

February Members' Corner

George Allcock

BHSEA Management Committee Member

Proposed Development Workshop: BHSEA – *The Way Forward...*

George explained that since there was no Members' Corner arranged for today, he will be taking the opportunity to take 5 or 10 minutes to go through a couple of issues that were agreed by BHSEA Council and Management Committee which met last Friday (8th February). It is important that Members are informed about the plans of the Committee.



It was agreed that BHSEA holds a one-day workshop to consider some key issues affecting the future of our Charity. On Friday, Committee Members considered the strengths (and weaknesses) of BHSEA and looked at these in mind of our future development. It was acknowledged that BHSEA has important strengths which is perhaps one of the reasons why many Members come along to meetings on a regular basis. George recognised the importance of the Members who give up their time to support BHSEA. However, there are opportunities for improvement and growth and there is a firm role for BHSEA in the future.

George admitted his liking of the EFQM Model when considering improvement methods, and his firm belief that the Model has value in helping BHSEA along the development road. Many Members will be familiar with the EFQM Model. It is used by many organisations, including GKN.

George explained that Management Committee focus is and will always be firmly on Members and their needs and wishes. Further, the focus on providing Members with practical solutions to 'real' problems has to be maintained. We need to continue to look for presenters who can provide those practical solutions and thereby add value to BHSEA's role and remit.

George added that BHSEA membership levels and the recruitment of new members and retaining existing Members is a further crucial element for BHSEA to consider going forward.

George then gave a draft outline of the Workshop Programme, which will focus on:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we – our Members – want to be?

- How do we get there?

What Next?.....

- We will develop a questionnaire for Members to complete and return.
- We will invite a couple of our Members who don't currently sit on a BHSEA Committee, to act as a 'Critical Friend' in the development of the questionnaire, and overseeing the process.
- We will keep you posted on the progress that we make.

Members should refer to the BHSEA website for George's full presentation
www.bhsea.org.uk