

MESSAGE to UKTA MEMBERS from ACTING CHAIR

Annual General Meeting, Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 12:00 noon.

Dear Members

It is time again for our Annual General Meeting and before you groan, please bear with me while I explain why the AGM and particularly YOUR involvement is important to the UKTA's future.

The UKTA is managed by a small group of busy, yet dedicated, volunteers who give their time freely throughout the year. We have steered the UKTA from the uncertain future it faced a few years ago to a more visionary path, negotiating new member benefits, whilst finding ways to raise recognition of UKTA members and support and encourage professional thermography practise.

It is fair to say that Committee members have struggled juggling UKTA, professional commitments and family responsibilities. The good news is that with your continued support, it has identified practical ways, that align with the UKTA Constitution, to support Committee volunteers and move the UKTA forward more efficiently and quickly.

1. The first way is to move meeting times to 12:00 noon – signs are promising that lunch meetings are more accessible than meetings in the evening, particularly after an early morning start, a long working day and family life! So, please add the AGM Teams meeting into your calendar!
2. The second way is to invite you to submit any questions to the Committee in advance of the AGM as a way of practising our values as a member-led, democratic, transparent and inclusive organisation. This will enable a more productive AGM whilst respecting the value of everyone's time. If you have a question for the AGM, then please forward to the Secretary as soon as possible, there will still be an opportunity to ask spontaneous questions should you wish.
3. The third way is the appointment of a paid Press Officer and a paid Membership Administrator since the UKTA Constitution encourages the Committee to use member subscriptions to further its objectives. This will enable the Committee to use its voluntary time more productively expanding membership benefits and growing the influence and awareness of the UKTA. You will hear more about this at the AGM.
4. The fourth way is a tweak to the UKTA Constitution to allow more efficient administration and more involvement from retired members and interested parties. The attached proposal explain the changes and why we feel the changes are important basically, we want to ensure we undertake less admin leaving more time to pursue our UKTA Mission!
5. The fifth way is perhaps the biggest ask ... we need more Committee members, the adage "many hands make light work" could never be truer for a fledgling volunteer led organisation. There are currently 5 vacancies on the Committee, please consider whether you could volunteer for some team work in a lunch break.

I am looking forward to our AGM, and I hope you join us.

Acting UKTA Chair – Jon Willis