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PASMA AGM looks to the future

Delegates at the PASMA AGM had plenty to get their teeth into. Held at The Belfry in the West Midlands, it focused on the future development and direction of the association. First to speak was retiring chairman, Brian Houston, who took as his theme the genuine and measurable progress the association had made during 2006/2007. The association now has some 250 members and currently trains more than 33,000 people a year in the safe and productive use of mobile access towers.



Paul Gallacher

Next up was incoming chairman, Paul Gallacher. He explained that his intention as chairman was twofold: first, to improve communications to and between members and, second, to oversee the initial implementation of a five year plan designed to deliver an enhanced service to the membership at large under the direction of the newly appointed managing director, Peter Bennett.

Against this background delegates voted unanimously to authorise Council to seek suitable premises to accommodate the association's first directly employed secretariat and, last but not least, to begin the process of recruiting a full-time support staff.



Only two options

There are only two methods of assembling, dismantling and altering mobile access towers approved by PASMA in co-operation with the HSE:

3T (Through the Trap): This method entails the operative working partially through the open trap of a trap platform to position guardrails at appropriate distances above the platform before standing on the platform to continue the assembly process.

Advance Guardrail: This involves the use of advance guardrail units that are positioned ahead of the platform so that when the operative gains access to the platform the advance guardrail is already in position.

News in brief

Standards for hirer/dealer members:

The association is in the process of setting auditable standards for hirer/dealer members with a view to improving the level of advice and guidance available.

Lead Instructor [Mentor] applications:

An encouraging number of applications have been received for the Mentor programme and these are currently under consideration with appointments to be announced soon. The aim is to provide all novice instructors with help and support during their first tentative steps in delivering PASMA training.

Continuing Professional Development [CPD]:

The training committee continues to work towards the introduction of a formal CPD scheme. This will include mandatory access to a dedicated CPD section on the website, the completion of specially created online CPD programmes, the publication of CPD booklets, regular CPD bulletins and regional CPD seminars.

Freelance instructors:

It has been agreed to form a sub-committee of freelance instructors reporting directly to the training committee. More details will be published shortly.

Be part of PASMA's plans

Keep watching the PASMA website for details of the various positions soon to become available at the association. In addition to recruiting a national training scheme manager, PASMA will also be seeking to employ suitably qualified and experienced people in administrative, accounts and information support roles. Go to www.pasma.co.uk for more details, including relevant job specifications.

PASMA products

Safety-related products currently available from the association include:

- PASMA Operator's Code of Practice
 - PASMA Safety DVD
- PASMA Tower Inspection Labels
 - PASMA PocketCard
 - PASMA Training Poster

Brian Field

The association was saddened to hear of the death of Brian Field after a long illness.

One of the founding ambassadors of the industry and a past chairman of the association, Brian enjoyed

a long and successful career at Instant, Zig Zag and Youngman.

He was a good friend and a great influence to many in the access industry.



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