

Liaison Committee Chairman's Report 2012

The Committee met on 10 occasions during 2012, the following subcommittees were also in place during this time.

Collateral Warranty Subcommittee

Dispute Resolution Sub Committee

New Form of Contract Sub Committee

The Liaison Committee consisted of the following constituent bodies and representatives:

Royal Institute of Architects Ireland

Jude O'Loughlin, James O'Donoghue, Niall Meagher, Joe Miller

Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland

Gerry O'Sullivan, Liam Boylan, Kevin Murphy, Liam Boylan.

Construction Industry Federation

John Curtin, Paul Carmody, Jerry Collins, Martin Lang.

Engineers Ireland & Association of Consulting Engineers Ireland

Ciaran McIntyre, Ciaran Fahy, John Egan.

The Collateral Warranty Sub Committee

The work of this subcommittee is close to completion and the final draft document has been circulated to the constituent bodies, comments and observations have been received.

During the course of the year the sub committee Chairman stepped down due to work commitments and the new Chairman is due take position early in 2013. It is expected that a final document should be available early in 2013.

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing the committee's thanks and appreciation to Jerry Collins and his colleague Paul Walshe as well as to all of the subcommittee's members for their tenacity and perseverance to see this complex and difficult work to fruition despite the many challenges the sub committee had to deal with during its deliberations.

Dispute Resolution Sub Committee

The members of the sub committee worked diligently throughout the year to bring about agreement between the constituent bodies representatives on the formulation of a new way forward in how the industry deals with disputes. The committee made

progress during the year and is close to issuing a new dispute resolution clause to replace that contained in the current agreed RIAI form of contract.

This task has continued to require significant debate and commitment by all those that have served on this sub committee.

The revised proposed clause will be issued to the committee for comment by the constituent bodies at the February 2013 meeting.

This will represent an important first step in the development of a more effective and efficient mechanism to deal with the dispute resolution area.

New Form of Contract Sub Committee

Progress and direction remained an issue during 2012, latterly there appears to be the early signs of progress and I trust that this will continue and accelerate during 2013.

There has already been significant input and investment in this area from all the constituent bodies and I wish the committee well in progressing this issue as a matter of great importance.

Review of the LC Constitution Sub Committee

It was agreed that the current LC Constitution 2000 should be reviewed to take account of current practices and developments.

The first meeting of this sub committee is scheduled to take place in February 2013.

CIF Secretariat Support

I would like, on behalf of the Liaison Committee, to express our thanks and appreciation for the considerable assistance provided by Alison Irving of the CIF in the administration of the work of the committee and her assistance to the Chairman and various members of the sub committees.

Finally

The work of the Liaison Committee is of significant importance to the industry, the Code of Practice is used on a daily basis throughout the industry, the work on the various subcommittees is important and the contributions from those who give of their time and expertise is critical to the successful outcomes that the committee must strive to deliver in a timely and professional manner.

I wish to thank those who have retired from the committee during the year Jerry Collins CIF, William Hourie CIF and Brian O'Brian and to thank them for their input into the development of the work of the committee over the years and I would like to

welcome those who have recently joined the committee Paul Carmody CIF and Paul Dunne EI.

I thank the members for their support and advice during the year and wish the committee well for the future.

I would also like to wish the incoming Chairman Gerry O'Sullivan every success in his role during 2013.

Martin Lang

Chairman 2012.