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10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear FIA Member,

### Re: FIA Annual General Meeting – Wednesday 1st December 2021 – 12 noon

The FIA AGM will be held at The Manor House, Buntingford, Herts SG9 9AB on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon.

We have **two vacant places** this year. One place due to the resignation of Frank Kler and one place that was not filled at the AGM in 2020.

Any FIA Corporate member can be nominated to Council and a full list of applicable members is attached. **Please note nomination forms should be signed by the nominee indicating their acceptance to stand as a Council member.** 

At present the Council of management is: (9 members in total are currently allowed)

John Marson	Twistnet Communications Ltd.
Alan Bullen	Lynx Networks plc
John Colton	Lucid Optical Services Ltd
Jonathan Lewis	Huber & Suhner (AG) Ltd.
Frank Kler	Core Integrated Solutions Ltd retiring on 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Nigel Hedges	Fluke Networks Ltd.
Paul Forster	Total Network Solutions (Europe) Ltd.
Steven Brown	Optilec Ltd.
One vacant place	-

A strong Council is essential so please consider whether you yourself or someone you know would be available to give time and effort for the benefit of the Association and complete the Nomination form attached.

Meetings are held approximately 5 - 6 times per year, sometimes via Zoom and sometimes in Buntingford.

Council membership offers the opportunity to participate in and influence the shaping of the future course of our industry.

As the AGM will start at 12 noon we are arranging a pub lunch afterwards. Please confirm your attendance at the AGM and the lunch by **22<sup>nd</sup> November**. Note all lunch places **must** be booked in advance. The AGM Agenda follows together with forms of Proxy and Nomination.

We shall look forward to seeing with you on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Morrison Company Secretary – FIA Ltd.



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# **Fibreoptic Industry Association**

# The Manor House, Buntingford, Herts SG9 9AB – 12 noon

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the twenty ninth Annual General Meeting of the Fibreoptic Industry Association Limited will be held on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021** at **12 noon** for the following purposes:

- 1. To approve the minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.
- 2. To receive the Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, together with the report from the Auditors.
- 3. To consider the re-appointment of Minney & Company Ltd., 59 Union Street, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1EX as Auditors of the Company until the conclusion of the next general meeting of the Company at which accounts are laid before the members and to authorise the Council to determine their remuneration.
- 4. To consider elections to Council from the Nominations received.
- 5. To transact any other business.

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD:

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Jane Morrison - Company Secretary – FIA Ltd.



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A member entitled to attend and vote (**Corporate member only**) at the meeting is entitled to appoint another member of the Company as proxy to attend and vote on a poll in his or her place. Please see a form of proxy below – this must be lodged at the company's registered office at least 48 hours before the meeting.

## FORM OF PROXY

Ι
ofa member of FIA Limited
(hereinafter called "the Company") and entitled to one vote, hereby appoint:
of
and failing him/her
of
to vote for me and on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2021 and at any adjournment thereof.
As witness my hand this
Signed:

## Please return this form by: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021



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## FIA - COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Please see overleaf for important information relating to Nominations

I (full name)
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of (Company) .....

wish to nominate: (see attached list)

(Name) .....

to stand as Council member of FIA Limited:

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature (of Proposer)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** I confirm that my company has agreed to allow me the time to commit to meetings and activities associated with membership of the FIA Council.

I attach my biography and details of the expertise I feel I can bring to the Council.

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature (of NOMINEE – accepting the proposal)

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Before being nominated for a position on the FIA Council it is important to realise that, following a successful election at an AGM, each Council member not only has to provide new ideas but also has to:

deliver on those ideas; attend Council meetings to discuss and help implement the ideas of others.

Similarly it is important for the employer of the electee to be fully supportive if the election is successful. Over the recent years the latter situation has been further complicated by Council members leaving one member company and joining another. It is not always clear that their new employers fully understand the responsibilities which are tied in with employing an FIA Council member.

This page is provided as a reminder of those responsibilities. The factors highlighted should be taken into account when nominations for FIA Council are made.

