

UKOPA

United Kingdom Onshore Pipeline Operators' Association



2. UKOPA Board Update

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Competition Law reminder

“This is a meeting of competitors and competition law must be strictly adhered to both during the meeting and any breaks. Discussion should be limited to the items on the agenda, which was circulated beforehand. There should be no discussion on sharing of commercially sensitive information such as price, costs, markets, investments. Should the discussion stray onto potentially sensitive topics you should object and insist that the discussion is immediately stopped.”

Board Updates

UKOPA terms of reference

The Board has reviewed the UKOPA terms of reference, updating to reflect the Mission Statement, Strategy, Aims and Objectives that have been updated on the UKOPA website. The membership and role of the directors, secretariat and Board has been reclarified.

National Underground Asset Register (NUAR)

Included as an agenda item for this afternoon; Dan Cheetham from Cadent Gas will take us through an information sharing and discussion section

Graduate Engineering Engagement Programme (GEEP)

Included as an agenda item for this afternoon; Kirsty McDermott, UKOPA Board member will be joined by the GEEP team on a request to support for 25/26

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Associate membership to be reviewed

UKOPA members are pipeline operators, and bodies such as the Health & Safety Executive that have strong links to our mission. We only invite third parties where member company have invited them to share innovation or good practice at a member meeting or technical seminar. Other associations similar to UKOPA do have a more formal arrangement with third parties through an associate membership. The Board is going to review this prior to the next members meeting.

Attendance at UKOPA groups

UKOPA operates through the good will of members contributing to events, the board and working groups. And all members benefit from the development and sharing of good practice. There have been a few occasions of representatives not making multiple meetings, which puts a burden on the other members of the group to do more. Request to contribute if you are committed to a role within the group

Board Updates

UKOPA website

New UKOPA website is live. It looks much more modern and professional than the previous version. The board is aware of some improvements that are required now it is live, such as the search function, though please feedback on your experiences with it and any improvements

UKOPA at 30

Next year UKOPA is 30 years old. The Board is planning for a conference to replace the usual members meeting in October 2026. Early planning is underway with an events company and we've determined the venue will be Silverstone!

UKOPA Finances

A reminder that for 2026 the UKOPA membership fee is going up in 2026 to £9300 per annum, following ten years without an increase.

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Future events

Date TBC November 2025 HSE-Board liaison

10th / 11th February 2026 Board and Members Meeting – theme; proposed to be Process Safety and learning briefs. Location North East

Date 13th May 2026 Members Meeting – theme; TBC. Location TBC

UKOPA at 30 – 20th to 22nd October 2026 – Location Midlands, venue Silverstone