



Chairman's Annual Report – Year To 31 March 2022

It's been a challenging year with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. Lockdown continued through to July 2021 and social distancing and other measures continued up to February 2022. Meanwhile, TRADS continued to focus on its core remits – namely to provide the Society's members with opportunities to network and share market information for mutual benefit and offer a regular programme of CPD qualifying seminars.

Management Committee Composition

In accordance with the constitution, all TRADS Management Committee members are subject to re-election bi-annually. The last elections were at the 2020 AGM, which resulted in the following Management Committee:

Lee Williamson	Chairman
James Portugal	Treasurer
Jess Nutt	Joint Events Co-ordinator
Lucy Cooper	Marketing & PR
Shaun Heywood	Marketing & PR
Anders Horwood	Young Members Co-ordinator
Georgia Eckert	Joint Events Co-ordinator (resigned due to change of job role)

Out of the existing Management Committee, James, Jess, Shaun and Anders all intend to stand for re-election. Lucy and I will not be standing for re-election. The Management Committee is looking forward to seeing who else will stand for election! The view is that there needs to be a degree of continuity but at the same time, it would be beneficial to have other members on the Committee to give fresh perspectives and direction.

2021/2022 Programme of Events

In 2020/2021, TRADS organised a total of 7 virtual events due to Covid-19.

In 2021/2022, TRADS organised a total of 6 events. The first two events included a virtual anti-money laundering webinar led by Compliance on Demand in April 2021 and a virtual presentation by Arup on the future of global offices in June 2021. As lockdown restrictions began to ease, TRADS hosted a live AGM in September 2021. This was the first time that TRADS members could meet in person for over 18 months, which proved popular. The event programme continued in this fashion with a seminar by Fox Williams LLP in October 2021, a seminar by TFT Consultants in February 2022 and a seminar by BDB Pitmans in March 2022.

Since the end of the 2021/2022 financial year, we have also hosted a live seminar on MEES presented by Vital Direct. We also had the pleasure of organising a day trip to Amsterdam in June 2022, which was the first overseas trip since Paris 2019.

The Management Committee is committed to organising further live in-person events as requested by the membership. We are also planning another overseas day trip in 2023 following the success of the Amsterdam trip this summer.

Membership Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions run annually from 1st January every year. In 2021, TRADS had approximately 90 paid-up members. In 2022, this number broadly remains the same.

As you will be aware the Management Committee decided to reduce members subscription costs for 2021 reflecting difficulties during the pandemic. We extended that policy for 2022. As mentioned in the Treasurers report, subscription cost for 2023 will revert to the pre-pandemic sum of £75.00 for the year (graduates £40.00 for the year).

WhatsApp Group

The TRADS Management Committee has set up a TRADS WhatsApp group which members need to opt-in to. This was designed to boost engagement and interaction across the TRADS community. We currently have 41 members who have opted-in to the group and there is regular interaction amongst members here. We would encourage all members who are not part of the group to consider joining.

TRADS Administrator

The TRADS Management Committee has recently appointed a new administrator, Louise Oliver of SR Events, to help with the running of the organisation. Her core remit is to assist with event organisation, managing the membership database and membership subscriptions. We very much welcome Louise's contribution to our efforts in running TRADS for the members; also allowing the Management Committee to be more focused in their initiatives.

The Future

Goals for the coming year include:

- CPD events – The Management Committee will continue organising a variety of CPD events for the members. The intention will be to have as many live seminars as possible as the Membership has provided consistent feedback that this is preferable. Member turnout has historically tended to be better when events are held in person as well. The Management Committee will also aim to host another overseas event in 2023.
- Increased membership base – The Management Committee will continue to attract new members to the organisation. There are immediate opportunities for this as larger organisations are gearing up to take on more graduates. There has also been a significant number of surveyors moving between firms in Central London.
- Renewed Management Committee – A new Management Committee composition will allow new, fresh ideas to be discussed.

On behalf of the Management Committee thank you for continuing to support TRADS.

Sincerely

**Lee Williamson,
Chairman
The Tenant Representation Advisors Society**

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