



## **Report from the Education and Technical Committee Meeting on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Members Attending: Richard Soper CBE (Chairman), Paul Nash OBE (The Master), David Adams (Upper Warden), Charles Brooks (Renter Warden), Court Assistant Gary Wingrove, Liverymen Julie Spinks, Susanne Surman-Lee, John Davies, Jerry Whiteley, Kevin McCallister and Kevin Wellman.

### **Item 1. Welcome:**

The outgoing Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and reflected on 6 years as committee Chairman: he was pleased to have seen the success of the bursary scheme, the continued strength of annual lectures, the introduction of Certificates of Excellence and Installer Show visibility. Industry facilitation continues to be a challenge. He thanked all members of the committee and office team for their support.

### **Item 2. Working Groups:**

- All committee members are now part of one or two working groups
- Also, the additional two sections to support Livery Groups:
  - Lvy Wingrove representing on the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG)
  - Lvy Whitely the official on the Construction Liveries Group (CLG).

### **Item 3. 2023 Annual Lecture – 15<sup>th</sup> May 'Who needs university when apprenticeships are better':**

- The attendance was good at 130, most staying for dinner and feedback was essentially strong. The Master was a little disappointed that there were not more prize winners at the event although happy that, as an alternative, making presentations at the Installer Show gave good visibility to the Company.
- The Annual Lecture 2024 (13<sup>th</sup> May) will centre on Emergency Relief, with a draft working title of 'Now this is a real water

emergency'. Additional actions for 2024 Lecture will be to increase marketing, in particular, through social media. This will be raised at the next communications meeting.

#### **Item 4. Awards and Bursaries:**

##### **4.1 Gold & Silver Medal:**

- Gold Medal winner, Ruben Duggan won a bronze medal when he represented the UK in the European competition, he is a great ambassador for our livery.
- The Company silver medal is awarded to a candidate who has achieved the NVQ level 2 certificate in plumbing in difficult circumstances. Lvy Wellman said that assessors would be mindful of this among recent bursary winners and 2024 applicants.

##### **4.2 Bursaries:**

- The process of inviting applications for 2024 bursaries will start in October.
- The committee was pleased to acknowledge that Monument Tools were taking a lead in the process and will, once again, make the award of tools.

#### **Item 5. – Installer Show, NEC Birmingham 27-29 June:**

The Master felt that it was an excellent venue at which to promote the Company in the industry and there was strong positive feedback: volunteers of the Company stand were thanked along with Lvy Hodkinson who had produced an attractive backdrop for the stand and Lvy Jason Clark who had produced a range of excellent film clips.

#### **Item 6. Any Other Business:**

The Master thanked the outgoing Chair for his leadership over the last 6 years and welcomed Lvy Julie Spinks the new Chair of the Education and Technical Committee.

**Richard Soper CBE**

**Chairman**

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