PMG TRUSTEES' REVIEW 2022

Welcome to PMG's 2022 Annual General Meeting

The formal Trustee's Report is contained in the PMG 2021 end-of-year annual report/accounts. You can download this, and other AGM papers, via www.pmguk.co.uk/about-pmg/agm-2022

Conference

Following its cancellation in 2020 and 2021 because of the pandemic, the PMG conference finally went ahead in July 2022 and, as reported previously, we have a favourable deal with Telford International Centre to hold the 2023 and 2024 conferences there too.

However, PMG's only income comes from the annual conferences, and you may be aware by now that the group's current financial situation is precarious, from having missed two conferences in succession. The trustees are making appeals for donations to the membership and other stakeholders, and we are extremely grateful to those of you who have donated during these testing times. However, at the last count, out of over 2,000 members, only 23 have made a donation. We need all members to donate for there to be a substantive improvement made to PMG's financial situation. See below the methods for making your donation

• Pay directly into the PMG bank account, details as follows -

Account Name: Posture Mobility Group

Account number: 31403966 **Sort Code:** 40-32-13

 For those of you without online banking, cheques should be made payable to Posture Mobility Group, and sent to

The Treasurer, PMG, 29 Myrtle Close, Alphington, Exeter, EX2 8UX

 There is also a Charities Aid Foundation Donate page already set up on the PMG website,

https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/11466#!/Donation Details

With thanks to the 23 and everyone else in advance.

Trustee news

We were saddened in May this year that the then chair of PMG, Susan Gold, had to stand down. Vice-chair Nathan Robson stepped into the breach immediately, and was subsequently voted in as the new PMG chair by his fellow trustees. His first term of office is from May 2022 to May 2025.

We thank Susan very much for her commitment and hard work during her tenure as PMG chair.

The trustees have also agreed to expand their number to 8 members and in August 2022, following a call for applicants, Rebecca Dunstall, Mohamed Mirghany and Helen Nelson joined the PMG Executive Committee.

Journal

We are extremely fortunate that Clare Canale continues as editor of the PMG journal, with support from Susan Hillman. Thanks very much to them both. There have been a few more articles submitted during 2022 than there were during the pandemic, in part because of bursar reports from the July conference. We would really appreciate more content from members however, so please consider writing for the journal - it's an excellent CPD opportunity!

www.pmguk.co.uk/journal/submit-a-journal-article

Networks

PMG continues to work with the National Wheelchair Managers' Forum on matters of common interest. There is also PMG representation on the British Standards Institute's Sub-committee CH173/1 [Wheelchairs and wheelchair seating] — Paul Dryer. We maintain links with the Rehabilitation Engineering Services Management Group (RESMaG) - Paul Hewett, and the Wheelchair Advisory Group — Kirsty-Ann Cutler. Richard Earl stood down as our representative on the Wheelchair Alliance this year, and we are currently seeking a replacement. Thanks to all four above for their contributions.

The PMG Facebook Forum goes from strength to strength, with 850 members at the last count. See details of how to join via www.pmguk.co.uk/resources/facebook-forum

Finally.....

Please give towards the Trustees' Appeal, so that PMG can continue. In the apt words from Joni Mitchell's song Big Yellow Taxi You don't know what you've got 'til it's gone

Thank you

PMG Trustees October 2022

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