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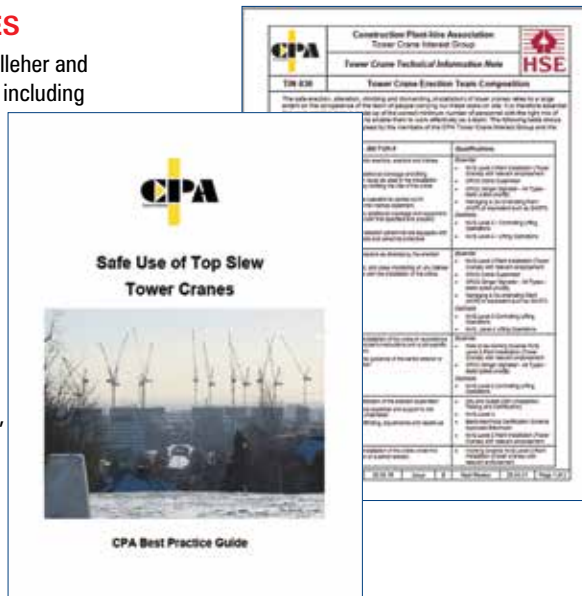


# TOWER CRANE MEETING

The CPA's Tower Crane Interest Group (TCIG) held its second meeting in November. Chaired by Dave Holder delegates included crane owners, contractors, manufacturers and training providers.

## TCIG PUBLICATION UPDATES

The first presentation by CPA's Katie Kelleher and Peter Brown covered TCIG publications including the latest Technical Information Notes (TINs). The 'Safe use of top slewing tower cranes' is up for review in 2024, while 'Tower crane erection team composition' is being updated to cover the latest qualifications and carding. Numerous proposals were discussed on experience requirements when transitioning from a 'Junior' to 'Senior' or 'Supervisory' roles, as well as determining whether additional training, such as first aid, should be mandated. The next update covered the Civil Aviation Authority's new notification process introduced in May, while no further updates have been provided the Authority will provide three months' notice on the launch of the updated CAP1096 publication.



suppliers that have a substantial Stage V fleet and must confirm that one is not available. If loading is the cause of the problem, a detailed breakdown of the loading and what Stage V options were considered needs to be provided. Exemptions granted before the 1st of January will continue to be honoured.

## APPRENTICESHIP UPDATES

CPA staff updated delegates on revisions to some apprenticeships, particularly the lifting technician apprenticeship for crane operators. Launched in 2017, interest has been limited, in spite of being an 18 month programme. Apprentices have experienced difficulties, while training providers claim it is too challenging for level two. The apprenticeship is now under review.

## OVERSAILING LICENCES & BUS DIVERSIONS

Final topics included Oversailing Licence charges imposed by the City of London, including issues in relation to oversailing incidents, with delegates

canvassed for feedback. Concerns over the refusal by Transport for London to issue advance bus diversion quotations and the implementation of retrospective charges for road closures after potential charges were not provided in advance but the CPA will challenge TfL to justify its position on this.

## STARS OF THE FUTURE NOMINATIONS

Employers are invited and encouraged to enter their top apprentices and trainees for a Stars of The Future award, in order to recognise and reward their efforts. Nomination forms can be found on the CPA website and should be submitted by the 22nd of March.

There are awards for mechanics - (level 2), technicians - (level 3), operators, young operators, equipment installers, lifting technicians, hire controllers, apprentice mentor and best college. Nominees are also eligible for the Judges' Special Award and best Personal Statement.

The winners will be announced at a ceremony at the Heart of England Conference and Events Centre in Fillongley, on the 11th of July. Nominations are welcomed from all employers including equipment rental companies, manufacturers, contractors, suppliers and others operating in the construction equipment and crane market sectors that employ apprentices and trainees.

Stars of the Future winners will also be rewarded with a number of prizes, in addition to the national recognition. Previous prizes have included tool kits, iPads and all expenses paid overseas trips.

## HSE UPDATE

Jamie Davies of the HSE then spoke on the move to a new operating model, with a greater focus on health issues and net zero fossil fuel initiatives that contribute to the health agenda. Work is also continuing with the Construction Industry Advisory Committee to devise guidance for the safe use of other fuels adding to its already published guidance on the use of HVO, batteries and hydrogen. Davies concluded his presentation by reviewing and providing delegates with an update on the Fatal Accident Statistics report for 2022/23.



## NEW GENERATOR RULES

Luis Bassett, project coordinator for Air Quality Projects in the London Boroughs of Merton, Richmond and Wandsworth updated delegates on the requirements for Low Emission Zone generators. Due to limited availability of Stage V generators, Stage IIIA units have often been granted exemptions, but this is changing in the New Year.

From January 1st, all site generators must be Stage V, although a few exemptions may still be available under strict criteria. The site must prove that a Stage V generator has been requested from

