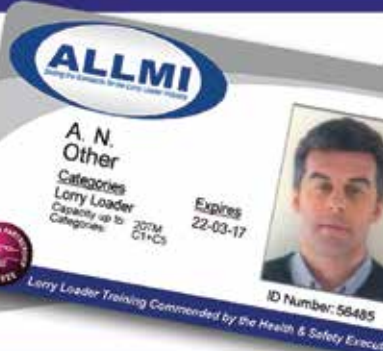




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Election time

ALLMI has recently concluded its annual election process for the positions of chairman and operators' forum chairman. As a result, both current chairmen were re-elected to serve another term. Mark Rigby of T H White will now serve a 10th consecutive term as chairman of the association, while Steve Frazer-Brown of David Watson Transport has been appointed chairman of ALLMI's fleet owner division for the 10th consecutive year.



Mark Rigby

Rigby said: "It's a great privilege to be able to continue in the chairman's role and to work with the ALLMI board, as well as the wider membership, in bringing about positive change to the industry. ALLMI has a strong and ever-increasing influence over



Steve Frazer-Brown

the raising of standards, and the projects we have planned for 2015 will see us taking further significant steps to improve health and safety to the benefit of all those involved with lorry loaders."

Steve Frazer-Brown added: "It's an honour to be elected as forum



chairman once again and to continue to represent fleet owners on the board, as well as to work with the forum executive committee on so many important issues. ALLMI has always done an excellent job, developing and promoting best practice, but with every year that passes the association gains further

strength and impetus on numerous fronts. I am therefore very pleased that, through the election process, members have given me the opportunity to play a key role in ensuring that this progress continues and that safety remains at the forefront of operators' minds and attitudes."

Membership review process underway

Further to ALLMI's earlier announcement to carry out an extensive review of its existing membership, a number of companies have already volunteered to be amongst the first to go through the audit process.

Nigel Crooks, managing director of Plant Equipment, said: "As an ALLMI member, we have always operated to very high standards, but we still found the process to be extremely helpful and informative. The auditor looked at numerous areas of our business, such as company policies and procedures, servicing and inspection, defect reporting, lift planning and record keeping. The process also included a review of our facilities and equipment, as well as asking for our opinion on ALLMI services, support and guidance material."

"It was great to have a one-on-one engagement with ALLMI, and we look forward to reaping further rewards from the exercise once all members have been through the process and some valuable industry information and feedback has been collated."



Guidance on site documentation

ALLMI has released new guidance which looks at the subject of loader crane documentation and stabiliser deployment when on site. Primarily aimed at site supervisors, health and safety representatives and gatehouse staff, the purpose of the guidance is to ensure that crane operators have the correct documentation prior to commencing lifting operations, and to avoid common misunderstandings regarding acceptable stabiliser positions and set up.

In relation to documentation, the guidance looks at issues ranging from reports of Thorough Examination and pre-operational check sheets, through to operator identity cards, safe systems of work and manufacturer handbooks. For stabiliser deployment, it strongly emphasises the default position as legs being fully out and down at all times. It also addresses possible exceptions to this position and so explains the issue of stabiliser monitoring devices. The guidance also highlights the importance of ground conditions.

ALLMI technical director, Alan Johnson, said: "This guidance has been created mainly to assist fleet owners in levelling the expectation and understanding on sites where they are making deliveries. It offers a short explanation of the types of documentation which sites should reasonably expect to see, and a brief overview of how to determine when and why stabiliser legs may or may not be correctly deployed. The document was developed by the ALLMI Operators' Forum executive committee and it's our intention to circulate it as broadly as possible, with the aim of the guidance becoming the expected standard amongst sites within the industry."

For a copy of this guidance, please contact ALLMI.



ALLMI has released guidance on loader crane documentation and stabilisers