The Society of Light and Lighting

Report to members for the year 2003

This report to members of the Society covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2003.

Financial report
The Society has had an excellent year, which ended with a small surplus; much of this surplus was due to ongoing success with Sustaining Membership and supplementary subscriptions. Some of the expenditure is related to the 2004 Dublin Symposium. No new publications during the year aided the accrual, which would almost certainly not be the case during the forthcoming year. Because the nature of the income is so unpredictable and budgeting for the year not overly optimistic, as expected, the year ended better than budget.

As in the previous year, it should be noted that the Society has still not obtained charitable status, Society financial transactions are being carried out through the CIBSE accounts. Unlike the CIBSE, the Society takes income and expenditure items (from information provided by their accounting facility) into its profit and loss account as they fall due, the Society is not formally valuing its assets.

These accounts are provided for information since their formal approval is the responsibility of CIBSE Light and Lighting, not the Society membership. They are therefore presented in a format, which it is hoped gives a clear picture of the affairs of the Society, rather than in the format required by charity law.

Income
Total income was £68,219 made up as follows:
Carried forward from 2002 3697
Supplementary membership fees 1284
Note 1
Sustaining Membership fees 9000
CIBSE subvention 34717
Sponsorship 8555 Note 2
Lighting Register 50
Publication sales 954
Sale of certificates 224
Lighting Diploma 213
Masterclass income 1987
Lighting Research & Technology
Royalties and admin fee 6192
Miscellaneous 346

Notes on Income
1 Should be a multiple of £10 but reduced because some members pay by direct debit.
2 For AGM, December sessional meeting, Young Lighters of the Year, Ready Steady Light and Masterclasses.

Expenditure
Total expenditure was £65,755 made up as follows:

Members’ travelling expenses in connection with attendance at meetings of Society committees: £8322
Catering and room hire for committee meetings: £986
Venue hire and catering for Society events: £22030 Note 3
Secretary’s travelling expenses: £2268
Subscriptions and donations: £922
Publications for Committee use: £85
Ready Steady Light: £1642
Dublin Symposium: £1200
Newsletter printing and postage: £19139
LR&T admin costs: £4092
Legal fees: £679
CIBSE management fees: £791
Prizes and awards: £1200
Sustaining Members’ publications: £1370
Society Letter Head: £302
Miscellaneous: £727

Notes on expenditure
3 The largest component is the AGM venue hire
4 CIBSE fees for management of Masterclasses and Sale of Stock

Commentary
The Society ended the year with a surplus of £2464, and the stock of publications has a value of about £14,000. As was the case last year this is a good basis for the future, and indicates a positive trend that was seen in the 2002 accounts. It should, however, be noted that the bulk of the Society’s expenditure is committed to continuing activity, notably the Newsletter (costs for which have increased because of some colour printing), running the committee structure and the programme of regular events.

The Society Masterclass series has been a success but much of the expenditure and income will not be realised until 2004. Plans that were initiated during the previous year are being followed for the funding of the current series of Masterclasses which started in the autumn of 2003.

The CIBSE subvention is based on the number of members on 31 October the previous year, the CIBSE Affiliate subscription rate and a bonus for new members recruited. New members who join as Associate Members, Members or Fellows bring some direct income to the Society but those who were formerly members of the Lighting Division pay no supplementary fees.

Annual Report

Membership
Despite active recruitment during the year, the Society membership at 31 December fell to 2082. The Society’s Membership Panel continued to meet regularly, although there was a slight slowdown in applications, other than a large batch of Student members from Ireland. At the end of the year, the Education and Membership Committee started considering the implications of CIBSE’s decision to remove age related requirements from its membership criteria, and to combine the grades of Student and Affiliate.

Publications and technical
The Society issued no new publications during the year. As sales of the Code for Lighting continued to be slow, a decision was taken to issue future Society publications on paper. CIBSE has agreed to write off the loss incurred on the CD-ROM version. At the end of the year drafts of Lighting Guide 7: Offices and Lighting Guide 12: Emergency lighting were passing through the final stages of refereeing.

An explanatory document was issued to clarify some points in the Addendum to Lighting Guide 3, and addenda were issued to Lighting Guide 2: Hospitals and health care buildings, and Lighting Guide 4: Sports to take account of publication of BSEN 12464-1.

The Technical and Publications Committee and its Energy in Lighting Panel spent a considerable amount of time on initial work on the next revision of Part L of the Building Regulations.

