

ALLMI elections

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The 2010 election process to ALLMI's board of directors and Operators' Forum executive committee kicks off in January.

There are four available positions on the board of directors and seven on the executive committee. Elections for committee members and directors take place every two years, with the ALLMI chairman and Forum chairman positions up for election on an annual basis.



Tom Wakefield of ALLMI says "We continually remind members that it's their Association and that the election process presents an opportunity to put themselves forward if they'd like to be more involved with the running of ALLMI."

Transloader training facilities

Hertfordshire-based ALLMI training provider, Transloader Services, has recently added to its training facilities by investing in a brand new loader crane dedicated specifically to its ALLMI training courses. Installed onto a Volvo FM12 6x2 with beavertail plant body, the front mounted Fassi F210A.22 is equipped to handle a number of attachments including a clamshell bucket and brick grab. The crane is also set up for remote control operation and its capacity rating is such that operators who successfully pass the course will qualify for the highest category of ALLMI licence. Director of Transloader Services, Carly Barnard, said: "The vehicle will be used primarily at our Harpenden training base, but will also be available for on-site training sessions throughout the UK. We've been a provider of ALLMI training since the inception of the scheme and continual investment in our equipment and facilities has always been of paramount importance to us."



Transloader's new training crane

New ALLMI website

Throughout 2009 ALLMI has been developing a new database driven website which will offer a wide range of new features/facilities for members and training providers, as well as site users in general, they include:

- A key word search facility, including a facility to search news archives.
- A postcode radius search facility for users looking for a training provider or member in their area.
- A facility to search for training providers that have their own facilities and equipment, and that run a particular course, e.g. Slinger/Signaller.
- A facility to search for members that offer certain types of services.
- An online order/payment facility for users to purchase ALLMI products, e.g. ALLMI guidance notes, branded Personal Protective Equipment, etc.
- A new Engine Management Systems area for ALLMI's manufacturer/service agent members.
- An improved password protected area for members and training providers.
- Online advertising opportunities for members and training providers.



- An improved design and layout. ALLMI executive director, Tom Wakefield, said: "The current website has served ALLMI very well, but due to the way in which the Association and its services have grown and developed over the last few years, the site now needs to be converted to one which is database driven. This change will bring many new benefits in terms of search functions, improved password protected areas and numerous other facilities, and it will also allow us to change the structure and layout of the site, making it much easier to navigate and having a much more eye catching design. Just as importantly, being database driven, the format of the new site provides a huge amount of potential for the development of further online services to members."

The new website is due to go live this month.

New Operators' Forum membership process

ALLMI has announced the implementation of a new process for the appointment of new members to the Operators' Forum. An audit process has been introduced, as well as a new 'Provisional' membership category for those companies needing assistance in reaching the required standards of Forum membership.

The new application process includes a more detailed application form, which also requires copy

documentation, such as reports of Thorough Examination, risk assessments, method statements etc... and in some cases, an audit visit from ALLMI's technical director. The process is intended to provide a much better understanding of the applicant's business, allowing ALLMI to identify any areas that require development which it can then assist with. Where further development is required, agreement is reached on what the desired

objectives are and a timescale put in place for their achievement. The applicant is then given provisional membership to cover the period, after which another audit takes place before full membership is awarded. Operators' Forum chairman, Steve Frazer-Brown, said: "Standards are always of paramount importance to us, which is why we've further improved the joining process. We

feel this provides a valuable service to the industry as it not only ensures that the Operators' Forum continues to uphold its standards, but it's also helping companies to take major steps forward in terms of their lorry loader operations and therefore supports ALLMI's objective to raise standards in the lorry loader industry."