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## Word from the President

## - Tony Gibson

To start this month's column, I would like to talk about the last Council meeting the Crane Association held on May 27.

One of the items discussed was the minimum qualification for overhead gantry operators, which a position paper has since been produced and is available for members on our website.

It is pleasing that this will provide you, our members, with the certainty about the minimum requirements, while removing any ambiguities that might have existed previously.

An opinion based on the available evidence, this paper takes a lead in an area of our industry where other parties could have pre-empted the Association's views.

This also adds to the list of other position papers devised by the Association, which is a valuable reference material for industry players as well as entities like WorkSafe. So, if you haven't already viewed theses papers, I encourage you all to – <u>click here</u>.

On to the Association's financial position – it is currently breaking even. As a result, we believe it may be pertinent to review how membership subscriptions are structured.

The current model has been in effect for more than a couple of decades. While we don't currently have an opinion on the value of the subscriptions' structure, it is necessary to ensure it is appropriate or in need of a slight adjustment.

We will be sure to keep you posted on this issue and allow you the chance to vote on a decision in the future.

Additionally, we have signed a right of renewal on the Association's office location, with a further three-year term to be based at the Margan House in Wellington.

And last, but no means least, we're still negotiating with the NZ Transport Agency regarding the swept path issue.

Mike Brown and Rod Auton had a meeting with NZTA staff in Wellington to review the TERNZ report, and while it is still a work in progress, we are making headway. The NZTA haven't yet closed the door on us.

But until next time, enjoy your month.

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