

RIN AGM 2025 – President's Close of AGM Summary

Colleagues, 2024 was a very busy year, with tremendous achievements. Congratulations to the Executive & Secretariat, Council, Officers, you our members, volunteers and our partners, working together to make it such a successful year.

Deepest of gratitude also to Professor Chris Johnson, Chief Scientific Advisor (CSA) at the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) and Professor Todd Humphreys, Ashley H Priddy Centennial Professor in Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. We are humbled and grateful that you joined us today and spoke to us about issues very pertinent to our field.

In 2024, a most smooth and seamless transition took place from our wonderful Director and CEO, John Pottle to the illustrious Dr Ramsey Faragher. On behalf of the RIN community, I thank John most sincerely for his outstanding contribution to our Institute. It also gives me great pleasure in AGM-style, to congratulate and welcome the now not so new Director and CEO, Dr Faragher, a globally acclaimed leader in our field. Ramsey has swiftly got on with expertly managing change and making immediate and significant impact. Deep gratitude also to Professor Terry Moore (our past-President) for stepping in to replace Ramsey as Interim Chair of the Technical Committee. You have rather large boots to fill Professor Marek Ziebart ! As a world-leader in our field, I know that you are more than equal to it Marek.

Let me make a few general remarks on our great Institute.

1. I am delighted to report that that Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal has not only accepted to be our Patron, but also to engage with us closely in strategic matters. This is a wonderful opportunity and we sincerely thank Her Royal Highness.
2. The strength of our Institute's brand continues to grow with our reputation with UK government (including DSIT), our corporate sponsors, and local and international partners (e.g. ESA and EUGIN).
3. We are enjoying growing successes, including through establishment of some of our flagship activities such as the Leadership Seminar, Defence Seminar and Early Career Network.
4. Our Resilient PNT Best Practices Work is not only receiving global attention but also making significant practical impact. I am on my way to Singapore, as your President, to spread the word on this.
5. Despite the great progress that we are making, we still face some challenges. One of these is resources and financial sustenance of our Institute. This is critical to successfully delivering on our ambitions as captured in our collective strategy. In this regard, I am delighted to inform you that with the approval of Council, Captain James Taylor (our ex-President) has agreed to set-up and Chair the RINs Philanthropy, Gift and Donations Working Group.

This is a very exciting period for the RIN – we have a bright orange future! I encourage you all to engage fully with your Institute working to expand our membership and championing any area of our activities.

Heartfelt congratulations to those elected to serve in various roles, our new Fellows, new Chartered Engineers and all award winners. I wish us all a most productive, enjoyable and healthy period ahead, and look forward to reporting on further successes at the 2026 AGM.

Finally, please join me in a round of applause to show our appreciation and thanks to Ramsey and his team for their hard work for what has been a splendid AGM.

I declare the 2025 AGM closed.

Thank you!