# Honorary Secretary’s Report – 2013

# David Doherty

During 2012/2013 there were a total of eight Committee meetings with additional sub-committee meetings as required.

CPD Technical evening meetings were held throughout the country with varying degrees of attendance.

2012, saw the introduction and collaboration with IGBC where two site visits were organized to Tesco, Cabra and Mater Hospital. The visits were a great success with good attendance on both. Thanks to all involved.

Our thanks aslo to DIT for the provision of lecture theatres and Engineers Ireland for the use of their facilities for meetings and lectures.

The annual golf event was organised by Declan Kissane and several committee members. The event took place in September at Edmondstown Golf Club. Our thanks to all involved in organising the event.

The Annual Christmas lunch was held in the Davenport Hotel on Friday, December 7th, 2012. Attendance figures reached over 250 which is the highest figures to date. The after lunch address was delivered by Sean Fitzpatrick of Carillion Energy. The event was a huge success with thanks to Social Secretary, Gary McKeown and his sub-committee for all their efforts.

Finally, the Annual Student Awards took place again this year in DIT, Bolton St. in March 2012 in DIT Bolton Street. Student awards were presented to 6 students in total on each of the following courses:

* + Level 8, Honours Degree Building Services Engineering
  + Level 7, Ordinary Degree Building Services Engineering

The Awards were presented by the CIBSE Ireland Vice Chairman, Sean Dowd and sponsored by Hevac Ltd.

Our eighth Annual one day Conference was once again held in Croke Park Conference Centre on Friday, April 12th of this year. The Conference this year was entitled “SLL/CIBSE International Lighting Conference”. The conference was a huge success with good numbers attending and an exceptional mix of national and international speakers.

Branch Professional Interview Coordinator’s Report 2011-2013

Lee Harrison

Over the period of the term for Chairman for Derek Mowlds commencing from May 2011 to May 2013, there has been a continued strong interest in obtaining professional status in the industry within the Republic of Ireland and this appears to correlate to the economic climate and need for professional qualification when competition is high for job opportunities.

During the last year there has been a total of four professional interviews taken place with a further one due to take place over the summer months known to date.

The number of applicants for professional interview has significantly decreased from the same period 2011/2012 with four now from eleven previously. Of the four applicants, there the following levels of membership were applied for:

* Member/CEng – 3 No.
* Member – 1 No.
* ACIBSE – None.

Of all those applicants interviewed, all were successful, so an excellent pass rate.

I would like to thank all of those who have helped in the busy work schedules to participate in the interviews over the last year and would like to say a special thank you to John Doherty & Eugene Phillips who have been fundamental in the seamless working and procedure we have in place in the region. Many thanks and great support!

I would also like to say well done to Derek Mowlds for his great work as Chairman over the last two years and wish the incoming chairman lots of luck for the year ahead and look forward to working alongside him.

# Branch Almoner’s Report – 2013

# John Doherty

The Benevolent Fund is eighty years in existence this year and has been helping some clients for nearly half that time. During 2012/13 the Benevolent Fund received a considerable increase in requests for help from members who are suffering from illness, redundancy, or other financial difficulties. While the fund endeavours to respond to these requests some of the traditional sources of financial support from the building services from the professions and industry have been reduced or cancelled due to the financial constraints.

The mains sources of income to the fund being:

Voluntary contribution from members in conjunction with their subscription £ 5.00 at present.

Fund raising events organised by the branches. The RoI branch has made a contribution of £1,000.00 from the proceeds of the Annual Christmas lunch for the last couple of years.

The interviewers fees from the professional interviews in Ireland have traditionally been donated to the fund but as the interviews have fallen off in 2012/13 these amounts have reduced significantly.

Occasional legacy left by members in their wills.

Contributions from the industry or professions

The trustees and almoners of the fund meet in CIBSE headquarters in Balham every three months to consider requests from help from new applicants and to review the clients in receipt of ongoing assistance. The next meeting is scheduled for the middle of May.

Requests for assistance are initially submitted to Balham and are then referred to the local almoner to meet the individual and get more details of the individual case. The support often means the difference between recipients being able to carry out essential repairs or a contribution to a motorised wheelchair at the cost of a few hundred pounds or going without.

Anybody interested in finding more about the CIBSE Benevolent Fund information is available on the CIBSE website at [www.cibse.org](http://www.cibse.org). and hopefully this year we can create a link from our local website to the UK Benevolent Fund web page much the same as we have done with the membership page. We have one active case in our region at present.