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Hello once again, and welcome to another Crane Association of New Zealand newsletter.

This month's column is short and sweet, which is why I'll start with the most exciting – and arguably, most important – bit of news first.

Following last year's CANZ roadshow, it was made abundantly clear that the industry wanted more certainty around training, qualifications, and Verification of Competency (VOC).

So, as you know, we've been running a CANZ Accreditation Licence Programme pilot (stage 3 only) on the CICA CrewSafe online assessment app, through the month of February 2020.

We received a little feedback from Fletchers and McLeod Cranes participants at our recent February 11 Council meeting.

They have been using the VOC tool with help from Crane Industry Council of Australia's (CICA) Patrick Cran, with some of the Crane Association of NZ / Skills Assessors observing the process.

As CICA's Plant and Operator Assessment Officer for CICA, Patrick has worked with crane owners, equipment manufacturers, and national and international trainers to help develop a standardised online assessment program that is machine-specific, impartial, and peer assessed.

To give you further information on this, the CICA CrewSafe VOC assessment is currently a machine-specific, impartial, peer assessment with documented evidence of competency, including video footage of the operator conducting a series of tasks.

This tool is crucial to supporting our endeavours in creating our own licence – which is why we also had our own assessors, Stuart Hindley and Roger Sullivan, be a part of the process.

We will report back to you with more details once we've received all the feedback.

Also, on the Council meeting agenda were discussions about Association subscriptions.

Options have been tabled, which will need your scrutiny at our next Annual General Meeting, that subscriptions be categorised on the volume of cranes owned.

Rather than the current format, payment will be categorised from 1-3 cranes: 4-9: and 10-15. But there will be more information for you to consider ahead of the AGM.

Additionally, the Council discussed its possible composition of Council representation options, and how best to ensure every sector of our industry is given equitable weight within the Association.

To this end, we've mooted the idea of including specific industry stakeholders for representative positions – such as power or crawler crane representatives.

To review some of the above options these will be highlighted in the CANZ Members only newsletter, we would appreciate member feedback before the 1 May 2020.

But rest assured, we will wait for feedback before any decision is made.

Thank you,

Tony Gibson  
CANZ President

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