

Review of AGM - some notes for discussion

The recent AGM was attended by 21 members and 6 guests from neighbouring associations.

The attendance by members was 50% up (from 14) on the previous year. It took a lot of effort and organisation to arrange for John Holder to attend as guest speaker and **it was a little disappointing that we didn't attract more members.** In the expectation that we would attract between 30-40 members I did not promote the event widely outside Surrey and we could have attracted more people (though guests), e.g. by promoting to Kent and Sussex ACOs.

A copy of the Agenda and papers were sent to all members by post in the hope that this would grab attention more than an email circular. It **cost around £100** for paper, printing and postage and this didn't seem to represent good value for money. **Should we revert to restricting paper circulation to those without email?**

The **overall cost of staging the AGM was in the region of £360** (see below) - **was this money well spent?** We were fortunate that John Holder was generous enough not to ask for a fee - though his accommodation and travel costs were around £175.

The **venue hire was reasonable** and I thought the **room and facilities were good.** Some members grumbled about the **location** being on the eastern fringe of our boundary. **Might this have put some people off?**

The **feedback** I received afterwards from members was **very positive** and having an attractive guest speaker went down well. **Should we do it again?**

Costs of 2009 AGM	
Hire of venue	£75
Train ticket for John Holder	£22
Replacement train ticket for John Holder	£47.50
Taxi fares for John Holder	£20
B&B and dinner for John Holder	£95
Postage of papers to all members (120 @ 47p)	£56
Paper and printing (approx).	£45
Total	£360.50

What other lessons are there?

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