The Society of Light and Lighting

Report to members for the year 2006

This report to members of the Society covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2006. A section at the end brings the situation up to date but is not part of the formal report.

Financial report

The Society once again managed to end the year with a significant surplus after transferring a further £5000.00 into the centenary reserve fund. During the year the Executive Committee has been considering future options for administrative support for the Society. Following the success in appointing a Technical Officer to assist the work of the Technical and Publications Committee, the same approach is being considered for other aspects of the Society’s operations.

Expenditure on the Newsletter continues to increase slowly both because of the change in publishing arrangements at the start of 2006 and because of increasing costs. Expenditure on London meetings is also expected to increase in the next few years.

An increase in expenditure in 2006 was caused by a CIBSE decision to allocate postage costs between departments rather than to a general overhead sum. The Society has benefited considerably from the previous policy as many of our mailings are small enough to be despatched through our own post room. At the same time, postal charges rose considerably in the autumn when the Post Office changed the way it calculates charges for larger items. Even so, it can be seen that the Society is on an even keel financially and able to consider stepping up its level of activity, particularly in membership promotion.

Unlike previous years, the AGM is now required formally to approve these accounts. Fortunately, although they are consolidated within the CIBSE accounts (which have to be presented to meet the requirements of the Charities SORP), they do not have to follow any specific format. They are therefore presented in a format which, it is hoped, gives a clear picture of the affairs of the Society.

The balance of the Society’s funds at the end of the year was £14,980.03 in the general fund and £15,000 in the centenary fund.

Income

Total income was £123,762.05 made up as follows:

Carried forward from 2005 (including £10000 in the Centenary Fund) 30357.13
Masterclass income 9030.00
Masterclass sponsorship 16386.38
Ready Steady Light 2549.56
Sustaining Members 9000.00
Certificates 10.00
Supplementary subscriptions 520.00
Sundry income (miscellaneous) 2712.76
LR&T administration 2500.00
LR&T royalties 3736.00
Publication sales 10434.22
CIBSE Contribution Dec 2006 36526.00

Expenditure

Total expenditure was £108,782.02 made up as follows:

Members travelling expenses in connection with attendance at meetings of Society Committees 5928.07
Catering and room hire for committee meetings 5285.30
Venue hire and catering for Society events 18250.34
Masterclass management fee 6000.00
Staff travelling expenses 1727.52
Subscriptions and Donations 793.00
Newsletter printing, stationery and postage 19247.59
Other printing and postage 17543.74
Publications costs 3860.44
LR&T Consultants fees 4215.14
Advertising 992.40
Prizes and Awards 1939.00
Legal, professional and Consultants fees 7999.48
Centenary Allocation 15000.00
Centenary Fund
Allocated at the end of 2004 5000.00
Allocated at the end of 2005 5000.00
Allocated at the end of 2006 5000.00
Total 15000.00

Annual report
The major development for the Society during the year was implementation of an agreement with the Institution of Lighting Engineers that members of both bodies should receive both the ILE journal and SLL Newsletter. As a result, the Newsletter is now issued six times a year. This has been generally popular with members of both bodies.

Competence in commissioning lighting
The draft 2006 Building Regulations Part L Approved Documents covering non-domestic buildings have a requirement that lighting installations be commissioned by suitably qualified persons. Since there is no existing means of demonstrating competence in this area, the Society, jointly with the Electrical Contractors’ Association and the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting, proposed to the ODPM the development of a short course leading to a certificate. This was accepted by ODPM. The syllabus for the course would have been based closely on the existing CIBSE Commissioning Code L: Lighting.

However, when the final version of Approved Documents L2A and L2B were published on 15 March it was discovered that the ODPM had replaced the word “certificate” by “scheme”, also that for new lighting installations in existing buildings the requirement is limited to competence in commissioning the lighting controls.

Despite several requests, the Society has been unable to obtain a view from the ODPM (now DCLG) on the significance of the change and has therefore been unable to introduce the certificate.

Meetings
The Society organised a full programme of London meetings including the annual general meeting, President’s address and social evening at the Foundling Museum. Dr Stephen Cannon-Brookes gave his Presidential Address and the Lighting Award was awarded to Richard Forster.

