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Extraordinary General Meeting

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of PASMA Members at the Lea Marston Hotel in Sutton Coldfield on 22nd March 2012, it was agreed to adopt new articles of association with the specific aim of:

Bringing the Association's Articles up to date in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and to reflect the current organisational structure of PASMA;

Empowering Council to make grants to members for the purchase of Advance Guardrail towers following the publication of the Fall Protection Review last year.

As a result of the review it is now mandatory for all PASMA approved training centres to provide practical as well as theoretical training in the use of both Advance Guardrail (AGR) and Through the Trap (3T) methods of assembling, altering and dismantling towers.

Whilst this has been universally welcomed as a positive step in raising the standard of PASMA training, it has nevertheless meant that PASMA training centres have been compelled to invest in additional equipment in order to comply with the new directive.



Following the EGM, council is now empowered to make grants to PASMA training centres to help mitigate the cost of upgrading the tower equipment used for training, and the sum of £150,000 has been set aside.

PASMA managing director Peter Bennett said: "In the current economic climate the council felt it was right and proper to assist members in this positive, practical way. Trading conditions are demanding to say the least and this is a tangible way in which the association can help and support its members."

For more information please contact Jill Couttie at jill.couttie@asma.co.uk

Marketing supremo sought

As part of its ambitious development plans both at home and overseas, the association is seeking to appoint a head of marketing and communications reporting directly to managing director, Peter Bennett.

As the recruitment advertisement in this issue of Cranes & Access magazine explains (please see page 73), candidates must be able to demonstrate a proven track record at a senior level within a professional body/trade association environment, ideally within the health and safety or work at height sector, not only in the UK but also in overseas markets.

Applications are invited by email to Helen Paterson, PA to the managing director, at helen.paterson@asma.co.uk

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PASMA, (Prefabricated Access Suppliers' & Manufacturers' Association) is the lead industry body and trade association for access towers in the UK. Established almost 50 years ago, the association has experienced substantial growth, particularly in the last ten years, and is now widely recognised as the authority in its industry sector.

As part of its growth strategy and to build on its already impressive member offering and status in the work at height industry sector, the organisation now seeks to appoint a **Head of Marketing & Communications** to head a small, but creative and dynamic team to lead the association forward in its next exciting period of expansion.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the successful candidate will have complete responsibility for delivery of the marketing and communications strategy of the association to consolidate existing membership and relations with external influencing bodies, maximise potential for growth in existing markets and, most importantly, to establish a strategy to realise the potential for overseas expansion of the organisation.

Candidates must be able to demonstrate a proven track record at a senior level within a professional body / trade association environment, ideally within the health & safety or work at height sector, and ideally not only in the UK but in overseas markets.

Applications should be made by email, clearly stating why you think you would be suitable for the position and attaching a current CV, to Helen Paterson, PA to Managing Director (E: helen.paterson@asma.co.uk), not later than Friday, 6 April 2012.

Interviews will be conducted in the last two weeks in April at our head office in Glasgow.

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New training course: AGRs for Towers for Users

This new training course, AGRs for Towers for Users, is intended to supplement, but not replace, the association's industry standard Towers for Users course. It is specifically designed for users wanting to acquire additional knowledge and understanding when using Advance Guardrail mobile access towers on site.

Comprising both theory and practical sessions, with a pass mark of 80 percent for each, the course covers: current legislation, regulations and guidance affecting work at height using towers, the PASMA Code of Practice, assembling, altering and dismantling towers incorporating current best practice for fall protection, the components and differences between the various types of AGR tower available, inspection and the completion of the necessary inspection records and hazards affecting the use of mobile access towers. A course content and notes booklet is issued to all delegates who attend the course and the AGR category is added to the PASMA photo card confirming that the card holder has successfully completed both the theory and practical sessions.

For more information please contact Jill Couttie at jill.couttie@asma.co.uk

Mark your diary

As part of the Access Industry Forum (AIF), the association will be an active participant - as in previous years - in the AIF Knowledge Base at the 2012 Safety and Health Expo, 15 - 17th May at the NEC.

Already confirmed in the AIF Knowledge Base:

- The AIF, the Association for Project Safety, the Royal Institute of British Architects and the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors addressing the topic 'BS8560 for Working at Height: How It Affects You!'
- The AIF, the Department of Work and Pensions, the National Federation of Roofing Contractors and the Painting and Decorating Association talking about the Lofstedt Report and the proposal to review the Work at Height Regulations.
- The AIF, the Association of British Insurers, The Law Society and fall from height victim, Jason Anker, discussing 'Is Claim to Blame? The Claim Culture: Can We Ever Control it?' For more information please visit www.accessindustryforum.org.uk

