

Good luck Andy...

Appreciative members gathered at The Institution of Civil Engineers last October to thank Andrew Taylor for his hard work and determination in steering IBP through a difficult transitional period.

Andy stood down, after a two year stint as President, following a change of jobs at the Financial Times where, just in case any of you are unaware, he is now the utilities correspondent, writing about the electricity, gas and water industries.

In presenting Andy with a two volume first edition Cambridge History of the Middle Ages, which undercover research had alerted the Executive Committee Andy was trying to source, IBP Chairman Paul Jowers thanked Andy for all his support. Paul particularly praised the work Andy had put in to push forward the initiative to develop links in continental Europe, following the establishment of Building Press International (BPI), an independent organisation set-up with Bouwpen in the Netherlands. Andy led the eighteen strong UK team, including John Hobson, Director of the Construction Directorate at the DETR, and chaired the inaugural meeting of BPI last June.

In response Andy thanked all the members of the Executive Committee, 'who should take the credit for the continued success of our organisation' he said. 'They give freely and generously

of their time and have been a pleasure to work with'.

He concluded: 'I retain a great deal of affection for the industry and shall remain a member of IBP. I look forward to seeing many friends and colleagues from the industry in the future'.

...welcome back Peter

Following Peter Bill's appointment last June, as editor of *Estates Gazette*, the Executive Committee were delighted that Peter accepted their invitation for a second term as President, (he was previously President in his role as editor of *Building* between 1992-96), leading the efforts of the Officers and Committee up to the AGM in May.

Peter's first duty was to welcome HRH The Duke of Gloucester to the Annual Journalism Awards last November. Having chaired the working group responsible for making recommendations to the Executive Committee, for a review of the Association's Constitution, he is now carrying out a general review of the

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IBP Chairman, Paul Jowers (right) presents retiring President, Andrew Taylor, with a parting gift on behalf of the members.

Annual Journalism Awards with leading editors from the industry. (Full photo feature and results of the Awards inside).



In coming President, Peter Bill (right) welcomes HRH The Duke of Gloucester (to his left) flanked by Paul Jowers, Chairman of IBP and Gerald Bowey, Chief Executive of IBP Services to the annual Journalism Awards.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

A Happy New Year to you and yours and may you enjoy a prosperous, and stable, new year.

There are many different messages about how successful the industry is going to be in 1999 and how damaging a recession might be. Looking at the world from a consultancy aspect, I am optimistic that we will turn the year into the brave new millennium as strong, if not stronger, than '98.

This strength, I hope, is reflected in the membership of IBP. It was extremely gratifying to see so many at our dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel in November when HRH The Duke of Gloucester presented the awards.

The Duke, himself an architect, welcomed the opportunity of meeting a number of members and complimented the IBP organisers and judges on the event.

Indeed, congratulations to Richard Aylwin for the arrangements and Gerald Bowey for the organisation of the awards dinner. They have set very high standards that we will have to match for the next dinner which will mark our 30th anniversary.

With the number of years IBP has been going, and growing, together with the possibility of bringing the millennium into our activities, I would welcome any suggestions from you on how you think we might best celebrate our own anniversary.

There are a number of events this year that I hope you will want to attend, not least of which will be the AGM in its new slot on 27 May, at The Building Centre. There are issues and these can only be put into being if we have sufficient involvement from you. Please do come.

With David Helsen I am reviving the darts evening and will include it in my Chairman's New Year Party to be held at the Ye Old Watling Pub on 25 March. I do hope that one or two of the titles will get together, enter a team, to try and win our giant prize, that will be open to all.

Likewise, I hope many of you will want to take part in Jack Russell's IBP Quiz being held at The Building Centre on 11 March. In addition to the fabulous prizes, the evening gives us all an opportunity to mingle and meet. A bar and food will be provided.

Staying with competitions I do hope that you will enter the 'new' Celcon Bowling Competition taking place at Surrey Quays on 8 April. The Chairman's team will include a number of respected editors so we are looking forward to a keen competition.

The Richard Catt Environmental Lecture was a great success last year and was hugely enjoyed by the large audience. We shall be using the University of Westminster this year with a date to be confirmed in late April. Do please be there.

Other events will be announced as we go into '99. If you want something specific finding a sponsor is not the major hurdle it used to be. Give us some good ideas, offer yourself and friends to set it up and away we go.

As ever I am grateful to those of the IBP members who give so much of their time. It is a valuable commodity your time so many thanks. Many thanks as well to the committee who provide so much support and to Gerald Bowey and Tracey Misiewicz whose provision of a secretariat is never valued but would be impossible to be without.

