

BDC NOTES



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The months have passed quickly since my previous notes and we have been through one of those rare periods of closely spaced multi-religious, world-wide holidays. At least that is one of the best excuses that I can dream up for minimal reporting of the BDC activities in this issue.

The Business Development Committee is made up from representatives of the individual existing Special Interest Groups (SIGs). We meet at regular intervals to discuss activities and developments affecting the respective business fields and climates. A summary of the salient information is passed back to the membership via the main board through this Newsletter or at the bi-monthly Briefings.

The current task, critical to initiate this chain of information, is to regenerate the Membership interest to reactivate and support the existing SIGs.

As a reminder, the SIGs have been classified as follows:-

- Aviation
- Communications and Information Technology
- Construction, Industrial and Manufacturing
- Financial Services
- Healthcare
- Human Resources
- Oil, Gas, Petrochemicals, Power and Water
- Security and Safety

The above classifications were devised and settled a few years ago to embrace the bulk of the RGBB membership of the time. It was soon apparent that many Members found that they had interests in supporting more than one SIG and went on to

enjoy the benefits of membership of a group that may be lying outside their field of work or company business.

Upon joining the RGBB, new members are request to indicate their line of business and to declare their particular interest in associating themselves and joining the respective SIGs of their choice.

I wish to take this opportunity now to request all members to pause for a few seconds and reconsider their own position relating to the Special Interest Groups. We need you to come out of the dust and reconfirm where your current interests lie.

Membership of the SIGs has proved a lot of fun for those, enlightened, Members who have kept up their interest. Most SIG Members have gained worthwhile benefits through discussing the focused business and news topics with like-minded colleagues.

I have already initiated a few e-mail shots aimed at likely Members to test the current feelings regarding active or passive SIG Membership(s) and the responses have been a little better than expected but this is not a signal for complacency. Before we can take the next step, of calling up meetings for the interested members, I will be sending out a general circular notice to all Members, through the RGBB Secretary. I will also be monitoring the follow-up and reporting back to you.

Meetings will then be called, to be held at selected and secure venues and one-by-one, we can get back to where we were before.

SIG meetings vary between a few like-minded souls gathering in someones home, to a full-blown Amenity Hall session of a 100+ interested parties.

