

I therefore propose that this Committee seek to continue this improvement by concentrating on four "I"s:-

Information

Interest

Involvement

Initiatives.

INFORMATION: is about ensuring that we communicate relevant news and information in the most professional manner to those who might be interested. The Newsletter, the Projects List and the Embassy Briefings are examples of recent developments and I'd like to see more.

INTERESTS: That we seek not only to further the interests of our members but also to stimulate the interest of new and existing members to become more involved.

INVOLVEMENT: Here I mean creating more channels - events, elections, sub-groups and activities for example - whereby the membership can readily participate in RGGB initiatives.

And by **INITIATIVES:** I mean the results of action-oriented thinking, because I want the RGGB to be an organisation which decides its goals and takes appropriate action in pursuit of them.

As a beginning, I will be proposing that we revisit our constitution to consider changes that will not only promote the further development of Special Interest Groups, but will also seek to add the necessary democratic procedures to allow and encourage interested members to progress their involvement with the RGGB.

On that note, I congratulate the officials of this Committee who have been re-elected - Mark (Guntton) our General Secretary, Kevin (O'Brien) our Treasurer, and Paul (Dugan) who has not only moved into my old seat as Vice Chairman, but is also, at the moment, looking after Events.

The roles of Mark and Kevin are already well-defined and I look forward to you both continuing your efforts in the highly professional manner you have already shown in the past.

Paul, whilst you are now Vice Chairman, I trust that we can still rely on your support and co-operation on the Secretariat side. The contribution you, and your team make here, is important as is the support of your employer.

As I mentioned earlier, I view the future development of the Newsletter as one of the cornerstones of our Group in the year ahead. Chris Segar supported Kevin Storey (Editor) on this, and I now hope that Richard (Northern) will be prepared to continue to assist in this initiative, along similar lines.

Mike (Parkhouse) and Doug (Read), I hope that both of you will continue your sterling work on membership matters. This is another important area and I believe there is scope for you to explore together ways of rationalising your respective roles and developing further the work you have already done.

Now to the New Boys!

Roy (James) your welcome to this Committee is two fold:-

Firstly, we know that you bring to us a broad commercial approach and secondly, a regional and international dimension that will add weight to our deliberations. Since as we develop, we will be looking at our Mission and Constitution anew, I welcome your experience to help guide us along this route.

John (Jackson) from your experience on the BDSC and Aviation Sub-Group, I know you are not short on ideas, and I am sure that over the coming months, we are all likely to hear a lot more from you!

However, since I am aware that you have a special interest in Consumer Affairs, I would ask that you keep a watching brief on the further development of the Privilege Card, and other Consumer related matters.

Some of the programme that I have mapped out was started under the previous Chairmanship. My vision of the future for the RGGB is along similar lines to Mike's and I value his experience on this Committee. Mike and I have spoken earlier, and we will be working together further to identify a positive role for him.

Gentlemen, we are all here to serve the membership, and we can best achieve that by developing the Group democratically into a more integrated, action oriented and businesslike unit. I hope that the four "I"s I spelt out earlier make good sense to you and I look forward to working with all of you more closely to achieve these goals and objectives, for the benefit of all RGGB members

Thank you "