

Concerns over NAM's Affiliation with the IAM

Recent changes announced by the IAM Head Office in London are giving some NAM committee members serious concerns.

The main issues are:

- a) the steep increase in national membership costs
- b) the new cost of Skills for Life
- c) the current management style

These increases seem to be a result of large losses incurred recently by the IAM. In order to balance their books, the costs are being passed on to individual associates and members in the form of higher fees.

Some committee members feel very strongly about this. They will not be renewing their IAM membership when it next falls due. As a result, IAM rules dictate that they can no longer remain as NAM members whilst NAM is affiliated to the IAM.

One of the suggestions is that NAM disaffiliate from the IAM, whilst continuing to provide training to prepare associates for either the IAM or RoSPA advanced motorcycling tests. NAM members would no longer be obliged to also be members of the IAM nationally.

A second option is that NAM would remain affiliated to the IAM but new committee members would be required. In this situation, the retiring committee members would likely set up an alternative club to offer training to a similar standard for both IAM and RoSPA tests. This option would have a significant price advantage. Membership of the IAM would not be required, saving around £30.00 per year each.

It is intended that we discuss this topic fully at the next club night on Tuesday 14th July. Please do your best to attend this important meeting so that a rounded discussion can ensue.