213.20
200.00		2015 < Christmas Dinner Payments > 2016	1500.00	
		ACTIVITIES - GENERAL		
	598.00	May2015 < History Evening-RAF Club > May 2016		761.30
		Air Defence Radar Museum, Sept 2016		55.00
		Officers Mess, Cranwell - Air Warfare award		29.70
180.00		Payments for VTTS visit, October 2015		528.50
		AWARDS		
	nil	Education Awards - Welbeck College		100.00
	nil	Smallwood Trophy - Biennial award		750.00
	nil	Fleet EW Trophy		nil
	200.00	Air Warfare School - Cranwell		200.00
	200.00	PO(EW) Course Award, HMS Collingwood		nil
		Yeoman of Signals (EW) Blandford		200.00
	49.00	Engraving for Awards		82.80
		OPERATIONS		
1870.98		AOC Chapter Rebate	2220.21	
nil		Chapter Award from AOC HQ (2015 and 2016)	549.01	
53.40		50 Year Anniversary book sales, plus P&P	nil	
	47.88	Canale-YofSigs Blandford expenses Jan2015		nil
	89.98	Web Site Domain & Hosting		29.99
	156.50	e2V meetings and RAF Club room hire (Peck)		nil
	150.00	Gratuities for DSEI Exhibition		nil
		Payment to Alan Howe for Website Design		100.00
1000.00		Payment from MASS for website advert	1000.00	
750.00		Payment from MASS for website logo	500.00	
		College of Arms - No.100 Group badge		500.00
		No.100 Group badge for RAF Club		100.00
		Travel expense-Sqn Ldr Watkinson to AGM		62.00
4099.38	4993.56	TOTALS	5769.22	6117.49
2.60		Bank interest	2.66	
-891.58		2015 -YEAR SURPLUS/DEFICIT at 31 Dec- 2016	-345.61	
01-Jan-15	31-Dec-15	BANK ACCOUNTS	01-Jan-16	31-Dec-16
11991.73	12597.55	Current	12597.55	12249.28
6503.89	6506.49	Capital Reserve	6506.49	6509.15
18495.62	19104.04	TOTALS	19104.04	18758.43
608.42		2015 -YEAR SURPLUS/DEFICIT at 31 Dec- 2016	-345.61	
		Items carried forward to 2016		
		RAF Club Christmas Dinner 2016		1912.60
		Payments to Christmas Dinner	1490.00	
		ASSETS at 31 Dec 2016		
		34 plaques and 54 ties (Ties @ £5)		
		4 x EW History Vol3 @ £20		
		10 x AOC Legacy - The First 50 Years @ £15		

2016 INCOME	2016 EXPENDITURE	ITEMS	2017 INCOME	2017 EXPENDITURE
	REVISED post AGM			
1800		AOC Subs Rebate	2200	
100		AOC Award to Chapter	200	
10		Bank interest	2	
2500		Annual website Advertisements	1000	
		ACTIVITIES		
	600	Annual General Meeting		500
	2213	2016 <Xmas Dinner Costs> 2017		2300
1500		2015 < Xmas Dinner payments > 2016	1500	
	600	2016 < History Night - May > 2017		600
	600	RAF 100 Group plaque-RAF Club		200
		Mr James - Travel and Room expenses		250
		EDUCATION & AWARDS		
	750	Smallwood		nil
	375	Fleet EW		375
	250	Cranwell		200
	250	Collingwood		200
	100	Miscellaneous, engraving, etc		80
	250	Yeoman of Signals, Blandford		200
	750	Operational Award		nil
	100	Wellbeck College		100
		OPERATIONS		
	30	Internet		30
	35	Treasurers P&P expenses		35
5910	6903	TOTALS	4902	5070
	-993	YEAR DEFICIT / SURPLUS		-168