Education and Membership Committee
The process of approving the lighting course run by the Bartlett School of Graduate Studies was completed early in the year, and the process of approving the various other UK lighting courses was begun. There was further negotiation with South Bank University over changes to its “Diploma” course; the Society is unhappy with the current situation.

By the end of the year some 70 students had enrolled on the LET Diploma course, and the first cohort of graduates had completed it.

In interesting development was an increase in the number of applications for the Society’s Lighting Diploma which came from new Society members as part of the joining process. To recognise this situation, the Diploma documentation was amended to allow
it to be used to apply for both membership and the Diploma.

Work continued on developing a CPD policy for the Society. At the end of the year a proposal was finalised for consideration by the Executive Committee.

During the early part of the year the Society Council decided to award Honorary Fellowship of the Society to Janet Turner and Jonathan Speirs. These are the first such awards by the Society, and reflect the enormous contributions the two individuals have made, in different ways, to the advancement of lighting.

Events and promotion
The final Lighting Masterclass of the first series, and the most successful, took place in Dublin in February with some 70 delegates. The event took place in conjunction with the CIBSE Republic of Ireland Region which carried out the actual organisation.

The most significant development was the signing of a memorandum of understanding with three manufacturers, Holophane Europe, Philips Lighting and Thorn Lighting, as Sponsors in Partnership for a three year programme of Lighting Masterclasses. The programme began in October. The intention is that there will be six events each session, in towns and cities around the UK and Ireland. Each session a new set of presentations will be prepared. At the end of the year Masterclasses had taken place in Glasgow and Leeds with encouraging attendance figures.

The Ready, Steady, Light event in March was most successful with 12 teams of up to five designers taking part in a hands-on competition to light various sites around the Rose Bruford College campus. The Society received marvellous co-operation from the College, as well as from no less than 14 equipment suppliers. An extensive range of photographs of the event was placed on the website. The event was sponsored by Light magazine. It has already been agreed that it should be an annual event.

London Meetings Committee
Sessional meetings were held between January and April and September and December; attendance was up slightly on the previous year.

By the end of the year, regular e-mails were being sent out to members prior to each meeting.

The first event of the year was a visit to the Sir John Soane Museum, when we heard about Soane’s distinctive use of light in his designs. The 2003 Trotter-Paterson Lecture was given by Bernie Davis, a freelance television lighting designer who spent many years with the BBC and has lit a large number of high profile television shows from the Royal Variety Performance to the Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College, Cambridge. By means of video clips from programmes, and a video prepared by Peter Phillipson, of Bernie at work, we were treated to an excellent discourse.

The Young Lighters of the Year event was again successful, with four varied finalists.

The AGM took place at Circus Space, an interesting venue which was originally a power station burning refuse and supplying hot water to the neighbouring swimming pool. Members attending were entertained by jugglers with illuminated clubs.

A very positive development is a series of joint meetings being organised by the Lighting Representatives in the North West and Merseyside & North Wales Regions under the SLL banner. We hope to be able to arrange such events in other parts of the country.

Sustaining Members
By the end of the year, 22 organisations had signed up for the scheme, including 10 in Ireland.

Lighting Research & Technology
David Loe took over as chairman of the committee from Prof Peter Tregenza. Efforts were made to increase circulation and the Society agreed to fund a brochure.

Newsletter
Four issues were published but no Factfiles. However, one issue was increased in size by four pages with colour photographs of the Ready Steady Light event. Richard Forster continued as Honorary Editor, supported by a small advisory committee.

Into 2004
These paragraphs, which summarise events since 31 December 2003, do not form part of the formal report but are included to bring the picture up-to-date.

Early in the year the Ready Steady Light event was repeated very successfully, with an increased number of teams. An innovation was a theme (A night at the movies), with each team being given a film title to light.
The Trotter-Paterson Lecture was given by Wout Van Bommell, President of the International Commission on Illumination. His theme was health aspects of light, with a wide ranging and challenging paper.

We were grateful to Erco Lighting for sponsoring the 2004 Young Lighters of the Year competition. The event was held at the Erco showroom and two of the finalists were awarded extra prizes of a trip to the Erco headquarters in Lüdenscheid, Germany.

From 1-3 April, the first International symposium organised by the Society took place at Dublin Institute of Technology. Some 120 delegates heard a series of invited papers leading up to a colloquium on the Saturday morning which discussed the future of the Society’s lighting recommendations. The results of this event will feed into the development of Society policy, particularly on the Code for Lighting and recommendations for office lighting.

