

	<b><u>Minutes of the NATL AGM hybrid in person @ Argyll Ruane and Virtual via Teams</u></b>	<b>Date</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>Present</b>	Nathan Bate, Tom Fletcher, Jackie Berry, Mark Ormrod, Yugant Patel, Martyn Bills, Francisco Hernandez-Valle, Joseph Cremona	<b>Report by</b>	Tom Fletcher
<b>Circulation Next meeting</b>	Those present + apologies TBA		

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1.	(T) Apologies Jason Taylor, Keith Phillips, Mike Gibbins, Eddie Harper  The Chairman welcomed members to the meeting which was quorate. There were 8 attendees.  Apologies for absence were noted as recorded above.		
2.	(T) Treasurer's report (Jason Taylor)  The current balance was identified £7268. The section is financially stable and we are still able to sponsor attendance at the annual conference.  Confirmation required for receipt of all invoices from 2025 wallplanner. - ACTION	TF / JT	Aug 25

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3.	<p>(T) Regional Director's Report (Mark Ormrod)</p> <p>The regional director programme has been dissolved by ASNT. It was noted that many Regions did not have a Regional Director assigned and in some cases the assigned regional directors were not actively engaging with sections.</p> <p>Whilst no report was given, Mark attended the meeting to officially resign from future involvement with the North Atlantic Section. Nathan thanked him for his contribution in support of the section over the years and wished him well in his retirement.</p>		
4.	<p>(T) Members</p> <p>We were never able to introduce Member News due to lack of engagement and content. This is still a topic we would like to pursue, so we would like to encourage members to pass on news. This would include topic such as New ASNT exams passed, new jobs, or positions on councils etc. and may also include spotlights on members.</p> <p>Any News from members is welcome and this can help to form our newsletter.</p> <p>Recent member updates:  Jackie Berry represented NATL at the ASNT Annual Conference 2024  Jason Taylor began his term as BINDT President.  Tom Fletcher became Chair of ASNT Section Operations Council</p> <p>Member numbers are stable, currently standing at 135.  There have been occasions where members were incorrectly assigned and therefore were not included in our roster. Some of these have been identified and corrected. ASNT were asked to check member information and reallocate any members within our region, so that we can include them in our future communications.</p> <p>LinkedIn followers have increased, currently at 703 followers. This is great for us and we should exploit this platform more.</p>	NB / JB	Ongoing 25/26



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5.	<p>(T) Presidents Points</p> <p>We are not expected to gain the Presidents award this year. Whilst we have continued to fulfil the required sections of the presidents award program and would have been in a comfortable position to achieve Silver, we fell short in the basic requirements regarding technical meetings. A minimum of 3 technical meetings are required each program year and we were only able to deliver 1 meeting due to being let down by potential speakers and venues. This has been a challenge for the section and we are finding it more difficult to secure speakers and venues to host us due to our lower engagement and attendance when we are putting on the events.</p> <p>Nathan has submitted a comprehensive summary of our activity to ASNT for the 24/25 year in the hopes that our clear commitment to continued support section may help us to achieve the presidents award anyway..</p> <p>We need to begin sending out a Newsletter. This will link in to member engagement. Any topics or member updates would be greatly appreciated.</p>		
6.	<p>(T) Social Media and Website</p> <p>Jackie Berry is regularly posting on LinkedIn. This group is gaining followers.</p> <p>The sections email address <a href="#">has</a> been changed to <a href="mailto:info@asntnorthatlantic.com">info@asntnorthatlantic.com</a> which is used in preference to individual addresses.</p> <p>This email corresponds to our new Website <a href="http://www.asntnorthatlantic.com">www.asntnorthatlantic.com</a></p> <p>Website and LinkedIn metrics were reviewed. We saw a large spike in website users when first launched, but this dropped to steady state low numbers from the past year.</p> <p>LinkedIn saw good engagement over the past year and had clear spikes following the BINST &amp; ASNT conference posts, which shows that we have a broad reach when we post interesting content.</p>	TF	Aug 24

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7.	<p>(T) Future Meetings/Programme</p> <p>No future meetings have been agreed as yet.</p> <p>Section officers met on 19<sup>th</sup> May and had a frank discussion regarding future meetings and the purpose of the section. Due to lack of engagement, we questioned whether there was any real future for the section. If we arrange meetings but have little to no attendance, then what are we getting out of continuing to run the section.</p> <p>We always wanted in person meetings, however this is not necessarily the best way forward.</p> <p>NB has been working with Onestop NDT and hopes that he may be able to leverage this to a technical session.</p> <p>TF suggested a core 3 technical meetings held only virtually, with the potential for additional onsite/social in person meetings.</p> <p>TF has spoken with BINDT Yorkshire Branch and proposed to hold joint meetings. This branch have not met in the past 2 years and had become dormant. This branch was chosen specifically because they, like NATL have always had strong links with NDT training schools in the Sheffield area. This will hopefully gain some traction and we will be able to set at least 1 joint meeting.</p> <p>S. Thompson to follow up with Rolls Royce for a meeting at their Herritage Centre</p> <p>Anyone who would like to host, please get in touch.</p>		
8.	<p>(T) SOC (Section Operations Council)</p> <p>TF began his term as Chair of SOC for ASNT in 2025.</p> <p>SOC and ASNT as a whole has struggled in the past couple of years with section engagement. This coincided with a change to both the presidents points structure and also to funding model, which lead to many sections feeling cut off and abandoned by ASNT. The management structure also changed within ASNT meaning that the Sections resource was reduced and no longer had a dedicated member of staff for Sections.</p> <p>As a result, TF has called a meeting of sections to understand the current frustrations and define a roadmap to get sections re-engaged.</p>		

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9.	<p>(T) Officers for 2025 - 2026 All attendees were asked if they wished to be considered for any of the other positions.</p> <p>The roster of elected officers is as below:</p> <table><tr><td>Chairman</td><td>Nathan Bate</td></tr><tr><td>Vice Chairman</td><td>Stephen Thompson</td></tr><tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Jason Taylor / Tom Fletcher</td></tr><tr><td>Programme Secretary</td><td>Jackie Berry</td></tr><tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Tom Fletcher</td></tr><tr><td>Education Director (Technician of the Year)</td><td>Yugant Patel</td></tr><tr><td>Presidents Points</td><td>Nathan Bate</td></tr><tr><td>Webmaster</td><td>Tom Fletcher</td></tr><tr><td>Social media co-ordinator</td><td>Jackie Berry</td></tr><tr><td>Wallplanner</td><td>Tom Fletcher</td></tr></table>	Chairman	Nathan Bate	Vice Chairman	Stephen Thompson	Treasurer	Jason Taylor / Tom Fletcher	Programme Secretary	Jackie Berry	Secretary	Tom Fletcher	Education Director (Technician of the Year)	Yugant Patel	Presidents Points	Nathan Bate	Webmaster	Tom Fletcher	Social media co-ordinator	Jackie Berry	Wallplanner	Tom Fletcher		
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10.	<p>(T) Fall Conference Jackie Berry to attend fall conference unless other officer expresses a wish to attend.</p>																						
11.	<p>(T) Volunteer Summit. In May 2025 ASNT introduced the Volunteer summit which was aimed at replacing the SLC as this had not taken place since 2019. The summit was cancelled at short notice due to operational issues.</p> <p>A 2026 Volunteer summit is to be scheduled and promoted early to encourage section uptake.</p>																						
12.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Section officers were asked whether they would man the ASNT stand at the BINDT conference. To support this, the section is going to look into the cost of producing merchandise to give away at the conference.</p>																						