

MAJORITY VOTE FOR FETA

At the last Members' meeting and AGM held on the 13th May at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel, the Association voted on whether to remain with ESTA or move to FETA. A secret ballot was taken, with postal votes included, and the result showed that the majority of BCIA members saw greater benefits in moving to FETA where its association members have a construction bias.

The Building Controls Group has operated under the ESTA umbrella for 14 years and the Control System Specialists Group for 12 years. Each acknowledged the support that ESTA has given the groups during that time. However, today control systems are viewed as part of the construction process and so there is a real need for the BCIA to be seen operating in a construction environment.

The move to FETA (Federation of Environmental

Trade Associations) will take effect from 1 January 2005. Currently, the Management Committee is working closely with FETA to ensure a smooth transition.

Under the FETA umbrella, the BCIA will be their third largest association. The others are:

- * British Refrigeration Association
- * Heating, Ventilating & Air Conditioning Manufacturers Association
- * British Flue & Chimney Manufacturers Assoc.
- * Heat Pump Association

Together, they represent over 250 companies.

FETA has just moved its offices to Hare Hatch near Reading and as a result is in the process of printing new information packs, so anyone wishing to know more about the organisation should visit their web site (www.feta.co.uk).

BCIA Meets the Press

Last Wednesday was the BCIA's press launch. The venue at the Army & Navy Club in Pall Mall, sponsored by the Director General of FETA, proved to be an excellent choice as the environment was one of professionalism in a central London location.

Fifteen trade press attended, some representing more than one journal, with the Management Committee acting as hosts.



Caption: Editors discussing the BCIA launch.

Eavesdropping on conversations after the presentations, it would appear that the press found the rationale behind the BCIA merger a sound one. They were equally interested to learn about the four working groups (contracts, marketing, skills development, and technical) and the objectives that these groups have set themselves.

New name.....

This is the face of the new Building Controls Industry Association. Master images are in production and will be sent to all Members shortly.

.....new image!

We have developed two images, one with the BCIA name written in full and



Building Controls Industry Association

one without—the choice is yours.