Item 18.7 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Fibreoptic Industry Association Limited states that "nominees for Council membership shall be proposed and seconded by other members". This should not be confused with the fact that the FIA member employer has to support the nomination in terms of resource. Therefore, it may be worthwhile recalling what the minimum commitments actually are.

An FIA Council Member has a duty to attend Council meetings (typically these are held bimonthly). The employer needs to allow the employee appropriate time to attend the meetings. In response the FIA can, in certain circumstances, pay appropriate expenses to the member removing that financial load from the employer - although we are grateful that so many employers do not take advantage of this option since it keeps funds in the FIA.

The general rule, contained in Item 12 in the Articles of Association of the Fibreoptic Industry Association Limited, is that if a member fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings in 9 months he/she can be disqualified in order to allow another more committed person to take up the role.

It is also normal for an FIA Council member to be allocated a specific sector responsibility which may incur additional time. Employers should be made aware of such additional tasks as may be required and shall commit on the employees behalf to support the additional resource required. If this does not occur then FIA plans can be severely impacted, which in the long term affects the viability of the FIA.



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## Fibreoptic Industry Association - Annual General Meeting

## 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at 12 noon

### Venue: The Manor House Buntingford Herts SG9 9AB --- Tel: 01763 273039

Directions: On arrival at Buntingford do not take the by-pass but make your way into Buntingford itself.

**Coming from the south – via the A10** – as you come into Buntingford you will see the Co-op supermarket on your right – just past the Co-op on your left you come to Market Hill slip road. There is a red telephone box on the entrance to Market Hill and a sign for "The Crown" public house, turn in here and you will see a large brick building with a flag flying in the car park (flag of St. George) - this is the Manor House.

### Parking is not available on site:

Car Park: - Use Bowling Green Lane car park, post code for Sat Nav purposes - SG9 9DF

All day parking is £2.00 – this car park is a 3 minute walk from the Manor House.

On arrival at the Manor House please walk in turn immediately left and you will see the Council Chamber.

**Coming from the North** – via the A507/ or A10 come into Buntingford – do not take the bypass. Follow the road down and at the mini roundabout turn left and on the second right is Bowling Green Lane Car Park.

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Name: ...... Company: .....

I shall / shall not be able to attend the AGM on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon at The Manor House, Buntingford, Herts SG9 9AB

I will / will not require the pub lunch at 13:00

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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### FIA – LIST OF CORPORATE MEMBERS (compiled 8<sup>th</sup> November)

A to B Communications Ltd. ABM Electrical Contracting Ltd. Active Communication Company Ltd. Advance Telecom (UK) Ltd. Agility Networks Ltd. AM Electrics (Renewables) Ltd. Anixter International Ark Fibre Optics Ltd. Atalian Servest AMK BASEC Belcom Cables Ltd. Betterbox Communications Ltd. **Birch Technical Services** Boulting Ltd. **BP** Communications Ltd. Brexons Ltd. Cable and Splicing Services Ltd. Cable Management Warehouse Ltd. CIS Services Ltd. CMS plc **CNET Training** CNI Europe Ltd. Commscope Connectivity UK Ltd. Computer-Links Ltd. \*Core Integrated Solutions Ltd. **Crossconnect Training** Crown House Technologies Ltd. DACC Europe Ltd. Daro Fibre Products Ltd. **Data Techniques** Datanet Solutions Ltd. Diban Ltd. Digital Broadband Solutions Ltd. Dunasfern Inc. Auriga EDS Systems (North Wales) Ltd. Electrocom Networks Ltd. Emcor Facilities Services Ltd. Emtelle UK Ltd. Excelredstone EXFO Europe Ltd. FES Ltd. Fiberdyne Ltd. Fibre Solutions Ltd. Fibrecom Data Networks Ltd. Fibrefab Ltd. Fibrelec Ltd. Fibrenet Office Solutions Ltd. Fibreplus Ltd.

