



UK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

Special Edition - April 2024

Introduction

This is a short Newsletter to cover three significant topics that should be important and of interest to all members of the Chapter.

1. Elections to the Board of Directors

- Roger Hannaford has decided not to seek re-election. Roger has completed 25 years of service to the Chapter and has been a great asset to us. He has consistently reported accurately and succinctly on the activities of the Board. He will be missed by all of us in the Chapter. We are therefore seeking nominations for the important post of Secretary.
 - Jonathan 'Swaz' Bramley is standing for re-election as Vice-President.
2. The **2023/4 AGM** will be held by Zoom on 23rd May at 1900.
 3. I will present my recommendations for the **Chapter Strategy**, having completed my assessment of our current position after one year in the post.

UK Chapter AGM and Update on Chapter Strategy

The AGM of the UK Chapter will be held Thursday 23rd May 2024 at 1900. Based on the limited number of responses regarding possible venues, I decided that we would host the meeting by Zoom, rather than holding a face-to-face meeting. Those wishing to attend should email Roger Hannaford (rogerhannaford1000@gmail.com) by 20th May with their membership number for the Zoom link. Please submit items for "Any Other Business" to the President and Secretary beforehand. Note that the minutes of the 2023 AGM are on the website.

AGENDA FOR THE AGM OF THE UK AOC TO BE HELD ON ZOOM THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 AT 1900

1. Welcome to AGM and President's Address.
2. Minutes of the Previous AGM.
3. Board Membership and Elections.
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
4. Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports.
5. Membership Report.
6. Education Report.
7. Awards Report.
8. Programme and Functions Report.
9. Any Other Business.

Following the conclusion of the business aspects of the AGM, the President will outline his recommendations for the implementation of a strategy aimed at increasing the membership, benefits and relevance of the UK Chapter of the AOC.

AOC UK Chapter – 2024 Nomination & Election of Vice President and Secretary

Every 3 years in accordance with the Constitution we need to elect the Vice President and Secretary of the AOC UK Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) prior to our AGM, which this year is on 23 May 2024.

It is understood that the current Vice President (Jonathan 'Swaz@ Bramley) is willing to continue in office if elected, however other nominations are possible.

Roger Hannaford who has been our Secretary for 25 years is retiring, hence **we need nominations for a new Secretary, which is an absolutely essential post within the BOD to allow it to function efficiently.**

The nomination will be by an online email procedure. You are invited to nominate a member of the UK Chapter for these posts, gain their approval and obtain the appropriate support using the attached proforma. Please arrange for the proforma to be sent by email by all those named to David J Peck the Elections Volunteer at aocukballot@djpeck.net no later than 1 May 2023. That these various emails have been received from an email account in the names of the Nominator, Nominee and supporters will be treated as valid signature and date.

Any questions please contact me by email at aocukballot@djpeck.net , if you need to discuss the matter, please send me your phone number and I will call you.

Should there be more than one nomination for either or both posts, it will be necessary for the candidates to prepare a short "Manifesto" to go on the website, prior to an email vote of all the membership using a similar procedure to the nominations one above. Any vote will take place shortly before the AGM with the result announced at the AGM.

If only one nomination is received for each post, the appointment will be announced at the AGM, without the need for a vote.

David J Peck – UK Chapter Elections Volunteer <mailto:aocukballot@djpeck.net>

The Nomination Form was attached as a Word Document to the email sent as cover to this Newsletter and is also available from the website or directly from David Peck.

Follow-up to the UK Chapter Christmas Dinner 2023

You will recall that the Chapter made an award to Jane Clifford in recognition for her contribution to the Chapter. This was presented at the Christmas Dinner at the RAF Club. Jane asked me to pass on this message:

"When John was in service, as a wife and mother it was always reassuring to feel part of a greater RAF family, knowing there was always someone to call on in time of need. After his retirement, the AOC became our extended family, with many of you being part of that original Service Family. You should know that the value of the quiet but heartfelt support you all offered after John's death has been immeasurable. Since then it has been a delight to meet again the "extended family" at home and around the world. Thank you for honouring a simple spouse with your kind presentation at the Christmas Dinner last year."

EDITORIAL - Countering mini- and micro-UAV Part 3 - Countermeasures and Destruction

The final part of this Editorial will look at some of the options and consideration for countermeasures or destruction of mini- and micro- UAV. I have delayed publishing this until the next Newsletter due to preparations for the AGM.

Future Events/Visits

- **AOC Europe 2024** – Oslo, 13 - 15 May 2024
 - <https://www.aoceurope.org/>
- **EW Technology Conference 2024** - Shrivenham, 4-6 June 2024
 - <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/ewtc>
- **AOC 2024** - USA - 11 - 13 December 2024

Bottom Line

The preparations for the AGM and my Strategy review have taken priority in the last couple of months. Consequently, I have held off from including some of the regular articles. I hope that you will attend the AGM and provide feedback.

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Keep Checking out the UK Chapter website at: www.ukaoc.org