

Minutes – FIA Strategy meeting

held on Monday, 6th September, 1999

at 3M Technical Centre, Bracknell, Berks

Present: Mike Phillips
Mike Gilmore
Laurent Amestoy
Steve Strange
Andrew Watson

Gary Kibblewhite

Review of FIA activities:

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

- With ELCIS now dead RQD now more important.
- FIA still committed to NVQ's but take up understood to be poor.
- Following GK's meeting with DTI GK to write to ascertain future Government commitment to NVQ's.
ACTION: GK
- GK to write to Alan Cobb of the TIA to seek whether TIA/FIA co-operation on a joint way forward for qualifications is possible.
ACTION: GK
- Strategy issue needs addressing re FIA support for BICSI / City & Guilds / Company Schemes / NVQ.
ACTION: ALL

APPROVED INSTALLER SCHEME

- Future of scheme needs addressing at next Council meeting.
ACTION: IR
- LA proposed possible extension to scheme involving the FIA providing (via FIA Training Providers) services that would save money for the cabling systems manufacturers i.e. generic training on termination/cabling practices common to all the cabling systems manufacturers.
ACTION: IR

AUDIT SERVICE

- OK

ARBITRATION SERVICE

- OK

ENTERTAINMENT

- Golf days not worth the effort but other entertainment may be possible.

WEB SITE

- Core to FIA's activities.
- Newsletter to be converted to email output only by the end of this year.

ACTION: AW

This will involve the Secretariat ensuring that we have email addresses for everyone. If returned database forms do not contain email addresses then phone out to obtain.

ACTION: SEC

- Fast migration necessary to web/email distribution of information to membership.

ACTION: ALL

- Web Manager needs to be identified from within Council to formulate and manage FIA's Web strategy.

ACTION: ALL

SEMINARS

- Income from Seminars needed to reverse FIA's current loss trend.

ACTION: AW

- Test & Measurement and Gigabit Ethernet over fibre identified as hot topics. Connector Seminar delayed through lack of interest.
- SS suggested possible format involving Breakfast clubs (8 a.m. – 11 a.m) or morning meetings (9 a.m. – 1 p.m. – including lunch).
- Schedule urgently required for coming financial year (Sept 99 – Sept 2000).

ACTION: AW

TECHNICAL DIRECTORSHIP

- OK

Minutes prepared by GK

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