

National Chairman's report

May NEC Meeting on the 11th of May 2024

Dear All,

Time has flown so quickly this year, and we find ourselves at the start of a new Plus year. The NAGM had more twists and turns than a good crime novel. Unexpectedly I found myself having to make some tough decisions but despite some adverse comments the outcome was correct.

We find ourselves with no HGS, NEC Administrator, NTO or NIC. So, there will be an expectation that the Area chairs will assist the executive committee. Equally It was great to see Craig Bunyan taking up the NPRO role and a former NPRO has offered to give Craig advice in the role.

Another concern is the timing of WASH which puts some pressure on the Plus yearly diary. As I stated to Keith on several occasions over the past few years that the format would come under some extreme pressure to move the date. What would have help was to discuss it with the NEC before making the announcement. With a packed first quarter of the year there will be members having to make choices in which event to support. Yes, there will be many supporters who will still go to WASH. Only time will tell if the decision works out. One consideration would be to move NAGM to another time of the year to allow space in the diary to balance the year.

You will see that on the agenda tenders for Hoburne and a face-to-face August NEC meeting in Northampton. There will be a hybrid option for anyone unable to attend.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday and I will send out the meeting link as soon as I receive it.

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National Chair