The Society of Light and Lighting

Report to members for the year 2005

This report to members of the Society covers the period 1 January to 31 December 2005. A section at the end brings the situation up to date but is not part of the formal report.

Financial report

This was an unusual year for a number of reasons.

First, we had the benefit of sales of two new publications (LG12: Emergency lighting design guide published at the end of 2004 and LG7: Office lighting published in mid year), which together produced an unbudgeted surplus of about £15000. We do not budget for this income because it is so difficult to predict when new publications will be approved for printing.

Secondly, several on-going items of expenditure came in slightly under budget, together giving a surplus compared with budget of about £5000.

Thirdly, we carried over a surplus from 2004 of over £6000.

Finally, a number of items of expenditure which we had expected to occur in 2005 will now happen in 2006, including a new membership brochure costing about £2500 and the final bill for the LR&T CD project, amounting to about £1750.

The result was an apparent surplus at the year end of £20,357.30, or a surplus on 2005 activities of about £14,000. However, of this about £4250 is already allocated for 2006 expenditure, and the decision taken late last year by your Executive Committee to step up promotion of the Society will incur further expenditure of about £3000 in 2006. Further, at the end of 2005 the Society agreed to allocate £1000 for support of standards activities in 2006, appointed John Fitzpatrick as technical officer on an annual honorarium and agreed to look actively for a lighting research project to sponsor.

The change to the arrangements for publishing the Newsletter were intended to be financially neutral but we are inevitably finding small additional costs, notably the need to carry out mailings to members in connection with the AGM which cannot be accommodated in the Newsletter schedule.

An increase in expenditure in 2006 will also be 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 are due to rise considerably in the autumn when the Post Office changes the way it calculates charges for larger items. Currently the Society is budgeting for a small deficit in 2006, again taking no allowance for a possible surplus on publication activities.

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, provided that it keeps a firm hold on regular expenditure and maintains a regular flow of new publications.

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.

The balance of the Society’s funds at the end of the year was £20,357.13 in the general fund and £10,000 in the centenary fund.

Income

Total income was £123,991.80 made up as follows:

Carried forward from 2004 6022.88
Masterclass income 7074.00
Masterclass sponsorship 23250.00
Ready Steady Light 3989.50
Sustaining Members 12750.00
Annual report
The major developments for the Society during the year were the appointment of a part-time technical officer to assist the Technical and Publications Committee; publication of a new edition of Lighting Guide 7: Office lighting; the decision to develop a Lighting Handbook to be published alongside the next edition of the Code for Lighting; and agreement with ODPM and others on a short course leading to a certificate of competence in commissioning of lighting installations.

Meetings
The Society organised a full programme of London meetings including the annual general meeting, President’s address and social evening at the London Canal Museum. Dr Geoff Cook gave his Presidential Address and a CIBSE Silver Medal was presented to Ernest Wotton recognising his many years of service on behalf of CIBSE and the Society in Canada. The Lighting Awards was not awarded.

Attendance at the monthly meetings continued to be somewhat variable. Once again, the Committee arranged a wide-ranging programme. The meeting about the proposed changes to Part L of the Building Regulations drew a particularly large audience.

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
The second series of Masterclasses continued and took the format to several new centres including Newcastle upon Tyne. The event in Dublin was particularly well attended. Feedback indicates that the case study format is popular; a new feature was provision of the presentations on a memory stick instead of as photocopies. Thanks to the generous sponsorship received, the cost of the Masterclasses to the Society is relatively small.

Ready Steady Light
This event at Rose Bruford College, Sidcup is now a regular feature of the Society year. Again the places for teams were completely taken up, with a waiting list. Despite flurries of snow early in the afternoon, some excellent designs were produced and judged by distinguished members of the Society. Many people stayed on to enjoy a hog roast.

Membership
Membership declined very slightly, and a recruitment drive is planned for 2006 to counter this trend. At the end of 2005 total membership was 2034.

