

# Newsletter

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## From the Chair

Well Summer is over – again - and things have been progressing whilst many of us have been enjoying well-earned holidays (hopefully).

**GG119 is now published!** This means that we can continue to work on the revision of the Safety Audit Guidelines. The working group has discussed this revised document with Highways England to align the two documents as closely as possible. The next phase is converting this to a web-based resource that can be easily expanded and updated.



SoRSA also has agreement from Highways England to include the Quarterly review of HE audits in future newsletters!

At the AGM in June, the changes proposed to the Society's Constitution were rejected by those members present. There were several issues up for consideration, but the key sticking point was the proposal on how the Vice Chair nomination should be brought before the membership. Fair enough, it was not fully explained properly – my fault!

At the last meeting of the Committee we reviewed all the concerns expressed and have modified the proposal – hopefully to address the concerns expressed. As allowed in the existing Constitution changes to the document need to be agreed at either the next AGM or at a special meeting.

These changes have been under discussion for over three years now and need to be resolved. It has therefore been decided that a special meeting will be held for this purpose in Manchester on 19 November at 1.30pm. Given the diverse nature of our membership and recognising that many people will not be able to attend a specially convened meeting such as this, an on-line survey is accompanying this formal notice so that as many members as possible can express their views which will be reported verbally to the meeting on 19 November.

Regional seminars have been continuing – both in Manchester and in Scotland and further events are being planned. Each event was well attended by auditors, designers and project managers. The message about the importance of safety audit is gaining a wider audience. We have also signed up our 400<sup>th</sup> member to the Society!

At the last committee meeting we started work on planning the programme for next year's conference to be held in Manchester on 17/18 June – again at the Radisson Blu. A main aspect of that conference will be the new RSA guidelines both through presentations and practical sessions – so we'd better get them finished – no pressure!

We are also looking at presentations on Collision Investigation. Things are still at an early stage and some gaps still need to be filled, but it is promising to be another interesting and relevant event.

It may seem premature – but then Xmas items are already appearing in the shops and time does fly when you're busy – I hope you all have a good Xmas and New Year and look forward to catching up again next year.

John Barrell

Chair

## News from Highways England

As John has already mentioned HD19/15 is no more! It has been replaced by GG119, and while the principles haven't changed some of the processes have, especially around exception reports. So a careful read is required.

<http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/dmrb/vol5/section2/GG%20119%20Road%20Safety%20Audit-web.pdf>

We have also been given permission to include the Highways England quarterly reports from their Road Safety Audit database in the newsletter. These give a fascinating insight into how the system is working and is attached to this edition.

Ian Medd

Editor

## From the Membership Secretary

### Collision Investigation examples

It was apparent during the 2018 Annual Review that many SoRSA Members do not have the opportunity on a regular basis to carry out Collision Investigation work and write reports with recommendations to reduce the number of personal injury collisions and/or the severity of injuries sustained in those collisions.

SoRSA has collision information for several locations around the country. Should you be interested in completing one of these course works, which assuming the submitted report is reviewed as being adequate, will be accepted as evidence of Collision Investigation work for your Annual Review, contact me on [sorsa@ciht.org.uk](mailto:sorsa@ciht.org.uk) and I will send you the information.

Guidance on what is required from you and a timescale for the submission of your report will also be provided.

Libby Sands

Membership Secretary

## Upcoming events

Following the success of the Manchester and Edinburgh workshops it should come as no surprise that the West Ireland event is fully booked, so the old adage “book early to avoid disappointment” certainly holds true.

You may have noticed that the CIHT website has undergone a refresh recently and we are still waiting to get full access to the SoRSA pages, but the forthcoming events page is up and running so that’s a good place to get early notice of events.

**Date TBC. ½ day Safety Audit in the design process: Cardiff.**

Contact: [Dave.Robinson@wsp.com](mailto:Dave.Robinson@wsp.com)

## And Finally:



Useful, helpful, informative articles or pictures could be interesting to other members. If you have something you would like to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter do get in touch.

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