His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, joined nearly 300 members and their guests to present the 1998 IBP Journalism Awards at the Four Seasons Hotel in London's Park Lane on the 26 November. In his opening remarks The Duke of Gloucester praised IBP

for the growth and scope of the Awards, recalling that when he had presented them in 1984 there had been some six categories. He was delighted to see that the Awards reflected the many disciplines covered by the industry.



IBP JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Tony Fitzpatrick, Director of Ove Arup Partnership (sponsor); Andy Cook, Building, and HRH The Duke of Gloucester.

IBP ARCHITECTURAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Robert Bevan, Building Design (second); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Martin Spring, Building (winner); Kenneth Powell, The Architects' Journal, (third) and Chris Croft, Director and General Manager, Shepherd Design (sponsor).



IBP BUILDING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Adrian Barrick, Editor, Building, (collecting third place on behalf of James MacNeil; Building); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Elaine Knutt, Building (winner); Barrie Evans, The Architects' Journal (second) and Denis MacDaid, Deputy Managing Director, Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd (sponsor).



IBP CIVIL ENGINEERING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Dave Parker, New Civil Engineer (third); Kristina Smith, Construction News (second); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Antony Oliver, New Civil Engineer (winner); David Hayward, New Civil Engineer (highly commended) and David James, Managing Director of W S Atkins Engineering & Management (sponsor).

IBP NEWS REPORTER OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Giles Barrie, Building (third); Sean Cronin, Construction News (second); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Antony Oliver, New Civil Engineer, collecting first place on behalf of Matthew Jones, New Civil Engineer, and John Theakston, Group Chief Executive Swan Hill (sponsor).



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IBP REHABILITATION/ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Andy Cook, Building (second); Dr John Denning, Head of Corporate Affairs and Communications, Tarmac (sponsor); Andrew Mead, The Architects' Journal (third); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Adrian Barrick, Editor, Building (collecting first place on behalf of James MacNeil, Building) and Martin Spring, Building (highly commended).



IBP BUSINESS/FINANCIAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: David Nunn, Editor, Contract Journal (joint second); Giles Barrie, Building (third); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; John Spanswick, Divisional Managing Director, Bovis Europe (sponsor); Andy Cook, Building (winner); John Leitch, Contract Journal (joint second) and Graham Ridout, Contract Journal (joint second).
Not in picture: Patrick Reynolds, Contract Journal (joint second).

IBP PROPERTY WRITER OF THE YEAR

Left to right: James Wates, Director, Wates Group (sponsor); Anita Howarth, Estate Gazette (winner) and HRH The Duke of Gloucester.



IBP HOUSING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Rod Maceachrane, Director of Operations, NHBC (sponsor); Jo Smit, Building Homes (second); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Anna Minton, writing for The Guardian, Building Homes and Estates Gazette (winner); Dave King, Building (highly commended) and John Stewart, Housebuilder (third).



IBP YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Andrew Mylius, New Civil Engineer (second); Nancy Cavill, Building (third); Suzan Audras, Group Marketing Manager, Hyder Consulting plc (sponsor); HRH The Duke of Gloucester and Christopher Hope, Construction News (winner).



IBP EDITORIAL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Left to right: Peter Davey, Editor, The Architectural Review (third); Adrian Barrick, Editor, Building (second); HRH The Duke of Gloucester; Graham Anderson, Editor, Construction News (winner) and David Currier, Product Manager, Marley Roof Tiles (sponsor).



BULLETIN

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This special AGM issue of the Bulletin constitutes the formal notice of, and papers for, the 1999 AGM.

The Annual General Meeting of IBP will be held at 18.30 hours on Thursday 27 May at The Building Centre, 26 Store Street, London WC1E 7BT. Members wishing to nominate any eligible member as an officer or member of the Executive Committee, or put forward a resolution under agenda item 9, should write to that effect to Rhodri Harries, Hon Secretary, IBP, c/o GCI Group, 1 Chelsea Manor Gardens, London SW3 5PN, to ensure receipt by Thursday 6 May 1999, at the latest.

Agenda

- 1 Approval of agenda
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Minutes of the 1997 EGM*
- 4 Matters arising
- 5 Chairman's report **
- 6 Financial report **
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- 13 Election of Honorary Auditors
- 14 Constituted nominations for Election to the Executive Committee, from the floor, at the AGM
- 15 Election of Executive Committee
- 16 Any other Business
- 17 Date, place and time of next AGM

* Copies will be available at the AGM, however should members wish to have a copy in advance please refer to their February 1998 Bulletin or contact the Hon Secretary.

