



The Society Newsletter

Executive Council Meeting

Important tasks

For

All Members:

- Tell the Managing Secretary of any changes of address and nominee.
- Let the Secretaries know if you have an email address.
- Attend a Section meeting.
- Get another serving engineer to join the Society.

The Royal Naval Engineers' Benevolent Society has been in existence since 1872, for the promotion of the social, intellectual and general welfare of its members, and conforming with the MOD (Navy) Regulations

Annual meeting of the Executive Council met in Portsmouth.

The annual meeting of the Executive Council (EC) was held at the Marriott Hotel Portsmouth to consider the previous year and lay plans for the future.

The first part of the meeting followed a standard format. The minutes were read and approved, reports were given by the General Secretary and Managing Secretary and Review Editor. A number of elections of Society officers were held: President, Vice-President and General Secretary.

The accounts that are included with this newsletter were presented. Points of note: the sale of Holland House — the money from this sale is being held pending re-investment by the Trustees; the loss shown is due to the tax paid on the sale and a donation to the two Society affiliated charities — Marrack and Chatham Memorial, voted in at EC meeting last year. Further details relating to the accounts can be obtained by attending any section meeting.

The EC next considered the future

expected expenditure by the Society over the next year. This included funding for the three officers of the Society and costs involved in the production of both the Naval Engineering Review and the newsletter.

The future production of the Naval Engineering Review was discussed with consideration given to a possibility of outsourcing the main editorial work. This will be investigated during the coming year.

A number of rule additions and amendments are being considered and those interested should contact the General Secretary or Managing Secretary for the times of section meetings.

Finally

The future role of the Artificer within the Royal Navy was discussed as was the future of the Warrant Officer, both I and II. The moves toward tri-force integration were considered with its many implications for the Artificer, other Ratings and Officers of the Royal Navy.

The General Secretary of the Executive Council always welcomes any information from Serving members of the Society.

Executive Council Membership

President. Mr Mark Stevens

This post is rotated through the active sections of the Society and is this year from Portsmouth.

Vice-President. Mr Dave Moran

This post moves to the next section to propose the President and is this year from Devonport. Dave is a serving Charge Chief working in Devonport Dockyard.

General Secretary to the Executive Council. Mr Les Dancy.

This post is elected each year from those proposed by the Sections. Mr Les Dancy an ex MEA(P) has held this post since leaving the Navy in 1992.

Society Managing Secretary. Mr Chris Heaver.

Chris has undertaken this major task since Mr Robins died in post in 1998. He is an ex CMEA(L)(SM).

Section Representatives. Mr Chris Alvey (Portsmouth) and Mr George Else (Devonport).

Each active section is represented by two members from the active branches. The President and Vice President being one of those representatives for each section.

Life Vice-Presidents. Mr Bob Crick and Mr Vic Blackman.

The Society has at present two Life Vice-Presidents. These venerable

veterans have voting rights on the EC and have been active members of the Society for many years. Mr Crick was the General Secretary to the EC for many years.

Society Trustees. Mr Tony Worsfold, Mr Jon Jefferis and Mr Mark Stevens (also the President this year.)

The trustees have no voting rights at the EC meeting unless holding a position that does have those rights (as with Mr Stevens).

The fourth trustee Mr Rod Lampen did not attend.

EC post holders not present.

The Review Editor. Mr Steve Woodford.

General Secretary — Report

The General Secretary has continued to pursue a number of different matters including Artificer retention and status with the Second Sea Lord.

The Society is also looking at the legal representation issue. To this end anyone with an interest should contact the General Secretary.

A fuller report and the views of the General Secretary will be included in the next Newsletter.

Portsmouth Section Meetings

The Portsmouth section meetings are again on the move. The Grapevine centre in HMS Sultan.

The Grapevine centre in HMS Sultan is at present out of action. Therefore

please contact the General Secretary for information on the meeting place for the next meeting.

The meetings of the Portsmouth section are held every month on the second Friday.

The meeting starts at 20.00 hours and lasts for approximately 90 minutes. Members then adjourn for informal discussion in less formal surroundings!! All members are made welcome. Next meeting — 10 October 2003

Devonport Section Meetings

The Devonport section's meetings are held at 113 North Hill, Plymouth on the top floor (the Society Offices), on the fourth Tuesday of each month (No meeting in August or

December).

