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AMM 2012: PASMA Reports Another Year of Continuous Progress

At one of the best attended Annual Members' Meetings in recent years, delegates heard from the chairman, Roger Verallo, how the reach and influence of the association in the work at height sector continues to grow, and how PASMA is broadening its range of services in support of its members and the industry at large.

Managing director, Peter Bennett, outlined the association's primary objectives going forward, in particular the need to advance and enhance communications. He advised PASMA members how the association is now engaging with social media as a communications tool and announced the launch of a mobile App to provide instant, relevant

and up-to-theminute information for the mobile access tower community.

As further evidence of the association's commitment to

improving communications, both internally and externally, Bennett welcomed Neil Tomlinson to the newly created post of head of marketing and communications, and

Michael Fern who will spearhead PASMA's move into social media.

Delegates also received reports from Alistair Twigg, chairman of the technical committee; Mick Aston, chairman of the training committee; and Chris Blantern, chairman of the hire assembly committee. They were also reminded of the availability of grants to assist approved training centres with the purchase of AGR equipment.

Members received copies of the 2012 Annual Review at the AMM, which, for the second year running,

was held at Haydock Park in conjunction with Vertikal Days.



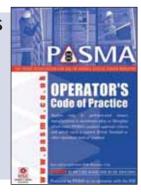


Located immediately adjacent to the main entrance/exit, mobile access towers were the order of the day for visitors to this year's Vertikal Days. Exhibiting alongside PASMA - who took the opportunity to explain how towers can be a viable rental product for hire companies - were members Euro Towers, Lyte Ladders & Towers, Turner Access, Instant Upright and Pop-Up Products.



Review of Operator's Code of Practice

PASMA Council in conjunction with the PASMA training committee is currently inviting members to inform the association of any amendments or additions they would like to see in the next revision of the Operator's Code of Practice. Submissions using 'Form 25 Consultation Document' should be sent to stuart.hopkins@pasma.co.uk



PASMA Mobile App & Android

Believed to be the first mobile App & Android introduced by a trade body anywhere in the world in the work at height sector, PASMA's landmark mobile App made its debut at Yorkshire Tower Week. It is a powerful resource delivering vital information in real

time to anyone involved in specifying, choosing and using mobile access towers. Available to download for free, it will be reviewed in full in the next PASMA page in Cranes & Access.

PASMA Tower Week Set for National Roll Out

Following a successful trial in Yorkshire during week commencing 15th June, the association has decided to roll out PASMA Tower Week nationally in 2013 to coincide with planned HSE initiatives. This year's event included tower displays, free seminars, on-site inspections, drop-in surgeries, tower demonstrations and 'ask the expert' sessions. It was supported by PASMA members AFI Uplift, Astra Access Safety Training,

Boss Training, Generation Training Services, Hi-Point Scaffolding, Harsco Infrastructure, Planet Platforms, Speedy Services and The Safety Maintenance Company.



In Brief

2012 Health & Safety Expo: For the sixth consecutive year the association was a major contributor to the AIF Knowledge Base and Live Zone at Health & Safety Expo. There was a significant increase in the number of overseas enquiries received this year, especially from Australia, US, Africa and India. During the event Steve Smith, president of the US-based Scaffold & Access Industry Association, met with PASMA's Peter Bennett and Neil Tomlinson.

New Online Videos: PASMA has added two new online educational videos to its website - 'Managing specialists: How to ensure your tower contractors are up to the job' and 'PAS 250: A new standard for low level access'.

Morgan Sindall Group: Morgan Sindall is a leading UK construction and regeneration group with revenues of £2.2 billion and 7,000 employees. At the company's request, PASMA technical director, Don Aers, recently gave a presentation on the impact of PAS 250 guidance on low level access equipment. PASMA is currently offering to update major organisations on how this will impact on their business. Anyone interested in a presentation should contact jill.couttie@pasma.co.uk



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