

The Institute of Clerks of Works & Construction Inspectorates
Western Counties Chapter

Western Counties Chapter Newsletter on ICWCI Conference held at Marriott Hotel, Peterborough between 27th April and 29th April 2012.

As the norm Friday afternoon and Saturday morning are CPD lectures. This year the theme was "Today's Challenges in Yesterday's Building". Main items were to do with working with conservation officers and building control surveyors and the flexibility allowed with in the Building Regulations to satisfy both parties.

Lecture 1: Part C of the Building Regulation.

Lecture 2: BS 9999 – New British Standard – In fire safety management and use of buildings.

Lecture 3: Slate in Heritage Works

Lecture 4: Lincoln Cathedral – Carol Heidschuster MICWCI 1st lady clerk of works for a cathedral and monastic building.

Trade stands this years was only 2:-

Kerry London Ltd – Professional Insurances.

Cardno TBE – If you need existing services located then these are the boys and the only company to have it's work underwritten by professional indemnity insurance.

EGM: Special Resolution – That the draft regulations that all voting members received to be adopted. This was passed.

2 number Amendments after being passed:

page 2 – 3(h) install words "meeting centre" in place of "centre".

page 14 – 72. Chairman to be changed to chairperson.

AGM:

Membership Subscriptions to go up £5 in 2013 for Licentiate, Member and Fellow grades the rest of the grades to say as 2012 subscription.

Election of 3 new officers and member of the Council – 6 no candidates stood for election and members balloted – Results: Geoffrey May FICWCI (Salisbury), Neil Dickinson FICWCI and Mark Heggs MICWCI were the 3 elected.

The Award of Life Membership – Was awarded John Ruddell FICWCI for recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Institute over a prolonged period.

Honorary Fellowship was given to Derek Bishop, Retired Health and Safety Consultant, who writes features for Site Recorder.

Our New President Mr David Gray MICWCI was installed as our president for this coming year and he has set himself a list of very positive tasks he has given himself to carry out over his year as president.

Chapter Reps Meeting: Most interesting rep meeting I have attended for years.

We would like a brief summary of what the MMB discuss in their meeting. This year the South Wales Chapter asked the same question. Response was good – I think the change of the articles of association at the EGM, which the Trustees also voted for, has opened up the opportunity for the MMB to give the chapters a summary of what is being discussed in the board meetings.

The second question we usually ask is regards to CPD and could some of this be provide on the internet or Institute webpage. We have been told in the past that many members do not have computers to access this. This question came up from another Chapter especially as from 2013 CPD

is mandatory in the institute. The institute are now looking at this also we have been told HQ hold discs that the Chapters can use for CPD. Phil Singleton the new Chairperson on the Professional Standards Committee will be asking selected number of members to produce evidence that they are full filling their CPD commitments that the Institute require from the members.

CPD Template:

The ICWCI webpage has a CPD template for recording your CPD, which can be download and printed out.

If the ICWCI web site is some where you do not visit very regularly then hopefully the following will give you a bit of guidance.

The Institutes web site is: www.icwgb.org - If you then click Membership on the top bar, and then click, members area from the list on the left hand side of the page it will open up a box which requires your username and pass word. If you have not registered yourself then you will need to, you will see register – fill out the form and in a few days you will be on the system. If you get a problem then give me a ring or HQ.

You will see other ways of gaining hours towards you CPD in the guidance notes.

You will see CPD PDP on left hand of page – click this, then go to the bottom of the page and this is where you find the template that you can download for recording your CPD attendance.

Formal Dinner Dance:

In the speeches we learnt that Peta Bartlett-Ward is retiring this year.

This is only a brief summary on what took place at this year's conference – if anyone wants more details then give me a ring or e-mail me.

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