The next meeting 23 September 2003 at 19.00 hours.

The first Section Annual General Meet-

ing was successfully held in May.

For further information about the Devonport Section contact the Managing Secretary.

Scotland Section Meetings?

Still no response from Scotland.

Therefore still no meeting.

Please contact the General Secretary

MANAGING SECRETARY'S REPORT – (Summer 2003)

This report is being posted to about 2,200 members who are believed to be at the last supplied address.

If you are one of the fifteen percent who actually read this could you perhaps mention it to your colleagues, who may be amongst those missing ten percent, not at the last supplied address!

Where do I get my 'percentages', well of those paying £3 / £5, about 220 are paying but seem to have forgotten that they are members. While only about 330 of you have noticed the 'benefits' of paying £10 per annum!

Max Benefit payable, on £10 pa subs, is now a levy of 50p per member (£3 / £5 pa max is 10p / 12p)

N.B. Increase must be backdated to include any payment since 02/04/01 - If in doubt, check bank statements / talk to your bank (or me) - especially Apprentices when you pass (or fail) course!

At work - Site Services, Devonport Dockyard, phone 01752 325060 (DML extn. [93765] 5060)

At home - Chris / Gill on 01752 342547 (with ansaphone) / email: cheaver@members.swis.net

Or write: Chris Heaver, RNEBS Managing Secretary, 5 Brimhill Close Plymouth PL7 1XP.

Building Society income was not as high as my estimate, some Holland House proceeds had to be spent (Accountant, IR, etc.) and interest rates fell, even so we gained more than double the rent ever received.

The Chatham & Marrack prizes, at Collingwood, Sultan & Raleigh have been enhanced as voted at EC.

Will you please consider attending a Section Meeting, so that 'we' can represent 'you'!

The Society regrets to announce the deaths of:

	Service No	Mem No / joined	deceased
WEA White G V	136562V	10791 Feb 1972	07/12/99
CERA Stephens A C	48888	P083 July 1936	27/09/01
Lt. Skidmore R P	D178797N	12280 May 1979	12/06/02
Lt.Cdr. Coath D F	C001902	6141 Feb 1946	21/10/02
CCMEA Charity R A	D159795J	12370 Nov 1980	01/09/02
CMEA McKenzie J P	084862T	8878 Jan 1965	13/01/03
CERA Davy R E (DSM)	N/K	P0462 May 1938	23/03/03
CERA Arnot R F (BEM)	704112	6173 Aug 1946	02/04/03

. notified since previous Annual Report.

Meetings: Plymouth 113 North Hill 19:00 4th Tuesday monthly (ex Aug & Dec) contact Man Sec.

Portsmouth area at 20:00 on the 2nd Friday monthly, contact General Secretary.

Society Accounts: for year ended 31/03/03, with comparison figures for previous year, are attached.

The inclusion of your 'personal ledger balance' on previous annual reports has been the most labour intensive. part of the mailing process – It may also have been the source of a drastic error: e.g. the member number quoted may have come from the page before or after yours! Your bank may then have used it as a reference on a Standing Order, and not included your name! That credit may then have gone to the wrong member!

The creation of our database, and eventually use of mail-merge, will ensure elimination of this error.

The Society and You—Other News

Gates from HMS Sultan.

The skilled and dedicated staff of HMS Sultan have produced a set of gates for the Queen's Sandringham estate.

These were presented to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

They are reportedly made of recycled gun metal by the foundry at HMS Sultan. It took nine months for them to be constructed.

The Royal Navy continue to show the value of skilled ratings within the Armed forces—this being the only remaining operational foundry within the Armed forces.

How much longer can it last in the present climate?

E-Mail Addresses

If you have an email address let us know.

If you know someone who has not received a Newsletter or Review and you feel they should - get them to join the Royal Naval Engineers' Benevolent Society - or update the Managing Secretary with their details - its your Society.

Thank you to all those that have given information about your selves.

Please continue to write or e-mail this information which will be held in confidence unless we ask your permission to use it in anyway.

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