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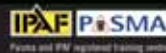
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Annual Members' Meeting attracts full house

For the second year running it was standing room only at the Moxhall Hall Hotel in the West Midlands for PASMA's Annual Members' Meeting.

In a departure from previous years, the proceedings included reports not only from the chairman, Roger Verallo and managing director Peter Bennett, but also from the chairman of the Technical Committee Paul Pritchard, the chairman of the Training Committee Mick Aston and the chairman of the Hire Assembly Committee Chris Blantern.

Communications officer, Jill Couttie, and member services supervisor, Karen O'Neill, also made presentations outlining their respective responsibilities at the association.

Echoing his written report in PASMA's first Annual Review, Roger Verallo spoke of how PASMA, since its formation over 35 years ago, had been at the forefront of championing the mobile access tower industry and ensuring that mobile access towers lead the way in providing safe, efficient and economic work at height. "In these difficult times, when we have to contend with not

only the wider economic challenges that face all industries, but where we also need to defend our traditional markets from the encroachment of other work at height products, it is essential that we have a strong and active Association engaging on our behalf, to protect and preserve our industry."

"PASMA is in exactly that position – we have never been stronger and we have never been better resourced to face these challenges." To see photographs of the event, including the speakers and delegates, visit www.pasma.co.uk



Roger Verallo



Paul Pritchard



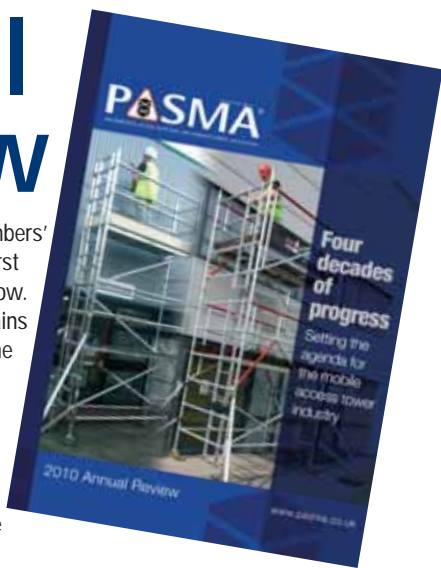
Karen O'Neill



Jill Couttie

Annual Review

Launched at the Annual Members' Meeting, the Association's first Annual Review is available now. The 16-page document contains reports from the chairman, the managing director and all the various committee chairmen. For anyone not familiar with the Association it is an ideal introduction to the role and contribution of PASMA to the work at height sector.



2011: PASMA and Vertikal Days

The Association is in talks with the organisers of Vertikal Days about the prospect of creating a mobile access tower 'village' at the next event which is scheduled for June 2011. The aim is to make the show, which will be in its fifth year in 2011, truly representative of the access industry, of which towers are a large part. If you have a view, or could be interested in exhibiting, please contact jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk



New PASMA insurance scheme

The Association has introduced a new insurance scheme for the benefit of members. The scheme includes a free annual review of all PASMA members' insurances to make sure proper and adequate cover is in place. Email jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk for further details.



Letter to Lord Young

The Access Industry Forum, of which PASMA is a founder member, has responded to Lord Young's current review of health and safety legislation in the UK.

In a letter to Lord Young, the Forum - which includes IPAF, NASC, FASET and the Ladder Association - makes the point that, as falls from height remain the biggest contributor to deaths and injuries in the workplace, it welcomes any serious, informed and balanced review of the issues arising from the implementation of the existing legislation.

In undertaking the review, the Forum asks Lord Young to give due regard to the following:

- The need for a clear, unambiguous definition of the word 'competence' as used in the Work at Height Regulations;
- The need to establish the link between training and competency;
- The need to introduce a formal system of accreditation whereby

all users of access equipment must produce formal and independent proof of training.



The letter concludes by saying that the review must not pander to popular prejudices and myths and thus undermine its ability to protect workers from death and injury.

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