In addition, it was announced that the first Society Regional Lighting Award was to be awarded to John Bettison of the East Midlands Region. This was presented at a Regional dinner by Bob Venning.

Attendance at the monthly meetings continued to be somewhat variable and sometimes disappointing. Once again, the Committee arranged a wide-ranging programme. A meeting about light emitting diodes drew a particularly large audience. One issue which will have to be tackled during 2007 is the lack of disabled access at the IStructE. Unfortunately, any alternative venue is likely to be more expensive.

Meetings were also organised in the Liverpool and Manchester areas by the Regional representatives of the Society, working in conjunction with the regional Committees. In addition, meetings on lighting themes take place in most CIBSE Regions, often organised in conjunction with the Society.

Masterclasses
We are delighted that the three sponsors of the Masterclasses for the first three year programme, Holophane Europe, Philips Lighting and Thorn Lighting, have all signed up for a second three year period. The programme and venues for the next series have been well received with very high numbers attending the Liverpool event. The decision to distribute the presentations on memory stick has been widely welcomed. Numbers attending the various events, excluding speakers, were Bristol: 58
Stratford upon Avon: 45
Cambridge: 24
Southampton: 38
Edinburgh: 59
Liverpool: 81

Ready Steady Light
Again a most successful event with 15 teams competing for the three prizes within an overall theme of “Ready Steady Light goes green”. Enormous thanks are due to those who organise the event, sponsor the event and provide equipment, as well as to our hosts Rose Bruford College who have adopted the event as part of their course activity. Especial thanks are due to Mike Simpson and Liz Peck for all their work.

Promotion
At the end of 2005, the Executive Committee concluded that it was essential for the Society to gain a higher profile in the wider world of lighting. One of the first fruits was our very profitable sponsorship of the
ARC’06 exhibition at the Business Design Centre in February. In addition to the publicity gained on the promotional material, our stand was very busy and many membership packs and other literature items were taken. It was decided to repeat the exercise in 2007.

Display material purchased for use on the stand is now available for use on other occasions to promote the Society.

Since then, the Society has agreed to sponsor a number of other events, including two conferences on LEDs where members are offered a discount on the registration fee.

During the year the Society produced a folded A4 leaflet in the style being adopted by CIBSE for a range of leaflets. This has been distributed to Regional Lighting Representatives and used extensively to promote the Society. Work continues on a larger brochure, but the member with a design degree who was assisting with this has been ill for some time.

Young Lighters of the Year 2006
The highest number of entrants in recent years led to some difficult decisions for those choosing the finalists. In the end we had four excellent and very varied presentations at an event kindly hosted by Fagerhult Lighting at its London showroom.

The finalists, who each received a cheque for £300, a voucher for a Society publication and a certificate, were

Benjamin Lim, Arup: Future lighting technologies synergies with ubiquitous computing
Mara Spentza, architect: The floodlighting of buildings
Ruth Kelly, Atkins: Lighting for people with autism
Mish Patel, Urbis Lighting Ltd: The environmental impact of flat glass

Three of the finalists were graduates of the Bartlett School of Graduate Studies MSc in Light and lighting, and Mara Spentza flew in specially from Greece to give her presentation.

As usual, additional £250 prizes were given by the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers (Ruth Kelly) and the Institution of Lighting Engineers (Mara Spentza).

Agreement has now been reached to hold the 2007 Young Lighters event on the Monday afternoon of the ARC’07 event. It is hoped that this will bring the event to a much wider audience.

Publications
The new edition of Lighting Guide 4: Sports was eventually published, after some administrative delays, late in the year. An updated version of the Code for Lighting CD-ROM was issued during June.

It had been hoped that the new edition of Lighting Guide 2: Hospitals and health care buildings would appear during the summer but at the end of the year it had only reached the stage of final draft for refereeing.

An unusual feature of the development of this Guide was a full day event organized by the CIBSE Healthcare Group to discuss the third draft. This attracted a very useful audience with representation from several parts of the health service, including Ireland, and as a result a fourth draft was produced by the task group chairman.

Work continued on the proposed Handbook and new edition of the Code for Lighting. The work is being led by Prof Peter Boyce and Peter Raynham.

Unfortunately, work on other publication proposals was slow or non-existent, mainly owing to lack of volunteer time.