Continuing professional development
During the year the Society was able to complete drafting of documentation relating to its policy on continuing professional development (CPD), following the revision of the CIBSE scheme. The Society scheme is modelled as closely as possible on that of CIBSE so that Society members who come within the scope of the CIBSE scheme should find that it is very similar. The scheme applies formally to about 150 Society members who are CIBSE Affiliates but in one of the Society’s qualifying classes, but during 2006 the emphasis...
during promotion of the scheme will be to encourage all Society members to consider their own continuing professional development needs.

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.

Publications
One new publication was issued in print during the year by the Society: Lighting Guide 7: Office lighting. It generated considerable interest and sold over 500 copies.

Unfortunately, the revision of other Lighting Guides did not develop at the rate which had been expected. Work is in progress to enable them to be published in 2006. In addition, three further Lighting Guides sold to exhaustion (Lighting Guide 3: The visual environment for display screen use, Lighting Guide 8: Museums and art galleries, Lighting Guide 9: Communal residential buildings), and work to produce new editions began.

The decision was made that a new edition of the Code for Lighting will be produced in 2007 and will be accompanied by a Lighting Handbook. The Code will then be targeted at the lighting specialist with the Handbook being aimed at a wider audience including building services engineers, architects, clients, contractors and employers.

Work began on a short publication on domestic lighting. This is not an area where the Society has traditionally been heavily involved, but increasing numbers of specifiers of public housing are looking to CIBSE and the Society for recommendations.

Starting on 1 November 2005 John Fitzpatrick took up the position of technical officer, assisting the Technical and Publications Committee to progress its work. John recently retired after a career in lamp development, and his technical and project management skills will be very useful to the Society.

Updating of a number of Society publications is linked to revision of the Building Regulations and implementation of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. It was therefore not possible to complete some work during 2005.

Lighting Research & Technology
The journal continued to attract a high standard of papers, and remains widely respected in a worldwide context. A high level of promotion activity continued. A project to produce a set of CDs containing all of the papers published up to 2000 was completed, though the CDs were not available until just after the year end.

The following papers received awards:

Walsh–Weston Award for 2004: M S Rea, J D Bullough, A Bierman and J P Freyssinier-Nova for their paper “A proposed unified system of photometry”

Leon Gaster Award for 2004: K W Houser and Xin Guo for their paper “A review of colour rendering indices and their application to commercial light sources”.

Newsletter
Following discussions with the Institution of Lighting Engineers about the possibility of a joint journal, it was agreed as a first stage, and for an experimental period, to exchange publications. From January 2006, Society members will receive both the SLL Newsletter and the ILE Journal six times a year, as will ILE members. A change of printer for the Newsletter and assistance from the ILE will allow the newsletter to be printed in colour and made available with increased frequency, all within existing budgets.

After producing 50 issues over more than 12 years, Richard Forster retired as Editor of the Newsletter at the end of the year. Alan Tulla took his place.

Promotion
Towards the end of the year the Executive Committee decided that it needed to be more active in promotion of the Society. As a result, from 2006 the Society’s name will be associated with a larger number of lighting events organised by other bodies.

Liaison
For many years the Society has worked closely with the Lighting Industry Federation and the Institution of Lighting Engineers on matters of mutual interest. During 2005 this was extended to include
formal liaison with the Lighting Association, and links were also strengthened with the International Association of Lighting Designers and the European Lighting Designers’ Association.

**Library facilities**
The Society was very pleased to be able to negotiate a facility for Society members to make use of the library facilities of the Bartlett School of Graduate Studies. In return, the Society is providing the library with copies of a number of overseas journals.

**Lighting Division**
Following the approval of the revised CIBSE Royal Charter, the Lighting Division ceased to exist.

### Into 2006

**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 will be 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. The three partners in the proposal; are currently considering the effect this may have on the viability of the proposal.

**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 are currently being developed.

**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.

**ARC’06 and other sponsorship**

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 is hoped 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.

