

Minutes of UK Thermography Association Annual General Meeting

held virtually on

Thursday, 26 September 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Committee:

Acting Chair, Mark Colyer
Deputy Chair, Jon Willis
Acting Treasurer, Elaine Hall
Membership & media, Helen Sprakes
Catherine Simpson

Members:

Andrew Lane
Kristian Westerhold
Michael Surcombe
Matthew Allen
Tom Barbour
Micky Jackson

Apologies:

Rod Appleyard
Tony Dale
Ian Cradock
Kirsteen Green
Morwenna Cooper
Colin Pearson

1. The Acting Chair opened the meeting at 7.00 pm and welcomed everyone to the first Annual General Meeting of the UKTA as a separate and independent organisation.
2. Committee. There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

The Deputy Chair confirmed the resignation in December 2023 of Rod Appleyard, former Chair and David Blain, former Treasurer, and thanked them for their contribution and service.

Committee member Catherine Simpson was proposed as Secretary by Mark Colyer and seconded by Elaine Hall. Catherine Simpson accepted the office of Secretary.

The Acting Chair was proposed as Chair by Elaine Hall and seconded by Kristian Westerhold. Mark Colyer accepted the office of Chair.

The Acting Treasurer was proposed as Treasurer by Catherine Simpson and seconded by Helen Sprakes. Elaine Hall accepted the office of Treasurer.

3. Statement of Accounts. The Treasurer presented the UKTA income and expenditure to year end 31 March 2024. A total of £6,399.93 was received from BINDT on 10 May 2023. The current UKTA funds are currently £7,162.10.
4. Annual Report. The Chair summarised the unexpected migration of the UKTA Special Interest Group within BINDT in December 2022 to that of an independent association. The migration was led by Rod Appleyard and an Extra General Meeting was held on 4 April 2023 where it was decided to set up the UKTA as an independent association.

During the past 18 months the newly formed UKTA Committee devoted its energy to sustaining the existence of the UKTA by designing a new website (thanks to Helen Sprakes), supporting members with a Find a Thermographer online search facility, as well as participating in the Government consultation for the “The Future Homes and Building Standards” in March 2024 and giving a presentation to NIG-UK in April 2024 on how thermography can reduce risk in electrical and mechanical applications.

5. Mission and Constitution. The Chair explained the background for change which had culminated in a new UKTA Constitution to align with the new UKTA Mission Pyramid that integrates the UKTA values, purpose, vision and strategy. The UKTA seeks greater transparency and has made the decision to welcome members to attend Committee meetings.

Accordingly, the UKTA goals for 2025 are to align its activities with the Mission Pyramid, to expand the committee and grow membership, to increase UKTA communications, to expand the website functionality and to work with members to identify and develop benefits and activities.

The new UKTA Constitution outlining new membership types will be sent to all members and there will be an on-line Extra General Meeting in October/November to formally adopt it – date to be confirmed.

6. Training and Certification. The Chair explained that the UKTA Committee has adopted a broader definition of recognised training to support and encourage professional training as appropriate to specific applications.

The UKTA is not a certificating body and does not certify individuals or training courses.

The UKTA has a training page on the website listing recognised courses and providers.

7. Membership. Helen Sprakes, Membership & Media, presented the four new membership types and the demographic disciplines of members. The current membership is 32 members.

Helen Sprakes presented current and future benefits for membership types.

The Chair and Committee warmly received suggestions from Members such as the formation of a UKTA WhatsApp discussion group as an immediate and visible membership benefit, as would discussions on BREEAM thermographic surveys and standards, case studies and online educational resources.

8. Any Other Business. The Chair asked for any volunteers to join the Committee. Kristian Westerhold volunteered to join the Committee, proposed by The Chair and seconded by Catherine Simpson.

The Chair thanked the existing Committee Members for their work during the past 18 months and thanked the Members for attending and Kristian for joining the Committee.

There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.