

NOTIFICATION OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD.

An EGM of BUFORA Ltd. will be held in the first floor Function Room at the Tournament Public House, 344/346 Old Brompton Road, Earls Court, London SW5 9JU (opposite West Brompton Tube, District Line) on Saturday 12th November 2005, commencing at 12 mid-day. The business of the meeting shall be to vote on the proposal of the Council of Management to re-structure BUFORA as outlined in a previous letter sent out to all members in September 2005. The meeting will be followed by lectures given by Andy Roberts and Philip Gardiner and Gary Osborne, starting at 2.30pm.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management
Robert Rosamond, Chairman, 5th October 2005

AGENDA

1. Notice convening the meeting (previously circulated)
2. Apologies for absence
3. Proposal of Council of Management (previously circulated by letter)
4. Vote on the proposal (inclusion of postal votes and proxies)

THE PROPOSAL

The current Council of Management (directorship) believes that BUFORA needs to re-structure in order to better address the challenges of the future. The current system of annual membership with six printed publications per year, lecture meetings and conferences is no longer viable in the current climate of dwindling UFO group membership numbers, vastly reduced sighting reports, few, if any, speakers with new material for public lectures and a lack of willing personnel able to spend time and effort in maintaining this system. The 1964 model on which BUFORA was built has been steadily losing its relevance in this modern technological, fast-access-to-information age.

The Directors believe that a change to a web-based organisation would be of great benefit to all. Annual membership would be discarded in favour of subscription to a subscriber-only area of a new, updated website where articles, research reports and investigations would be uploaded more cost effectively and more efficiently than has recently been achieved in a printed magazine. Subscription is provisionally expected to be £12 per annum, thus handing on administrative savings to subscribers. Current life members will of course be invited to subscribe free of charge, and the status of Accredited Investigators will remain unchanged. The Postal Training Course will still be available to subscribers.

THE VOTE

If a majority of voting members votes in favour of the proposal, you need do nothing more – BUFORA will contact you with information in due course about the new system and about pro-rata membership fee refunds.

If a majority votes against the proposal, you will be notified and the current Directorship and Company Secretary will step down with immediate effect. The membership will then need to elect a new Council of Management. Legally, the Company is required to have a Chairman and Company Secretary at all times, with other directorships being optional. If the current Directors are required to step down and the membership wishes to retain the existing system, personnel need to be found to fill the following other offices: Director of Research, Director of Investigations, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Webmaster and Publications Editor. Sources for production and printing of publications will need to be found, as will volunteers to continue the archiving project. Any member is eligible to offer himself for election to Council, as are any or all of the retiring Directors. In the event of the vote going against the proposal, please apply in writing to the BM BUFORA address if you wish to offer assistance in any of the above areas.

This is an important time for decisions within BUFORA, and all members are urged to register a vote, either in person, by post or by appointing a proxy. Forms are included by which you may appoint a proxy or vote by post. As you have been previously informed, membership application/renewal has been suspended pending the results of the EGM vote.

Judith Jaafar, BUFORA Secretary
5th October 2005