

The AGM of the IMS took place on 5 October 2007 at the Guildhall in Lichfield and was attended by seven members. All the resolutions were carried unanimously and as there were only four nominations for Council there was no need for an election. The four people elected to Council were David Blanchflower, Geoff Mansfield, Richard Bridges and Julian Cutler.

The AGM included a public session and the Treasurer clarified the level of reserves and how they had been treated in the annual accounts. With regard to the future the Chair felt that the cost of running the Institute was now as low as possible and the main priority for 2008 would be to develop the membership base.

The IMS Council meeting followed and the Chair welcomed Mr Julian Cutler to his first Council meeting. The election of officers for 2008 was as follows: – President John Thurso, Chair John Lucey, Deputy Chair David Blanchflower, Company Secretary Harry Downes and Treasurer David Blanchflower. The budget for 2008 was presented by the Treasurer and unanimously accepted. The updated website was demonstrated by Geoff Mansfield and I would urge members to visit it and let Council have your feedback as well as any ideas that would improve it further. ([www.ims-productivity.com](http://www.ims-productivity.com))

We continue to receive complementary emails in respect of our journal with members indicating that they find the articles varied, interesting

and stimulating. We were fortunate when outsourcing the production of our journal to have obtained the services of Deeson a long established and highly reputable firm of family publishers. For over 60 years we as an Institute have been producing a high quality journal that meets the needs of our members.

We have quite a number of members who may be eligible for upgrading. If you are one of these members I would urge you to contact Lynette Gill at Brooke House. (01543 266909)

May I once again thank members, Staff at Brooke House and Council for their support during the change programme which is now almost completed? I would also like to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful Christmas.

**John Lucey**  
Chairman

## North West Region

The Autumn meeting of the Region Board took place in Bolton on 29 September. The assembly included an invited guest, Jack Noble, who was warmly greeted by the members. Jack, a former long serving member, is well known in the region and has many recollections of the early days of the Institute.

Discussion centred on education and membership matters. Attendance of a Region Board delegation to the Institute's future AGMs was suggested and will be investigated.

Other topics included future meeting venues and visits to places of interest such as museums and educational establishments.

Chairman Kevan Kelly concluded by thanking members for their support and wishing them all a happy and enjoyable festive season.

**Keith Gowing**  
NW Region PRO

### North West Region

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Saturday 12 January 2008

10am for 10.15

The Rigby Arms, 2 Whittle Lane, High Moor, Wrightington, Nr Wigan

Enquiries to Secretary Harry Hogg: 01942 863776 or PRO Keith Gowing: 0161 962 0367.

The North West Region Board wishes all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### 2008 Events

The Region Board would be pleased to receive suggestions for the future programme from members residing in the region.

Any comments or views will be acknowledged. Please contact either Chairman Kevan Kelly, 01257 271066 or Secretary Harry Hogg, 01942 863776 or [harry.hogg@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:harry.hogg@blueyonder.co.uk).