Mr. Chris Eckert Mr. Brian Williams Mr. Wayne Connors Mr. Garv McCarthy Mr. Stuart Geeves Mr. Luke Bradford Mr. Andrew Flint Mr. Phil Murphy Mr. Mike Stark Ms. Harpreet Suree Mr. Kenny Ewing Mr. Horacio Baioes Mr. Matt Birch Mr. Robin Whitehead Mr. Gavin Boardman Mr. Benjamin Dixon Mr. Mark McKinney Mr. Ian Bankhurst Mr. Chris Clark Mr. Simon Gregory Mr. Andrew Stevens Mr. Michael Wood Mr. Michel Livesey Mr. Jason Moran Mr. Frank Kler Mr. Geoff Crossley Mr. Paul Hirst Mr. Michael Shaw Ms. Sarah Pennock Mr. Adrian Newell Mr. Richard Lewis Mr. Dumitru Ban Mr. Darren Smith Mr. Martvn Lewis Mr. Ken Jones Mr. Kevin Anderson Mr. Steve Faull Mr. William Rae Mr. Peter Mcintosh Ms. Jacqueline Relf Mr. Jason Cross Mr. Derek Broome Mr. Jeremy Clark Mr. Geoff Mason Ms. Rosamund Neat Mr. Mark Thompson Mr. Mark Cleeve Mr. Rhys Brine



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Finevalley Communications Ltd. Flexicomms (UK) Ltd. \*Fluke UK Ltd. Fujikura Europe Ltd. G. R. Technical Services GCL Ltd. Glide Student & Residential Ltd. Haynes Data Ltd. Hellermanntyton Data Ltd. HG Comms Ltd. \* Huber + Suhner (UK) Ltd. **IP** Communications Infinet Datacoms Ltd. Information Security Systems Installations Ltd. T/A DataWolves Infractive Installation Technology Ltd. Integral Network Solutions Ltd. ITM Communications Ltd. **ITW Chemtronics** JT Global Leader Optec Ltd. Leviton Manufacturing UK Ltd. Line Management Group Ltd. \* Lucid Optical Services Ltd. \* Lynx Networks plc Mainframe Communications Ltd. Matrix Global Networks Ltd. **Micos Telcom** Micron Networks Ltd. Mills Ltd. MIS Ltd. Mitech Consultants Ltd. MLR Networks Ltd. Modular Wiring Systems Ltd. Nene Data Network Solutions Networks Centre Ltd. Networx 3 Group Ltd. Novegen OFS Fitel Open Network Associates Ltd. Optech Fibres Ltd. Optical Networks UK Ltd. Optical Test and Calibration Ltd. \*Optilec Ltd. Parcomm Ltd. PDS (Hull) Ltd. Phoenix Optics (UK) Ltd. Phoenixtrescray Ltd. Pirret Electrical Services Ltd. Plexus Networking Ltd.

Mr. Anthony Murphy Mr. Mike Warden Mr. Nigel Hedges Mr. Neil Bessant Mrs. Moira Thomas Mr. Philip Cottrell Mr. Philip Keal Mr. Gary Haynes Mr. Jason James Mr. Noel Gaze Mr. Jonathan Lewis Mr. Ian Welsby Mr. Lee Murray Ms Ruth Khima Mr. Mathieu Husson Mr. Barry Gough Mr. Paul Taylor Ms. Jessica Pirrie Mr. Kevin Wright Mr. Gary Carroll Mrs. Laurie Summers Mr. Tony Benn Mr. leuan Rowe Mr. John Colton Mr. Alan Bullen Mr. Ian Carter Mr. Justin Niles Mr. Andy Parr Mrs Tracy Yousaf Mr. Peter Rothy Mr. Daniel Hines Mr. Lloyd Butler Mr. Gavin Collier Mr. Nathan Marson Mr. Mark Westley Mr. Duncan Lindsav Mr. Ian Ashworth Mr. Gavin McGowan Mr. Mark Graveston Mr. Roy Adair Mr. Jamie Frankland Mr. Bradley Freeman Mr. Kenneth Dove Mr. Steven Brown Mr. Mark Watson Mr. Iain Bland Mr. Steve Worthington Mr. Phil Copper Mr. John Pirret Mr. Philip Nevis



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\* denotes current FIA Council members