**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 Lighting 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 in principle 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 final version of a new edition of Lighting Guide 4: Sports was approved for publication early in May and an updated version of the Code for Lighting CD-ROM was cleared for publication on 23 May. It is also hoped that the new edition of Lighting Guide 2: Hospitals and health care buildings will appear during the summer.

Work is also well underway on a revised edition of Lighting Guide 8: Museums and art galleries, as well as a printed edition of Lighting Guide 1: Industrial lighting which is being updated to take account of imminent publication of EN 12464-2 on lighting of outdoor workplaces. This draft standard has also led to some updating of material on the Code for Lighting CD-ROM.

Regional activities
Discussion has begun with the CIBSE Hong Kong Region about provision of some lighting activity in the area where the Society has some 240 members. Responsibility appears to be split between CIBSE and CIE-Hong Kong.

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

Strategic planning and urban lighting
Early in February an extra meeting of the Society Council was held in Birmingham, kindly hosted by Birmingham City Council’s East Side team, to look at the direction and future strategy of the Society after five years of operation in the current format.

Many of the issues raised have subsequently been discussed by the Executive Committee and some are already being taken forward.

During the evening many of those attending were able to take part in an enjoyable guided “walkabout” of the imaginative temporary lighting schemes being installed by teams taking part in an ELDA urban lighting project in Birmingham’s East Side.

Membership
On 22 May 2006 the Society membership was 2022.

Sustaining Members as of 23 May 2006
Abacus Lighting
Chroma Lighting (NI) Ltd
Commercial Lighting Systems Ltd
Concord:marlin
ECI Lighting Ltd
Erco Lighting Ltd
FaberMaunsell
Fagerhult Lighting Ltd
Fitzgerald Lighting
Garrabridge Ltd
E F Hamilton Ltd
Hoare Lea Lighting
Lighting Concepts (Dublin)
Louis Poulsen UK Ltd
Luxonic Lighting plc
Marlow Integrated Design Ltd
Profile Emergency Lighting Ltd
Project Lighting Ltd (Dublin)
Ridi Lighting Ltd
Whitecroft Lighting
Wila Lighting Ltd

Sponsors in Partnership
Holophane Europe
Philips Lighting
Thorn Lighting

Sponsors of Ready Steady Light 2005
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 Architectura Lighting
Philips Lighting
Pulsar Light
Sil Lighting
Thorn Lighting
Urban Projects
Urbis Lighting
Wila Lighting Ltd
D W Windsor
Zumtobel Lighting

Officers and Council
At the start of 2005 the Officers and Council were as follows:

**President:** David Burton  
**President Elect:** Geoff Cook  
**Vice President:** Stephen Cannon-Brookes  
**Vice-President – External Affairs:** vacant  
**Vice-President – Regions:** Steve Langford  
**Past President:** David Carter  
**Past President:** Mike Simpson  
**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  
Kerry Holdstock  
Maida Hot  
Jim Patton  
Andrew Rowe  
Casual vacancy

**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 Rowe (also elected)  
East Midlands: David Guzzetta  
West Midlands: Terry Fletcher  
North West: Brendan Keely  
Yorkshire: Neil Sutherland  
Merseyside & N Wales: 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: David Vaughan

**Co-opted**  
Richard Forster (Newsletter Editor)  
Chris Jackson (London Meetings Committee)  
David Loe (LR&T editorial board)  
Phil Mabey (filling a casual vacancy)

Following the 2005 Annual General Meeting the Officers and Council were as follows:

**President:** Geoff Cook  
**President Elect:** Stephen Cannon-Brookes  
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**Vice-President – External Affairs:** Patrick Baldrey  
**Vice-President – Regions:** Steve Langford  
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Carl Gardner  
Maida Hot  
Ruth Kelly  
Stephen Lisk  
Phil Mabey (resigned during the year)  
Iain Macrae

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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

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Alan Tulla (*Newsletter Editor, from January 2006*)  
Richard Forster (*Newsletter Editor, until December 2005*)  
David Loe (LR&T editorial board)  
Bob Venning (Centenary subcommittee)