

Update from the ODG Chair – June 2020

Having worked out the implications on what and how we continue to deliver against the ORG recommendations in the context of COVID-19 the team have been able to complete a considerable amount this month. An interesting time with some rethink about timelines, methods of engagement and issues raised about working virtually with members has impacted our work on the future Article of Association.

Work that has happened this month

1. The first meeting of the Wales/Cymru committee of the Board happened on the 27th May and a call for volunteers with specific skills will be out shortly. Thanks to Neal Hockley and the rest of his team for making this happen
2. The consultation with Clubs and club members was completed this month and we are pleased to say that most of the feedback was very positive. A couple of further considerations in relation to some of the ideas received will be incorporated into the final paper which will be presented by Mike Spooner to National Council (NC) on the 20th June and the Board on the 15th July.
3. Work by Roger Murray and team on the review of specialist committees continues with the majority of Chairs of committees having now been interviewed. A paper will now be developed and put out for consultation later in the year.
4. A paper on the Future of ODG was debated at the Board and the overall approach agreed, this is now with NC, will be explained at the AGM and will be discussed as part of a member's webinar on the 23rd July.
5. The Members' Council ToR has been to NC and Board for consultation and the final draft is to be discussed at a NC meeting on 16th June before a webinar with the wider membership as above. A paper providing a summary of the proposed structure and aims of the Members' Council will be available on ODG Website.
6. The Areas ToR have been out to consultation with Area Chairs and Secretaries and will be going to NC on the 20th June for their sign off before being discussed with the wider membership via the above webinar on 23rd July.
7. The Governance work stream will also be discussed by an alternative webinar run by the GWG and the suggested changes will be available on the ODG website, along with the procedural approach to carrying out votes which are to be discussed at the NC meeting on the 16th June.
8. The digital strategy is at present a flexible beast but some key principles will be agreed by Sept 2020.

What next

1. The AGM is upon us and we will provide a short update on what the main achievements of the year have been in relationship to ODG and to highlight what is still to be done. An update on the progress against ORG recommendations against AGM19 table is being developed.
2. It is now three years since the start of this process of review and change and we will also discuss the future of ODG. In summary, the remaining papers necessary to achieve the ODG ToR will be complete by September. We are presenting a suggested approach to the next stage of ODG to move into an assurance and assessment stage early 2020.
3. Further, the Board has already started to work on its relationships with the various trusts and charities as part of normal business and therefore is removed from the ODG list of recommendations to be delivered.

If you have any comments or questions on any of the ideas or recommendations in the above paper, please let us know at odg@thebmc.co.uk. OR even better please attend the [AGM](#)

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