Regional activities
Discussion continued with the CIBSE Hong Kong Region about provision of some lighting activity in the area, where the Society has some 240 members. The Region and CIE-Hong Kong jointly organised a one day event on 8 December 2006 at which speakers included Mike Simpson and Lou Bedocs.

Joint activities between the CIBSE North West and Merseyside & North Wales Regions continue to be successful.

Membership
Membership increased slightly, hopefully as a result of increased promotion of the Society. At the end of 2006 total membership was 2070.

Continuing professional development
The scheme was announced to members, with the first date for seeking CPD returns set at the start of 2007. Only about 175 SLL members will be covered by the scheme which is intended to be as similar as possible to that operated by CIBSE.
Sustaining members
The Sustaining Members scheme continues to enable the Society to provide a number of services to members and the public which it could not otherwise be able to offer. Sustaining members also play an important role in the publication development process by commenting on drafts and identifying areas where new publications are needed.

One new firm joined during the year but unfortunately several resigned.

Lighting Research & Technology
The journal continued to attract a high standard of papers, and remains widely respected in a worldwide context. At the end of the year it was at last accepted for inclusion in the Expanded Science Citation Index. This is very important, as in some countries it is a requirement that all research be published in journals which are so recognised. In addition, CIE recognised the journal as one of three which it would recommend to CIE researchers for publication of results.

The Society was very surprised to be informed mid year that Arnold was selling its complete journal portfolio to Sage Publications Ltd, with little notice for either the Sage staff involved or the Society. We are grateful to the considerable efforts put in by the Sage staff to ensure that the transfer went smoothly, and we hope that Sage will be more proactive in marketing the journal than Arnold had been.

The set of CDs containing all of the papers published up to 2000 was completed though sales have been slow even though the set offers incredible value. The Society would like to publish the Transactions of the IES in similar format, but will need evidence that there is a demand before the money can be committed.

The following papers received awards:
Walsh-Weston Award for 2005: M Mulder and P R Boyce: “Spectral effects in escape route lighting”
Leon Gaster Award for 2005: G V R Newsham, C Richardson, C Blanchet and J A Veitch: “Lighting quality research using rendered images of offices”

Newsletter
Following discussions with the Institution of Lighting Engineers, from January 2006, Society members received both the SLL Newsletter and the ILE Journal six times a year, as did ILE members. A change of printer for the Newsletter and assistance from the ILE allowed the Newsletter to be printed in colour and made available in increased frequency, though costs were initially above budget while the new Editor grappled with a completely new cost structure and production process.

At a meeting with the ILE towards the end of the year it was agreed to work towards closer integration, leading in time to a single publication for both bodies (as was the case in the early days of the APLE – forerunner of the ILE – and the IES forerunner of SLL).

Liaison
The Society continues to work closely with the Lighting Industry Federation, the Lighting Association and the Institution of Lighting Engineers on matters of mutual interest. Liaison also continued with the International Association of Lighting Designers and the European Lighting Designers’ Association, as well as the Lighting Education Trust, the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers and CIE-UK, where the Society reorganised its representation to enable it to make more effective input.

Committee chairs
During the year, Steve Langford took over from Peter LeManquais as chairman of the Technical and Publications Committee; and Manny Stone took over the chair of the London Events Committee from Ted Glenny who had been acting as chairman. Tony Ownsworth was the first chairman of the revived Regional Lighting Representatives’ Committee which met on the same day as the Society Council. David Carter handed over the chair of the Masterclass Committee to Clare Wrigley.

CIBSE Light and Lighting
Following approval by the CIBSE Board of a revised constitution for the Society, it became a Division of the Institution rather than reporting to CIBSE Light and Lighting. As a result CIBSE Light and Lighting was subsequently wound up. This made no difference to the operation of the Society except to bring it within the scope of the CIBSE ISO 9002 scheme.

Into 2007
Young Lighters of the Year
This took place for the first time as part of the ARC lighting exhibition at the Business Design Centre. Numbers attending were
roughly double those of recent years. The standard of the entries was generally very high. For the second year, the winner of the Dublin Institute of Technology’s own lighting paper competition was included on the shortlist for the awards. The four finalists were:
- Jo Brennan (Dublin Institute of Technology)
- Mark Reilly (Arup, Dublin)
- Richard Brummitt (Urbis Lighting)
- Andrew Fiefield (Urbis Lighting)

It has been agreed that the 2008 competition will again take place as part of the ARC exhibition.

