



Federation News

STOP PRESS: Final Grenfell Inquiry Report will be published on 4th September

Successful AGM in Birmingham

The Federation AGM earlier this month at Birmingham NEC was well attended and the board reported on activity throughout the year, along with updates on the financial position and plans for the coming year.

The Chair and Executive Director



outlined the development plans for the next twelve months which will define the Federation's key role in bringing the sector together to drive a successful national strategic approach which delivers positive outcomes. The move to charitable status was agreed and is progressing steadily and a financial grant from the Fire Research Trust will support the implementation of our organisational plan.

Members will see increasing value added from being part of the Federation and as the plans are implemented there will be a realignment of membership benefits and fees coming into effect from April 2025.

Nominations to the Board were approved as:
Chair

John Spencer

Treasurer

Dave Russell

Director of Policy/ Strategy

Thomas Roche

Director of Passive Fire Protection

Niall Rowan

Director of Active Fire Protection

Gavin Dunn

Director of Competency

Dennis Davis

Director of Communications

Ólöf Jonsdottir

Director of Technical Services

Steve Hamm (IFE)

Peter Capelhorn (CLC)

Mark Hardingham (NFCC)

Ian Moore (FIA)

Unapproved minutes of the AGM are available to members in Basecamp.

CABE Award For Dennis Davis

Congratulations to our Director of Competency, Dennis Davis, who has been honoured by the Chartered Association of Building Engineers for his personal commitment and contribution to the sector. Dennis is the recipient of the Peter Stone Award, which is the most prestigious presented by CABE.

The award is given to a person, company or organisation that, through invention, research, design, publicity, training or any other related activity has, in the opinion of the awards panel, made a significant contribution to the advancement of building engineering.



Fire Sector Congress

The Federation is leading the initiative to develop a Fire Sector Congress as a single coherent body to help shape fire safety policy in the UK. The plans were explained to members at the recent AGM. Facilitated by the Federation, the Congress would comprise people representative of the sectors that are involved in fire safety, including government and regulators.

The agenda would be driven by the priorities identified by the Federation's professional thematic domains workstreams feeding through to the National Fire Safety Strategy Board.

As plans for the establishment of the Congress have evolved, the Federation has been engaging extensively to gauge support for the initiative. Pleasingly, the plans have been met with overwhelming support across the sectors' main professional bodies as well as the key departments of state and non-departmental public bodies, who have now agreed to participate. The focus of development work, therefore, has now moved to implementing the practical arrangements required to deliver the Congress in a meaningful way over the coming months.

Diary Dates

Forums:

1st August (virtual)

23rd October, London

Emergency Services Show: 18-19 September

Fire Conference: 24 October

FIREX: 2-4 December

International Tall Building HRB Conference 2-4 December

New Digital Hub

As part of the organisational development plan, work has now started on developing a new digital information hub to replace the current Federation website. This is due to be launched in the early autumn and will incorporate AI powered data search and a more flexible information resource for networking and discussion among professional domain groups and membership.

Fire Conference 24

This year's Fire Conference 24 will take place again at the IET: savoy Place in London on 24th October. Early bird tickets are on sale [here](#) with the usual £50 discount for Federation



members. Details on speakers will be released in

Sprinkler Regulations



The National Fire Chiefs Council has published a position statement urging Government to introduce more robust regulations for mandating sprinklers and other automatic water suppression systems in England. NFCC is calling for a requirement that sprinklers are installed in all new care homes, schools, and student accommodation, irrespective of building height. More information is available [here](#).

Scottish Cladding Bill

The Scottish Parliament has passed a bill that aims to tackle unsafe cladding on buildings. The Housing Cladding Remediation Bill was passed unanimously and will give ministers the power to assess and carry out remediation on buildings with unsafe cladding, with any work recorded in a special register. More information [here](#).

For further information about the Fire Sector Federation please contact executive@firesectorfederation.co.uk

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