

## **NISG - All Change at the Top for the Executive Committee in 2026**

NISG are delighted to announce a number of appointments to the Executive Committee following election at the January 2025 AGM.

### **President Emeritus**

Wilson Lambe MBE decided to step down from the role of NISG President this year and ‘ease himself into retirement’. Wilson has been a longstanding member of the NISG Executive Committee since 1966 and chaired the charity in the 1973 and 1974 years. In 1990 he was elected as Honorary President, a role now held for 36 years.

At NISG we recognise that without faithful people like Wilson the organisation would not be where it is today. He was the first Safety Officer in Northern Ireland to be awarded IOSH Fellowship and in 1988 was also awarded the MBE for services to Health & Safety in Northern Ireland. He was also elected as President of IOSH for the year of 1998.

Wilson has supported young people throughout his long service, offering sound advice, whilst acting as a “father figure” guiding those coming through the health and safety family in Northern Ireland and offering an insight into the key skills needed to achieve success within this field.

The NISG Executive Committee took the decision to bestow the title of ‘President Emeritus’ on Wilson, officially announced at the AGM, and he will be the first person to receive this honour. The NISG Officers and Committee members would like to take this opportunity to thank Wilson for his enormous contribution to the organisation and presented him with a certificate marking his outstanding contribution to NISG.



**Wilson pictured receiving the Certificate from Heather McKinstry, new NISG President and Wendy Moore, NISG Chair.**

## **NISG President**

As Wilson Lambe, stepped down from the role of NISG President he proposed the nomination of Heather McKinstry as his replacement. This proposal was seconded and ratified and NISG is proud to announce Heather McKinstry as the new NISG President.

At our recent AGM we are delighted to elect Heather Mckinstry into the role of President of NISG - Northern Ireland Safety Group.

Heather has over 30 years of service on the Executive Committee, having been first elected in 1990, serving as Chair from 1997 to 1999 and more recently as Vice President since 2024.

Heather is currently a Health, Safety and Environment Consultant who works on behalf of JTI. She has been in H&S since 1990, initially in the R&D Division of Gallahers Ltd, Ballymena (a JTI company) and then in their Production Division. On return to the UK, following a secondment to Geneva between 2013-2015, she became Global Occupational Hygiene Lead, and fulfils this role now as a consultant.

Over the years Heather has brought her experience and expertise to NISG and currently chairs the NISG Safety Awards; Quiz; John Gordon and Conference sub committees.

Heather's election to the role of President is testament to the dedication she has shown not only to NISG but also to the ongoing work in promoting Occupational Health across NI and Internationally.



**Heather is pictured receiving the President's Chain of office from outgoing President Wilson Lambe MBE, who has now been awarded President Emeritus status.**

## **NISG Vice President**

We would like to congratulate Jimmy Fenton on being elected as Vice President of NISG. Jimmy is a long-standing member of the NISG Executive Committee, who previously held the role of Chair from 2014 to 2016 and more recently the role of Public Relations Officer. Jimmy is currently H&S Section Lead at Ulster University prior to which he was HSET Manager with Kerry Group in Coleraine. His first H&S job was Safety Manager at Michelin, Ballymena, after working his way up from being an electrical apprentice and holding a project and engineering management role. Jimmy completed NEBOSH H&S and fire certificates followed by the NEBOSH Diploma.

Jimmy's election to the role of Vice President is testament to the support he has provided his peers within the Executive Committee over the years and rewards his time devoted to the Health and Safety discipline.



**Wendy Moore- NISG Chair is pictured with the new appointees.  
L-R Jimmy Fenton - NISG Vice President, Heather McKinstry – NISG President,  
Wilson Lambe – NISG President Emeritus, Wendy Moore – NISG Chair and John  
Murray – NISG Public Relations Officer**

## **NISG Public Relations Officer**

Congratulations also go to John Murray who was elected to the role of Public Relations Officer for NISG. John has worked in various risk management consultancy roles within the construction industry across many sectors since 1999. He is the Associate Health and Safety Practitioner with McAdam Design, having joined them in 2017. Prior to that, he was CDM Lead and Health & Safety Manager at JNP Architects. John is currently the APS National Members Regional Representative for NI and a board member for the Construction Professionals Council for NI.

John has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2024 and since then has been an enthusiastic member of the PR subcommittee and has been heavily involved in the redevelopment of the NISG website, due to go live shortly. He also sits on the Meetings subcommittee developing the programme of events for NISG.

The AGM election also led to two new members joining the NISG Executive Committee – Celeste Flynn, SHEQ Advisor at Water Solutions Ireland and Wesley Jameson, H&S, Re Gen Waste. Both bring a wealth of experience to the Committee and we look forward to working with them during their term.



**Wendy Moore, NISG Chair is pictured welcoming Celeste and Wesley to the Executive Committee.**

NISG would also like to welcome back onto the Executive Committee, Mandy Nelson, HSE Officer at Phoenix Energy and Jim Hegarty, HSET Asset Manager at Creative Composites. Mandy and Jim have both proved invaluable to NISG and we are delighted they will again be working in the various sub committees to promote occupational health and safety locally.

We wish the full 2026 NISG Executive Committee another successful year ahead.