

The Chairman of The Liaison Committee to The Construction Industry

Annual Report for 2009

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

The Committee is comprised of the following bodies:

The Construction Industry Federation	-	CIF
The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland	-	RIAI
The Society of Chartered Surveyors	-	SCS
The Institute of Engineers of Ireland	-	EI
The Association of Chartered Engineers of Ireland	-	ACEI

The following matters we reviewed during the year:

1. The Liaison Committee Form of Contract

The relevant Subcommittee produced an interim document which was circulated to the constituent bodies for review. The response from the bodies has been slow and it is hoped that the New Year will be more productive in this area.

2. Percentage Additions

The Fixed Percentages in the RIAI Form will be omitted and this requires changes to the RIAI Form of Contract i.e. updating the "Schedule of Dayworks Charges" and the Supplement "Percentage additions to labour costs". This is ready for publication.

3. Dispute Management Subcommittee

The Subcommittee suddenly ran into problems this year. This is an item of grave concern as conciliation panels are outdated and should we not take a firm grip of this problem the Liaison Committee is in danger of becoming irrelevant on this matter. I urge all parties to try to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

4. Collateral Warranties

The process for this item is almost complete and should be put to the Committee in early 2010.

5. Health and Safety Construction Regulations

Despite a great deal of confusion during the year this item has been resolved and the document has been uploaded on to the website.

6. RIAI Contract

The Contract is being reprinted by the RIAI and has been proofread by members of the Liaison Committee. It is hoped it will be published to coincide with the issue of ARM4.

7. Secretariat

The secretariat was again provided by the CIF and specifically by Ms. Alison Irving who has done great work during the year. I would like to thank her for all her assistance during my term and commend her for the quality of her record of the minutes of the meetings.

8. Conclusion

During the year Ken Cribbin retired and was replaced by Michael Mulryan.

Kevin Duke has also left the committee for the foreseeable future and will be replaced by Joe Boyle.

Both Michael and Joe are very welcome.

I wish to acknowledge the significant contributions made by both Ken and Kevin over the years and particularly during my term in office.

In this time of recession, it can appear at times that the work of the Liaison Committee is not very relevant but now may be the perfect time to improve the industry and prepare for the uplift when it comes.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their help and support during the year and I wish the new Chairman James O'Donoghue every success for 2010.

Liam Boylan, Chairman

Outgoing Committee

CIF	RIAI	SCS	ACEI/EI
John Curtin	James O'Donoghue	Gerry O'Sullivan	Ciaran McIntyre
Martin Lang	Toal O'Muire	Michael Mulryan	John Egan
Jerry Collins	Jude O'Loughlin	Kevin Duke	Brian O'Brien
William Hourie	Eugene Dunne	Liam Boylan	Vincent Barrett