

AGM & CONFERENCE

The Secretary and Treasurer reports were presented. The annual election of officers took place with Adrian Hawkins, Weldability-SIF appointed Chairman, Phil Tranter, Air Products appointed Vice-Chairman with Helen Brewin, Proactive Gas Safety Ltd elected to the Council.

The new Chairman presented an overview of the Association and future important developments including: -

1. The Association's need for a modern modus operandi to take advantage of a major re-investment in manufacturing and training skills, with a large part directed at the welding industry.
2. The need to move away from being a one person centred association providing a handful of complicated Member benefits and the odd Conference and Regional meeting, to a diverse and valuable collective organisation with a multitude of skills.
3. The "Welding World" brand to be trademarked and clearly promoted by the magazine and exhibition.
4. The AWD to act as an Association representing its Members' needs and controlling the promotion of all that is good about the industry, eradicating some of the bad practices, emphasizing the long term benefit of more professional welders and the promotion of best practice and best products.
5. The AWD's need to create a support base to access Parliamentary assistance and discussion, product and process research and support, lobbying government and industry power bases and the creation of a series of 3 Working Groups with the first Product Safety and Quality meeting on the 4th July 2011.

Vice Chairman, Phil Tranter gave a presentation on the AWD Marketing intentions and why they are so important.

Wendy Barber, new Membership Manager gave a presentation on how she will be contacting every member and potential new members over the coming weeks and months.

After the AGM the conference began with Doug Thornton, Chief Executive of the British Compressed Gases Association giving a presentation on the 'BCGA and Welding Matters', followed by an enlightening presentation by Graham Dodd of Crewe Hall and Local Historian, who gave an outline of the history of Crewe Hall, highlighting key features, inhabitants and events.

AWD Chairman, Adrian Hawkins closed the proceeding by thanking the sponsors, secretariat, speakers and membership for supporting the AGM and Conference through time and effort they had put into their presentations.



AWD 37th AGM & Conference - Charity Draw

The AWD Council is very grateful to those who donated prizes and bought tickets for the Charity Draw. A very commendable £600 was raised for the 2011 nominated Charity Cancer Research

PRIZE

- £150 M&S Vouchers
- Spa Day
- Overnight stay - Chesford Grange
- £100 John Lewis vouchers
- Cordless drill
- Bottle of Remy Martin
- Bottle of Jamesons
- Three Barrels
- Three Barrels
- Case of Wine
- Spa Product
- Bottle of Wine
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- Paul Graham - Grahams Machinery
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- Alexis Hawkins - Weldability SIF
- Paul Graham - Grahams Machinery
- Arran Nicols - Fowlmere Welding
- Andrew Brookes - Thames Welding
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