



Federation Newsletter

Summer 2023

Making sure your voice is heard

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EVENTS

- Fire Conference
17th October 2023
- Emergency
Services Show 19-
20 September
2023

Member's Meeting

Members Forum
September 2023 TBC

Directors

John Spencer (Chair)
Dave Russell
Dennis Davis
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Successful AGM



The Federation AGM last month at London Excel was well attended and the Board reported on activity throughout last year, along with updates on the financial position. The proposed budget for 2023-24 was approved.

The meeting took time to record the sad passing of Jonathan O'Neill and underline its commitment to continue the work he started last year with the establishment of the Fire Strategy Board.

Some changes to the Board were formalised at the meeting with Steve McGuirk taking over the role of Executive Officer from Dennis Davis. The Chair thanked Dennis on behalf of members for his significant commitment to the Federation over the years. Dennis remains on the Board as Director of Competency and will continue to lead the work in this area. Thanks were also recorded for Outgoing Director and previous Chair, Michael Harper.

Howard Passey joins the Board as Director of Active Fire Protection.



The Chair explained that the Board is currently reviewing how the Federation should operate going forward and continue to deliver value to members. It will report back to members in due course.

More detailed notes and papers from the meeting have been distributed directly to members and are available on Federation Basecamp site.

Tickets on sale for Fire Conference 2023

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Fire Conference, which this year takes place on October 17th at the Institution of Engineering and Technology in London.

This year's event will address sustainability, new legislation, and the future of fire safety and is organised in partnership by the Federation, IFE, FPA and NFCC.

Tickets can be ordered [here](#)

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Member Survey

Thanks to all our members who responded to the recent short survey. A high response reinforced that the membership values the Federation for its involvement in policy and regulatory work with industry and government. Involvement in working groups and the opportunity to attend member forums were also highly valued. We will report back to members in more detail at the next Forum event.

BSI Takes Forward FRA Competency Standard

bsi. The BSI has approved the business case for the development of a new standard “*Framework for competence of individual fire risk assessors. Code of Practice*”. This is a significant milestone in the work led by the Federation and members of the fire risk assessors working group and follows on from the publication of our *Industry Benchmark Standard for Fire Risk Assessors* at the end of last year.

The next step is for the project to be allocated an Editorial Project Manager who will then arrange the project kick off meeting in the coming months.

Federation Joint Chair of Home Office FRA Group

The Federation is jointly chairing a Fire Risk Assessors Strategy Group with the Home Office to develop an implementation strategy for subsection 156 of the Building Safety Act that will place a legal duty on RPs to appoint a competent FRA. This element of the legislation will not be commenced until a robust roll out plan is in place. The group includes representatives from current competence scheme holders, professional bodies, UKAS, training providers and devolved administrations.



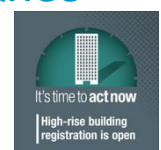
Fire Safety Act 2021

Review of Product Testing Regime

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has published its ‘Independent Review of the Construction Product Testing Regime.’ The review was asked to look at how the UK system for testing the safety of construction products and the use of data from the system can be strengthened. More information is available [here](#)

HSE Publishes Building Registration Guidance

The Health & Safety Executive has published guidance to help the Principal Accountable Person provide Key Building Information when registering a high-rise building. The guidance is available [here](#)



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