

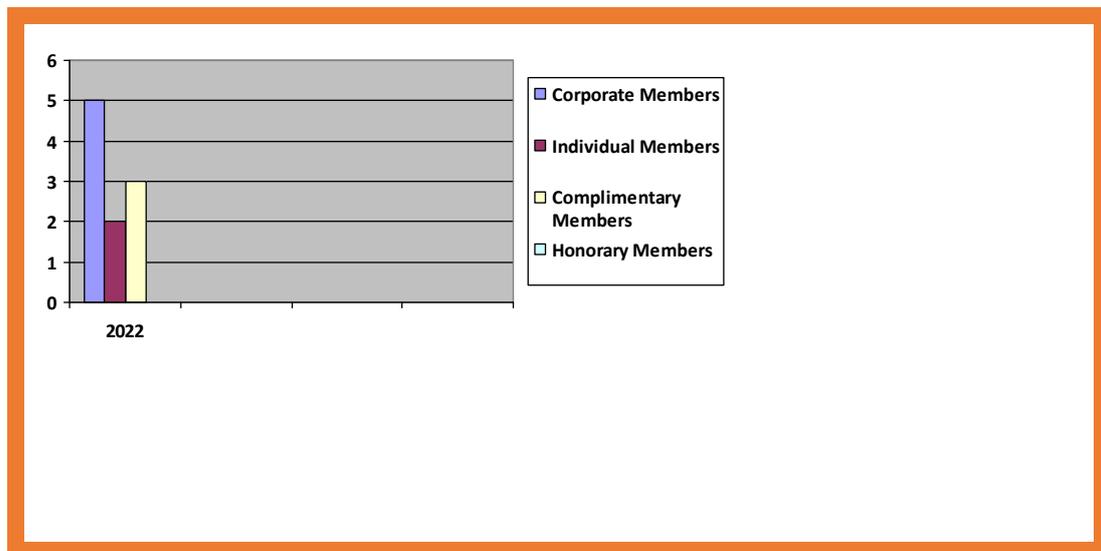


## General Secretary's Report Annual General Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

### RIFA Membership

Current paying members – As of 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Corporate Members:	5
Single Members:	2
International Associates	0
Honorary Members	3



RIFA has started invoicing members for the year 2022-2023, the statistics above reflect members that have paid directly to RIFA.

I would like to remind members that the membership period is 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March annually

As RIFA is going through considerable changes, I hope that members will assist the new committee with prompt payments.

Corporate Members are as follows:

- Mott Macdonald
- Chubb
- Executive Rail
- Milwaukee Composites
- AIS

Individual Members are as follows:

- David Rayworth
- Dan Jackson

Complimentary Members are as follows:

- Office of Rail and Road
- Rail Safety and Standards Board
- National Fire Chiefs Council

Honorary Members are as follows:

- Nil

### **RIFA Accounts**

The Accounts have been prepared by the General Secretary this year and have been independently reviewed – See Treasurers Report

### **PayPal**

The Management Committee have been able, at long last gain access to the old RIFA PayPal Account thanks to the steadfastness of Tony Cash and Peter Stephenson.

The money in the PayPal Account has been transferred to a UK sourced PayPal Account under the control of Tony Cash.

However, due to the costs incurred with transaction, it has been recommended by the Independent Reviewer to close this account and transfer the funds to RIFA's main bank account

### **RIFA Website**

There has been little movement on the website since the last AGM in 2020

The new Chairman may consider the reforming of a working group to consider all forms of electronic media and marketing including the website.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Quarterly Seminars**

As we are out of lockdown and the impacts that COVID 19 have had on securing venues and organising events, we will, I am sure under the new Chair and Management Committee hold a seminar in the not too distant future.

### **AGM 2023**

Date: June / July 2023 – exact date to be confirmed by the General Secretary

Venue – To be confirmed

### **Annual Seminar 2023**

Date: June / July 2023 – exact date to be confirmed by the General Secretary

Venue – To be confirmed

Guest speakers – To Be Confirmed

### **General Secretary**

As some of you may or may not know, I have been unable to perform my duties as General Secretary for some time due to Mental Health issues that had lasted most of the financial year 2021-2022.

Whilst I am now back to work, I am on limited duties to protect myself from stresses and strains and further mental health problems.

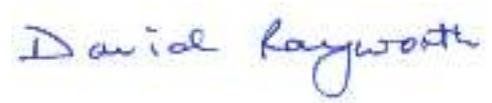
I have been General Secretary of RIFA for approximately 15 years having been 'dobb'd in' for the role by my colleagues at an AGM in 2008.

I have vigorously kept RIFA going through both thick and thin times with nothing but pure gumption and will power.

It is with great sadness that I announce that I will be stepping down from RIFA as General Secretary at the end of this meeting.

However, I will be retaining my membership, and who knows sometime in the future I may come back to the Committee.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Rayworth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'w'.

David Rayworth  
General Secretary