

THE LIAISON COMMITTEE

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The Committee met on 10 occasions with all meetings generally well attended.

1. Insurance Clauses

Permitted exclusions: Terrorism, Asbestos and definition of terrorism.

It was agreed that the permitted exclusions should be updated to reflect insurance cover that is available on the market. These clauses have been drafted and agreed by the committee and issued to the Institutions for their consideration. Once confirmed by each Institution the RIAI form will be updated to incorporate these amendments.

Clause 26 Practice note: The shortcomings of Clause 26 and its operation in certain buildings are recognized. A Practice Note to cover the issue is to be prepared outlining some of the difficulties of the existing clause in certain circumstances.

2. Percentage additions and plant charges

A sub-group headed up by Ken Arlow has been working establishing the data to enable the updating on both the Percentage Additions booklet (last updated in 1988) and the Schedule of Plant Charges (last updated in 1976). This work is nearing completion and it is anticipated that revised documents will be ready for publication in the coming session. It was also agreed that these items should be retained on the agenda for regular review, either annually or at most every second year.

3. Conciliation

Work on the establishment of a single panel, revisions to the contract clauses and training has continued through the year.

The proposals for the single panel are established.

The revised clauses have been drafted are due to be presented for consideration.

The training proposals are drafted and training is planned to be underway by Spring 2006.

4. Amendments to Practice Notes

The final draft of the Liaison Committee Practice Notes has been agreed and it has been forwarded to the Institutions for consideration. It is anticipated that they will be finally signed off early in 2006 and published immediately thereafter.

5. New Form of Contract

Following the demise of the Forum Task Force C3 which was responsible for the drafting of a negotiated National Form of Contract and the Government action to pursue the issue of unilateral Government Forms of Contract, the Committee agreed the completion of a new 'Private' Form of Contract based on this work should be undertaken. Each of the Institutions that were party to the Task Force (RIAI, CIF and SCS) were asked if they would support this work and each Institution

confirmed to the Chairman that they would. Subsequently it was agreed that the Engineering Institutions, as members of the Liaison Committee should be entitled to participate in this negotiation.

A Sub-Committee has been established to negotiate the contract consisting of Brendan Sheridan (CIF), John O Reilly (RIAI) and Gerry O Sullivan (SCS), Richard Mossop is convener and secretary to the meetings. The Engineering Institutions are yet to appoint a representative.

6. Secretariat

The secretariat was again kindly maintained by the CIF. For the earlier part of the year Aoife Lawlor and more recently Victoria Smith have ably taken on the work with great enthusiasm, to both of them I wish to offer my thanks for their support during my year as Chairman.

7. Looking forward

With the change in the Government's position on forms of contract, the role of the Liaison Committee has been reestablished as the forum for the negotiation of private forms of contract. For the coming year or more this will continue to be the existing RIAI forms and the revision, modification and amendment of these forms should continue until such time as all the Institutions are agreed on a replacement form.

The imminent publication of the Practice Notes offers the Liaison Committee the opportunity to increase its profile in the industry.

I believe that the Liaison Committee performs a vital role for the negotiation of forms of contract for private work and a forum for the agreement of codes of good practice.

8. Conclusion

During the year Derry Scully, Gerry O Sullivan, John Purcell and Noel Kane retired from the committee and I wish to acknowledge the significant contributions that each made to the work of the Committee both during my term of office and for many years before.

Liam Boylan and Brian O Brian have joined the committee and are very welcome.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their help and support during the year and especially Joe Miller for stepping into the breach at the beginning of the year when I was incapacitated.

Richard Mossop, Chairman

Outgoing Committee

CIF	RIAI	SCS	ACEI/IEI
Ken Arlow	Joe Miller	Richard Mossop	Terry O'Neill
Don O'Sullivan	Eoin O'Morain	Ken Cribbin	Vincent Barrett
William Hourie	Jude O'Loughlin	Liam Boylan	Brian O Brian
David Hayden	Eugene Dunne		