** Published in this Bulletin.

PLEASE BRING THESE PAPERS
WITH YOU FOR VOTING PURPOSES

Election of Honorary Officers and Committee

(Agenda items 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15)

In accordance with the Articles of IBP, nominations are invited for the Office of

Hon Secretary for 1999 - 2000. The AGM will also be asked to ratify the recommendation of the Executive Committee for the appointment of a bookkeeper.

Nominations are also invited for membership of the Committee, which should include not less than six and not more than 16 persons. The proportion of journalist members (to PR members) should not be less than one-half.

Election of Honorary President (Item 10)

The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that Peter Bill be invited to continue as Honorary President for 1999 - 2000.

Election of Secretary (Item 11)

The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that Rhodri Harries be invited to continue as Honorary Secretary for 1999 - 2000.

Election of Bookkeeper (Item 12)

The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that Mike Gold be invited to continue as Honorary Bookkeeper for 1999 - 2000.

Election of Auditors (Item 13)

The recommendation of the Executive Committee is that Nigel Ellis and Martin James be invited to continue as Honorary Auditors for 1999 - 2000.

Election of Executive Committee (Item 15)

Nominations for the Executive Committee may also be made at the AGM, provided that the same procedures allowed for in postal nominations, on the appropriate form, are followed.

If there be more nominations than vacancies on the Executive Committee, the chairman/woman shall order a ballot. Those with the most votes shall be deemed elected.

The full Committee for 1998 - 99 was as follows: -

Andrew Taylor Hon President (until October 1998)***
Peter Bill Hon President (current)*
Paul Jowers (PR) Chairman*
Clive Branson (J) Vice-Chairman*
Ben Roskrow (J) Vice-Chairman*
David Evans Hon Secretary (until June 1998)***
Rhodri Harries Hon Secretary (current)**
Graham Anderson (J) Co-opted 1998*
Richard Aylwin (PR)*
Gerald Bowey (PR)*
Paul Finch (J)*
Simon Fullalove (J)*
Peter Griffiths (PR)*
Patrick Gulley (PR)*
Peter Hancocks (J)*
David Helsen (PR)*

Alan Hughes (J)*

Helene Murphy (PR) Co-opted 1998*

Graham Ridout (J)***

Jo Smit (J)*

Andy Walker (PR) Co-opted 1999*

* willing to stand for re-election

** willing to stand for re-election as Secretary

*** not standing for re-election

NOMINATIONS ON THE FORM PROVIDED
SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REACH THE
SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY 6
MAY 1999.

RESOLUTION

PREAMBLE: It was reported, by the chairman, at the EGM on Thursday 6 November 1997, that due to a number of issues raised regarding the Articles of IBP that a Working Group would be set up to review the Constitution of the Association as it relates today. Written over 25 years ago it was considered by the Executive Committee that it did not take account of possible matters of litigation, unreasonable behaviour and dishonesty.

A working group met in May 1998 under the chairmanship of Peter Bill and consisted of Carole Reardon (past chairman), Andrew Pring (past treasurer) and Paul Jowers (current chairman).

A draft Constitution was submitted by the Working Group to the Executive Committee, last November, for its consideration. The Executive Committee discussed, at length, at both the November 1998 and January 1999 meetings the revised Constitution. Subsequent to the debate by the Executive Committee the draft Constitution was sent back to the Working Group for final drafting. The final agreed draft Constitution is presented to you and included in your AGM papers for your consideration and your comments at the AGM.

RESOLUTION: The AGM will be asked to support the following Resolution, which has been unanimously endorsed by your Executive Committee: -

"The present Constitution of IBP is outdated and does not take account of current requirements in running the Association. It is therefore proposed that the existing Constitution be replaced by the revised Constitution presented with your AGM papers for your consideration".

Chairmans' report

for the period 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1998.

May I take the opportunity of this Bulletin, which contains the paperwork for our AGM to address an observation made a couple of times recently. "Why do the same old faces stand for the Executive Committee every year?"

Why indeed! I am delighted that three new faces, three busy new faces have this past year felt that they want to help IBP by standing for the Committee. I hope you will agree by voting for them and will want to put your names forward so that you might join the new Committee. We listened to what members had to say and will have rules, if voted in at the AGM, that will allow you to come along on the night and put yourself up for election.

Over the last few years we have had several new arrivals who make a valuable contribution to the IBP Executive Committee and to membership events. I fully appreciate the heavy demands made on your time by deadlines but would encourage you to have a go to.

