

## Minutes of the CIBSE Lifts Group Executive Committee Meeting

05 Sep 2023, 1600-1720h



### PRESENT

Richard Goldsbrough (CIBSE - Director of Membership)  
Rowan Crawley (CIBSE - Head of Governance)

Dave Cooper  
Michael Bottomley  
Nick Mellor  
Paul Clements  
Phil Pearson  
Richard Peters  
Vincent Sharpe  
Wee Chuan Lim

### APOLOGIES

Adam Scott  
John Bashford  
John Carroll  
Rory Smith  
Stefan Kaczmarczyk

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Those present, apologies and web site.

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## 1. Welcome and apologies

The meeting was opened by WCL.  
Apologies received were noted. Purpose: to understand the benefits of creating a Society for the Lifts group.

Note

## 2. CLG to Society

RG:

- a. the 5 Societies and 1 Institutes all started in different circumstances. The key difference between Group and Society is membership and the use of Post Nominals (eg MSLL for Member of Society of Light and Lighting or MSFE etc). They pay on top of the CIBSE subscription (usually [Affiliate grade](#)), a small membership fee to be part of the society. ONLY Societies can use the Post Nominals like MSLL or MSFE not Interest Groups.
- b. The [criteria to obtain MSLL](#) is determined by the respective society, the candidate must fulfil the requirements and go through the application process. Same for ILEVE, they have their own competency framework specific to ILEVE that means they are competent to carry out work in their industry.
- c. Then on top of that to get Professionally Accredited, to use the Engineering Council Designations CEng / IEng / EngTech. Will must go through the CIBSE process as the licensee is under CIBSE. CIBSE is in the process of applying for the new "High Risk Buildings (HRBs) License".
- d. Being Members of the Society (eg MSLL or MSFE) at the moment will not be sufficient for CEng, IEng or EngTech competencies.
- e. With the changes around the Building Safety Act. This drive towards demonstrating competency is leading to the review of the membership approval criteria which is ongoing in the industry.
- f. The Societies are predominantly volunteer led, are quite big in terms of membership numbers with big committees.
- g. They also have a lot of content. So being a society may lead to higher membership numbers.
- h. It will take quite a lot of work. Therefore, it is down to the Group to determine if there is value in becoming a Society. Can work with the CLG to carry out surveys to understand what the current members want. Can run both CLG along a Society until a full transition.

Note

Action is for CLG to confirm competency criteria.

Exec needs to feel Society is right way to go.

RC/RG will organise meetings with the Presidents of the Societies to understand their points of views.

RC: There is difference between Society and Institutions, Institution usually gets involves deeper into Professional standards. Society can provide more effective branding than a special interest group. Competency is the new bit. Insurers will be looking more into the evidence that the people they are insuring are competent. Employers will also be more explicit moving forward.

The process to create a Society is not very long. The Proposal must go to the board. Will need to involve Marketing Team to demonstrate the value with Research. The Board may require more clarification but w the Society of Digital Engineers, it was a good process.

Non-members are free to attend events and Seminars, that's why we have interest

groups, affiliate member and CIBSE Knowledge access. There would need to be a careful progression from the Group to the Society.

NM: Anyone involved in specifying Vertical Transportation (VT) will either been through some sort of validation of their competence. Or not working on HRBs. We need to consult the CLG and before we make any decision.

RP: CEng (including IEng / EngTech) may mean you are a competent Engineer but that does not necessarily mean you are competent VT Engineer. And in due course we will need to be BOTH (to work on HRB projects.). We are doing a lot as an Interest Group. CIBSE Guide D is our big project. Concern are more commitment of volunteer time and autonomy of how we run the group/society. CLG is very good Brand. Everyone in the industry knows the CLG. So must be careful we do not lose that connection.

PP: we can still have free membership to allow those who do not want to pay for membership to attend our events and seminars.

VS: the Institutes of Surveyors are already doing that. They have 3 different sectors and their own post nominals. It is already working that way for the engineer surveyors. As soon as people realise what this can actually do (for them) "it will grow legs".

DC: the Marketplace needs to understand the value of it. Also post nominals needs to be registered with Debretts.

MB: We need a VT specific Competency Criteria which is currently missing. The criteria can simply be evidence based on the Lift Industry use to professionally qualify for CEng/IEng/EngTech. A post nominal to be awarded if members fulfil and are approved to have met these is the main reason why a Society makes sense.

### **3. GDPR**

RC: In CIBSE this is under a huge review. Bringing in consultants across all our compliance issues across GDPR and Data protection. A lot has evolved since 5 yrs ago. Will look at the broader picture. Eg local data and how we manage and control that so that we do not put the Societies and Interest Groups at risks. It will be less hostile. CIBSE wants to support. But in the end is the legal entity that is answerable.

In terms of restricted fund, there is no problem in bringing the finance director in to review this.

RP: we need to iron this out before we even look at Society. The CIBSE staff churn has been high, we keep going down this route again and again. We do not even get access to our member list. From experience of the last 20 years, am reluctant to put in more effort unless these concerns are ironed out.

RG: will share some top-level numbers of your current member numbers.

### **4. Next meeting**

TBC

End