



The British Institute of Non-Destructive Testing

# BENEVOLENT FUND

## MINUTES OF THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF NDT

### BENEVOLENT FUND AGM

WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

### THE EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

**Present:**

Mr P Wallace (Chair)	Prof A D Hope
Dr H Harper (Honorary Secretary)	Prof K Kirk
Mr K P Quirk (Honorary Treasurer)	Mrs C Mackle
Ms C E Bull	Miss S McNally
Mrs K Cambridge	Mr S Mills
Mr S Cunningham	Miss R Mulholland
Dr J M Farley	Dr M Smith
Mr J P Hansen	Mrs C Bailey (Minute Secretary)
Mr J Heigold	

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

The Chair, Mr P Wallace, welcomed all to the 2025 AGM of the BINDT Benevolent Fund.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S Poucher and Mr J Summerscales.

The meeting was declared quorate with 11 voting members present.

#### **2. Voting arrangements**

It was agreed at the previous AGM that proxy voting would be implemented for the 2025 AGM. While the introduction of a remote participation option was also proposed, the Board determined that this would not be practicable.

Proxy votes were received from:

Mr Richard Day  
Mr Tony Eden  
Mr Charles Fairfield  
Mr Richard Lewis  
Mr David Norris

#### **3. Adoption of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

On a proposal by Mr J Hansen, seconded by Dr M Farley, the minutes of the 2024 AGM were unanimously approved as a true record.

#### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM**

Item 11 – The Corporate Patronage scheme has now been launched and the Benevolent Fund is proud to have three Corporate Patrons: Lavender International NDT, NDT Maincal Ltd and Socomore Ltd. Their support is greatly appreciated.

#### **5. Presentation of the Annual Report**

The Chair gave the following report:

*Requests for assistance have been much lower this year as people managed to get back to work.*

*The Board has held three successful Zoom meetings this year discussing ways to improve our funding. The response to Corporate Patronage has been disappointing but our thanks go to the companies who have supported this. We are hoping that this will improve.*

*One of our retired members, who we have supported for 18 years by providing a mobility scooter, is now unable to use it due to deteriorating health. It is in very good condition but will require a service and a new battery. If anyone knows of anyone needing a mobility scooter, then we are prepared to donate it free of charge,*

*Our thanks also go to the Institute, especially Cindy Bailey, Prinal Shah, Elaine Gerrish and Jennifer Cook and also to Andrew Clifford of Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Ltd for acting as an Independent Examiner for our Annual Accounts. Their help is very much appreciated.*

*I would also like to thank the other Trustees and members of the Fund and those who have contributed through sponsorship, generous donations, arranging events, buying raffle tickets and giving their time when requested.*

#### **6. Presentation of the Annual Accounts**

Mr Quirk reported on the following achievements and performance in 2024:

- Supported 14 individuals, 12 of whom were members of BINDT.
- Categories of support:
  - An electric wheelchair was purchased for a new client.
  - One mobility scooter was serviced and the insurance for two scooters was renewed.
  - Two stairlifts were serviced and the insurance for one of these was renewed; insurance for the other stairlift is met by the client's household insurance.
  - Bereaved families were contacted to offer consolation and practical help.
  - Four people helped with professional qualifications, BINDT membership and Engineering Council registration.

Financial review:

Total income £8,723 (£10,535 in 2023) including £3,204 interest on deposits and bonds and £2,975 from the raffle and auction held at the BINDT conference dinner.

Total expenditure £3,077 (£5,761 in 2023) including £2,303 in assistance grants and £208 in BINDT subscriptions on behalf of members.

Net income £5,646 surplus (£4,774 surplus in 2023).

The Fund has reserves of £98,258 in bank accounts, cash or owed to it by debtors, which is close to the figure of £100,000 which Mr Wallace put in place a few years ago as a target. Any forms of fund-raising are encouraged.

Dr Farley asked about the donation from the Scottish Branch and Mr Quirk replied that this is included in the figure for contributions from conferences and events. In future years, the events that have provided donations will be highlighted.

**7. Adoption of the Annual Accounts**

By a show of hands, the Annual Accounts for 2024 were unanimously approved.

**8. Election of Board Members and Office Holders**

Office Holders and Board Members were proposed as follows:

Mr P Wallace	Honorary Chair
Dr H Harper	Honorary Secretary
Mr K P Quirk	Honorary Treasurer

Board Members

Ms C E Bull  
Mr S Cunningham  
Mr A K Dunhill  
Mr J P Hansen  
Prof A D Hope  
Mr J C Moody  
Mr S Poucher

On a proposal by Mr Hansen, seconded by Ms Bull, the above Board Members and Office Holders were unanimously approved.

Anyone who may be aware of individuals who may wish to serve on the Board were asked to let Dr Harper or Mr Wallace know.

Mr Wallace expressed his appreciation to the Benevolent Fund Welfare Officers for their continued support.

**9. To appoint Mr A M Clifford FCA of Shaw Gibbs (Audit) Ltd (formerly called DNG Dove Naish) as Independent Examiner of the Annual Accounts**

By a show of hands, Mr A M Clifford was unanimously reappointed as Independent Examiner of the Annual Accounts. Mr Wallace expressed thanks to Mr Clifford for the service that he provides free of charge which is very much appreciated.

**10. To agree subscriptions for 2025**

It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions would remain at:

Annual Membership:	£ 5.00
Life Membership:	£50.00

**11. Any other business**

There was none.

**12. Date of next meeting**

The 2026 AGM will be held alongside the Annual Conference in Telford in September.