My thanks to our Executive Committee who give so much of their time. Ben Roskrow and Clive Branson, my deputies, have proved good sounding boards with lots of friendly advice as have so many of you who ring or e-mail with suggestions.

A word of thanks to some of our working groups, that are regularly set-up to look at specific issues, report back to the Executive Committee and then disband. To Peter Bill for chairing the IBP Constitution Working Group - and now the Journalism Awards Review; to Don Westcott and his team for the membership survey; to Simon Fullalove, Patrick Gulley and Lisa Russell for their work on the proposed IBP Website initiative and to Richard Aylwin and Gerald Bowey for their continuing dialogue with our colleagues in the Netherlands and Germany to develop our European network.

Thanks as well go to our many speakers and sponsors. They sponsor because, in the words of one senior executive, IBP provides a valuable forum for them to work with a highly talented sector.

They include: -

Almere New Town Development Corporation (Dutch press briefing); Alan Bailey (Placemakers); Bell Pottinger Good Relations (Paddington Basin press

visit); British Airways (World Cargo press trip); The Building Centre Trust; Celcon Blocks (1998 Quiz); Civic Trust (Awards press briefing); Sir Alan Cockshaw (1998 Dinner Speaker); Construction Industry Board (National Construction Week '97 briefing); English Partnerships (Greenwich Peninsula press visit); Gardiner & Theobald (for their generous support); Institution of Civil Engineers (1998 President's Reception); Sir Michael Latham (presenter of the 1997 Journalism Awards); Metrica; Montgomery Exhibitions (Interbuild '97); Royal Opera House; Jack Russell (IBP Quiz Master); Tarmac plc (Richard Catt Environmental Lecture); Tate Gallery of Modern Art at Bankside; Wallis, a division of Keir Regional Ltd (50 St James).

ANNUAL JOURNALISM AWARDS

This report must by necessity be a backward glance at the Awards as I do not wish to pre-empt the findings of the President's review currently under way.

However, I think it is fair to say that the IBP Journalism Awards Scheme has come a long way in the last six years and, if the level of entries is anything to go by, they are the pinnacle of our annual programme of events. Year on year, certainly for the last four years we have maintained our overall number of entries. They tend to fluctuate across the categories, depending on job changes, the latest intake of fresh talent or the disappearance of a title, but safe to say they are well established, well supported and highly prized.

The Awards presentation dinner is justly our journalist colleagues evening, however, again it is worth noting that over 300 people, last year, came to cheer and support all the entrants and the winners.

IBP could not possibly have achieved this level of success for the Awards Scheme without the support of our sponsors, some of them consistently for many years, and the sheer hard work of the many judges we have had over the years.

IBP is always grateful to the judges who take a good deal of time out of their busy working day because they believe that high standards of journalism should be encouraged and recognised. Last year for instance with 117 entries from 90

And to our 1998 Journalism Awards Sponsors: -

WS Atkins (Civil Engineering); Bovis (Business/Financial); Hyder Consulting (Young); Marley (Editorial Team); NHBC (Housing); Ove Arup & Partners (Journalist of the Year); Shepherd Design (Architectural); Swan Hill Group (News Reporter); Tarmac (Environmental); Taylor Woodrow Group (Building) and Wates Building Group (Property).

Finally, (and if I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies now), HRH The Duke of Gloucester, KG, GCVO, for presenting the 1998 Annual Journalism Awards.

This old face, me, frankly, would be delighted if there were lots of new faces wanting to help IBP. Do please put your names forward.

Paul Jowers *Chairman*

31 December 1998

journalists, the judges read over 350 articles, with some categories requiring the judges to read 50 entries each. This is a tremendous achievement that we can all be proud of.

On a personal note I should like to pay tribute to Richard Aylwin, a former journalist on Estates Times, for all his support and sound advice, without which I would find the challenge of bringing the Awards to fruition each year a much harder and less pleasurable responsibility.

In conclusion I can find no more satisfying acclaim for the Awards than the following:

IBP Annual Journalism Awards are amongst the most prestigious of any industrial sector and continue to recognise and reward the efforts of journalists working in the property, architectural and construction press."

Andrew Taylor, *The Financial Times*, Immediate past IBP President.

"I wish every success to the Awards, which perform the important role of recognising journalistic achievements relating to a very important part of our economy and life."

The Rt Hon Chris Smith MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

Gerald Bowey *Chairman*
Awards Working Group
31 December 1998