

Fibreoptic Industry Association

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th December 2001 at 11.30 a.m.

The Pickwick Room, Saracens Head Hotel,
219 Watling Street, Towcester, Northants NN12 7BX

Attendees:	Mike Phillips	Fibre Optic Solutions
	Mike Gilmore	The Cabling Partnership
	Andrew Watson	Molex Premise Networks
	Peter Thompsett	Ensign Communications Ltd.
	Paul Bateson	Optical Test and Calibration Ltd.
	Steve Strange	Anixter (UK) Ltd.
	Stuart Smith	Cabling Science Ltd.
	John Cupitt	Dwellight Ltd.
	Peter Pearson	Cablelines Ltd.
	Allan Bullen	Lynx Data Cabling
	Tim Oldershaw	J. Brand Ltd.

voting members identified - 11

Two proxy votes:

Nick Baxter of Vital Resources vote to Mike Gilmore

Brian Tuff of Britelec Network Services Ltd. vote to Steve Strange

	Jane Morrison	FIA Secretariat
Observers:	Mrs. L. Oldershaw	J. Brand Ltd.
	David Senders	M J Mac & Co.
Apologies:	Mr. M. Brain	Conformance Standards Ltd.
	Nick Baxter	Vital Resources
	John Ryan	Temple Sales & Distribution
	John Senders	BASEC
	Paul Taylor	AEC plc

Mr. Phillips opened the meeting and welcomed those attending.

1. To approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 6th December 2000.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 6th December 2000, had previously been circulated to members.

It was proposed by Mr. Thompsett, seconded by Mr. Bullen and unanimously agreed that the minutes be approved.

2. To receive the Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st August 2001, together with the report from the Auditors

Chairman's Report:

Mr. Phillips circulated his Chairman's report – see attached.

Pages 2 & 3 of his report list the FIA Council and contributors during the year. Details of Council activities are also listed and this information should be of particular interest to members as it highlights responsibility for the various FIA services and achievements. This information will be updated after the first meeting of the new Council and circulated to all members.

Mr. Phillips reminded the meeting that most Council members give their time voluntarily and in the last 12 months services have been increased especially regarding the technical publications that are available free of charge to members via the passworded 'members only' area of the web site.

The membership 'churn' had been ongoing and he was pleased that the membership number had reached 206 at the end of the financial year.

Reserves have hit an all time high allowing more services for members.

Members are reminded that Council is open to receiving suggestions for new services and will give due consideration to any member proposals.

Mr. Phillips asked if there were any questions appertaining to the report.

There were no questions.

Treasurer's Report & Y/end accounts to 31/8/01:

Mr. Gilmore circulated his Treasurer's report to those attending – see attached.

The draft FIA year-end accounts were also circulated – see attached.

The FIA made a profit of £9,193 in 2000/2001. This was down £925 compared with 1999/2000.

Mr. Gilmore explained that there had been a higher level of activity this year. Costs had been reduced mainly due to web-based delivery of services to members.

The printed copy 'Guide to Members Products & Services' was not printed in the last financial year and Council has agreed this will only be published in hard copy format in the coming year if advertising revenue can be achieved to balance the costs.

Costs have increased in technical support activity but the new working relationships with C&G and the ECA have proved very beneficial. Representation has been maintained on the standards committees. The LAN Application Support Guide, the 3 new Optical Fibre Safety Documents and the Cost Modelling tools were all new for members in this year.

For the next year it is hoped to balance more activities with income. More benefits for members will appear over the next 12 months.

Again members were urged to contact Council if they had ideas for any schemes that may be attractive for members.

There were no questions appertaining to the Treasurer's Report or the year-end accounts.

Mr. Watson proposed and Mr. Cupitt seconded that the above reports were received and approved, this was carried unanimously.

3. To consider the re-appointment of Deloitte & Touche of East Parade, Leeds 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.

The re-appointment of the Auditors as above was proposed by Mr. Bullen, seconded by Mr. Cupitt and unanimously agreed.

4. Special Resolution

12. – Council Management (Memorandum & Articles of Association)

12.1 – Number of Council members – proposal:

To increase the number of Council members from 8 to 9

Mr. Phillips explained that the Council workload had increased in the last 12 months and in July Mr. Paul Taylor had been co-opted to Council. Mr. Taylor was keen to become a full Council member and was able to commit time and resources for the benefit of the FIA.

The special resolution to increase Council to 9 members was proposed by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Watson and unanimously agreed.

5. To consider elections to Council from the Nominations received.

Mr. Phillips explained that in line with the Memorandum & Articles both he and Mr. Watson had stood down from Council, both were willing and eligible for re-election.

With the increase in Council members to 9 there are now 3 vacant places.

3 nominations have been received.

Mr. Mike Phillips (Fibre Optic Solutions Ltd. – FIA Corporate member 024) nominated by Mr. Gilmore.
Mr. Andrew Watson (Molex Premise Networks – FIA Corporate member 015) nominated by Mr. Steve Strange.

Mr. Paul Taylor (AEC plc – FIA Corporate member 344) nominated by Mr. Mike Phillips.

The 3 nominations were taken en-bloc and proposed by Mr. Strange, seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously agreed.

To confirm the FIA Council members are now:

Messrs. Phillips, Gilmore, Watson, Thompsett, Strange, Smith, Bateson, Cupitt and Taylor.

6. To transact any other business

There being no other business to conduct the meeting closed at 12.00

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