An updated edition of the Code for Lighting CD-ROM was issued at the end of April. The main text is unchanged, but sections have been added to the Schedule covering building areas not within the scope of BSEN 12464-1. The CD includes two new publications: a new edition of Lighting Guide 7: Offices and an Obtrusive Light Guide. In addition, improvements have been made to presentation, including a general index.

The Masterclass series has continued with events in Bristol, Salford, Birmingham and Nottingham. Each (with the exception of Birmingham) has been attended by about 50 delegates from a wide range of backgrounds.

The work of the Society would be impossible without the voluntary efforts of a large number of members. We were pleased to welcome several new Regional Lighting Representatives during the year, and thank those who retired after a period of service.

Sustaining Members as of 25 May 2004

- Abacus Lighting
- Clonsel Systems Ltd
- Commercial Lighting Systems Ltd
- Dublin Institute of Technology, Kevin Street
- Dublin Institute of Technology, Bolton Street
- ECI Lighting Ltd
- Erco Lighting Ltd
- FaberMaunsell
- Fitzgerald Lighting
- Garrabridge Ltd
- Gebron Technical Services
- E F Hamilton Ltd
- Hoare Lea Lighting
- Lighting Concepts (Dublin)
- Louis Poulsen UK Ltd
- Luxonic Lighting plc
- Lyktan Lighting (UK) Ltd
- Marlow Integrated Designs Ltd
- Profile Emergency Lighting Ltd
- Project Lighting Ltd (Dublin)
- Ridi Lighting Ltd
- Whitecroft Lighting
- Wila Lighting Ltd
- Young Electrical (Dublin)

Officers and Council

At the start of 2003 the Officers and Council were as follows:

- President: Barrie Wilde
- President Elect: David Carter
- Vice President: David Burton
- Vice-President – External Affairs: Mark Ayers
- Vice-President – Sustaining Membership and Sponsorship: Tony Ownsworth
- Past President: Mike Simpson
- Hon Treasurer: vacant
- Technical and Publications Committee
  Chairman: Peter Le Manquais
- Education and Membership Committee
  Chairman: Jean Heap
- Elected Members of Council
  Stephen Cannon-Brookes
  Chris Fordham
  Kerry Holdstock
  Rosemary McIntosh

Regional Lighting Representatives

- Home Counties North East: Andrew Saville
- Home Counties North West: Manny Stone
- Home Counties South East: Gary Collier
- Home Counties South West: Bill Crawforth (also representing the Daylight Group)
- Southern: Peter Sheppard
- South West: Fabian le Dem
- South Wales: Neville Rees
- East Anglia: Andrew Rowe (also elected)
- East Midlands: vacant (David Guzzetta from early 2003)
- West Midlands: Stuart Buckley
- North West: vacant
- Yorkshire: Simon Cathrine
- Merseyside & N Wales: Neil Sturrock
- North East: Tom McFadden
- Scotland: Tony Ownsworth
- Northern Ireland: Jim Patton (also elected)
- Australia and New Zealand: Derrick Kendrick
- Hong Kong: vacant
- Ireland: Kevin Tracey

Co-opted
- Richard Forster (Newsletter Editor)
Following the Annual General Meeting the Officers and Council were as follows:

**President:** David Carter  
**President Elect:** David Burton  
**Vice President:** Geoff Gook  
**Vice-President – External Affairs:** Mark Ayers  
**Vice-President – Regions:** Steve Langford  
**Past President:** Barrie Wilde  
**Past President:** Mike Simpson  
**Hon Treasurer:** Cliff Shoebridge  
**Technical and Publications Committee**  
**Chairman:** Peter Le Manquais  
**Education and Membership Committee**  
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**Elected Members of Council**  
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Rosemary McIntosh  
Tam Moore

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(also representing the Daylight Group)  
Southern: vacant  
South West: Fabian le Dem  
South Wales: Neville Rees  
East Anglia: Andrew Rowe (also elected)  
East Midlands: David Guzzetta  
West Midlands: Terry Fletcher  
North West: Brendan Keely  
Yorkshire: Simon Cathrine  
Merseyside & N Wales: Neil Sturrock; replaced by Clare Grindey  
North East: Tom McFadden  
Scotland: Tony Ownsworth  
Northern Ireland: Jim Patton (also elected)  
Australia and New Zealand: Dan McKenzie  
Hong Kong: vacant  
Ireland: Gerard Keating

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Richard Forster (Newsletter Editor)  
Rosemary McIntosh (London Meetings Committee) (retired Spring 2004)  
David Loe (LR&T committee)