

GETTING WEB WISE

ESTA has launched its new web site and Alan Aldridge and his team should be congratulated on producing an attractive, informative and useable site.

Primary user passwords were issued earlier this month, giving access to the 'private' Group areas, and Alan has requested that all primary users visit the site and check that their details are correct.

Equally important for primary users, is the registration of their colleagues as additional users so that they too can benefit from accessing the BCG or CSSG private areas.

Already the site is packed with data. The publicly accessed area includes pages detailing the Building Controls Industry training scheme, numerous Group generated publications that can be immediately downloaded, plus search capabilities covering products and services.

Eventually, the BCIA private area will also display minutes of meetings, other official documents and more, providing an excellent archived facility that can be accessed by all registered users—so, get those names registered now!

President Elect

At the Plenary Committee meeting on 27 November 2004, Doug Robins was unanimously elected as acting President of the BCIA.

His role during the next few months will be to steer the Association through the necessary procedural and administrative hurdles so that at the next Committee meeting, scheduled for 4 March, we will have a Constitution in place from which formal nominations for President,

Vice President and Management Committee can proceed.

To assist him, that same meeting voted for the current Joint Working Party of the Joint Controls Group to take on the temporary role of Management Committee until formal elections can take place.

Note: The Training & HR Working Party has been renamed Skills Development.

Hello...

It's welcome to new member, Priva Building Intelligence UK, to the Building Controls Group. Anders Norén, formerly of TAC, is Priva's UK Managing Director.

...and good-bye

And almost good-bye to Fred Ranson who was in at the start of the BCG and has served the Group so well over the last 13 years. He should be with us for a couple of years yet as he plans to carry on with the marketing stats and contract seminars.

Timeline to change

For completion by 4 March 2004:

- ⇒ Constitution, Association's objectives and mission statement
- ⇒ Consolidation of membership benefits
- ⇒ Working parties objectives and terms of reference set
- ⇒ Fee structure agreed

By 13 May 2004:

- ⇒ President, Vice President and Management Committee elected
- ⇒ Logo, web site and administration logistics in place
- ⇒ Marketing & PR Proposal, including public launch, agreed
- ⇒ Combine marketing information statistics

Dates for the Diary

January 2004:

- 21—Management Committee (formerly Joint Controls Group) ISS Concord, Stourbridge
- 23—Skills Development Working Party AES Controls, Northampton

February:

- 4—Marketing Working Party Honeywell, Bracknell
- 19—Technical Working Party Invensys, Slough

March

- 2—Contracts Working Party ISS Concord, Stourbridge

2004:

ESTA & BCIA meetings

4 March 13 May

7 September 25 November

(All at Birmingham Hilton Hotel, NEC)

Stop Press!

The inaugural meeting of the Skills Development Working Party will take place on 23 January at AES Controls. Everyone has been canvassed, but if you want to attend and have not got around to responding, then advise Ann Hull now. Thanks and Happy New Year.