Ready Steady Light
Once again organised by a team led by Mike Simpson and Liz Peck, this was again a most enjoyable event. The winning teams were:
- SLL prize for technical merit: Pavlina Akritas, a full time student on the Bartlett MSc in Light and Lighting, and Simon Thorp of Reggiani Ltd
- IALD/ELDA prize for artistic merit: Arup Lighting
- “People’s award”: Zumtobel BEGA

Society Secretary
Jonathan David retired on 27 April and his place was taken by Marie Dignan.

Membership
On 14 May 2007 the Society membership was 2099.

Sustaining Members as of 15 May 2007
- Abacus Lighting
- Chroma Lighting (NI) Ltd
- Commercial Lighting Systems Ltd
- Concord:marlin
- ECI Lighting Ltd
- Erco Lighting Ltd
- ETAP Lighting
- FaberMaunsell
- Fagerhult Lighting Ltd
- Fitzgerald Lighting
- Garrabridge Ltd
- E F Hamilton Ltd
- Hoare Lea Lighting
- Lighting Concepts (Dublin)
- Marlow Integrated Designs Ltd
- Profile Emergency Lighting Ltd
- Project Lighting Ltd (Dublin)
- Ridi Lighting Ltd
- Tridonic Atco
- Whitecroft Lighting
- Wila Lighting Ltd

Sponsors of Ready Steady Light 2006
- International Association of Lighting Designers
- European Lighting Designers’ Association
- Light magazine
- Rose Bruford College
- Concord:marlin
- Crescent Lighting
- Encapsulite
- Erco Lighting
- Fagerhult Lighting
- Fifth Dimension Associates
- Holophane Europe
- iGuzzini Illuminazione (UK)
- Lightform
- Martin Architectural Lighting
- Philips Lighting
- Pulsar Light
- Sill Lighting
- Thorn Lighting
- Urban Projects
- Urbis Lighting
- Wila Lighting Ltd
- D W Windsor
- Zumtobel Lighting

Officers and Council
At the start of 2006 the Officers and Council were as follows:

President: Geoff Cook
President Elect: Stephen Cannon-Brookes
Vice President: Tony Ownsworth
Vice-President – External Affairs: Patrick Baldrey
Vice-President – Regions: Steve Langford
Past President: David Carter
Past President: David Burton
Hon Treasurer: Cliff Shoebridge
Technical and Publications Committee
Chairman: Peter Le Manquais
Education and Membership Committee
Chairman: Jean Heap

Elected Members of Council
- Chris Fordham
- Carl Gardner
- Maida Hot
- Ruth Kelly
- Stephen Lisk
- Phil Mabey (resigned during the year)
- Iain Macrae

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: vacant  
South West: Fabian le Dem  
South Wales: Neville Rees  
East Anglia: Andrew Fisher  
East Midlands: David Guzzetta  
West Midlands: Terry Fletcher  
North West: Brendan Keely  
Yorkshire: Neil Sutherland  
Merseyside & N Wales: Clare Wrigley (née Grindey)  
North East: Tom McFadden (replaced by John Humphries)  
Scotland: Tony Ownsworth  
Northern Ireland: Jim Patton (also elected)  
Australia and New Zealand: Dan McKenzie  
Hong Kong: vacant  
Ireland: Jim Fogarty  
Co-opted  
Alan Tulla (Newsletter Editor, from January 2006)  
Richard Forster (Newsletter Editor, until December 2005)  
David Loe (LR&T editorial board)  
Bob Venning (Centenary subcommittee)  

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Yorkshire: Neil Sutherland  
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North East: John Humphries  
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Northern Ireland: Jim Patton  
Australia and New Zealand: Dan McKenzie  
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Co-opted  
Bob Venning (Centenary subcommittee).  
Bob resigned early in 2007 and his place has been taken by Helen Loomes.  

Note that the Chairmen of the London Events Committee, LR&T Committee and Newsletter Committee became full rather than co-opted members of the Executive Committee and Council following the adoption of a new set of Rules of the Society in 2006.