



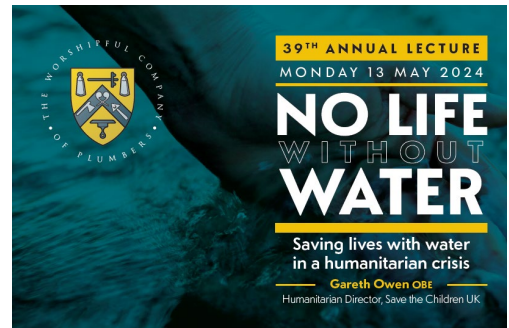
Report from the Educational and Technical committee meeting on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

Members Attending: Liveryman Julie Spinks (Chair), Asst. Kevin Wellman and Liveryman Kevin McCallister.

In attendance: The Clerk and Lvy Richard Soper

Item 1. Annual Lectures:

- **2024 Annual Lecture – 13 May.** The chair reported on progress towards the 2024 Annual Lecture Titled 'No Life without Water ... Saving Lives with Water in a Humanitarian Crisis'
 - As the RCP had become prohibitively expensive, the model for the event changed to be a lecture only (with tea/coffee before and sparkling reception afterwards), taking place at Carpenters' Hall.
 - Efforts will be made to gather feedback after the event in order to make a decision in respect of 2025 and the booking of a venue before the September meeting of Ed & Tech (which may or may not follow a similar model).
 - The speaker will be Gareth Owen OBE, Humanitarian Director of Save the Children UK.
 - The Master asked if the event could be recorded [*Secretaires note: Lvy. Jason Clark has kindly agreed to arrange recording of the lecture*]
- **2025 Annual Lecture – 12 May.** The Upper Warden, liaising with Lvy Graham Setterfield, is working to home-in on a subject around Britain's dirty rivers.



Item 2. Strategic Actions

- A paper, 'Strategic Actions for Committees 2024-2029' and was tabled for discussion
- The Chair tabled a paper which mapped these proposed strategic actions against the committees' terms of reference and current commitments.
- The committee then agreed in principle the level of importance (high, medium and low) for each key objectives so limited resources could be prioritized.

Item 3. Awards and Bursaries:

- **Gold and Silver medals** - Lvy McCallister reported on selecting a Company silver medalist - an award to a candidate who has achieved the NVQ level 2 certificate in plumbing in difficult circumstances. If approved by other members of the

committee, it is hoped that the Master will be able to make the presentation at the Installer Show on Apprentice Day.

- **Bursaries** - The Chair reported that there had been an unprecedented 172 applications, shortlisted with the assistance of Lvy. McCallister and Lvy. Fisher/Monument Tools. Six bursary winners were selected. The names of Award Winners would be announced by the Master on World Plumbing Day (11 March).
- There were some applicant eligibility issues, instructions not being completely clear that it was targeted for those finishing level two training
- Applicants were monitored to ensure applications reflected the student population and our process is inclusive
- **Presentations of Certificates of Excellence** – It was agreed that 2024 presentations (for HIP and Bursary Winners) would be split over the Annual Lecture and Installer Show, individuals being offered a choice. HIP Learner of the Year and Female Skills winners will be announced in April 2024.



Item 4 Inter-Livery Group Reports:

- **Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG)** The Chair reported that Asst. Damon Reynolds had agreed to replace Asst. Wingrove as the LCAG representative.
- **Construction Liveries Group (CLG)** – It was noted high-level review for the purpose of the group was ongoing. Lvy. Welman reminded the meeting that CLG is responsible for the Master Certificate initiative, presentations of which take place on 11 March at the Mansion House

Item 5 Apprenticeships/Tailblazers:

- Lvy McCallister reported on concerns about the Tailblazer scheme and a survey planned by CIPHE, to see the level of interest for a plumbing-only qualification. Government departments have also raised concerns and this creates more opportunities for issues to be addressed.

Item 6 Licence to practice:

- Lvy Wellman gave a brief recap of current topics under consideration at Government level which include water consumption, water efficiency and the competence of installers.

Item 7 Industry Facilitation:

- **World plumbing Conference 2026.** The next World Plumbing Conference will take place in June 2026 in the UK after Asst. Wellman made a successful bid at the recent WPC in Shanghai. This will be a separate agenda item at future meetings to allow the committee to provide its full support.



- **Installer Show, NEC Birmingham.** The Plumbers Company is booked to take a stand at the next Installer Show which takes place from 25 to 27 June 2024. It was agreed that the experience of 2023 was good and that a similar approach would be used with a few improvements based on feedback from the volunteers.



- **HIP Learner of the Year and Female Skills competitions.** The regional heats take place from January to March, with the finals in April 2024. Many events are being supported by members of the Livery.



Item 8 Any Other Business:

- **Plumbing Professional development Scheme (PPDS)** Asst. Shouler submitted a written update on the scheme, which was shared at the meeting.

Julie Spinks
Chairman
17th April 2024