



THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATORS

EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH

(Chairman: [Roy Pickavance](#))

BRANCH NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2005

CHAIRMAN'S JOTTINGS

In July 2005 we sent out a questionnaire to all members and whilst initially the response level looked promising the immediate surge of responses did not crystallise into a substantial return. We have as of November 2005 received 20 replies out of 230 questionnaires sent out. The results of the questionnaire is attached.

The concept of branches is changing and there are now revised Branch Model Rules that will affect us all.

These rules are attached for your consideration and comment, they are also be posted on the East Midlands website, as the branch needs to designate a "Group" that it should belong to.

The groups, A to D, provide for a greater or lesser level of aspirations for the branch and its members and the Institute generally.

This makes the questionnaire even more relevant since the branch has to elect its forward plan within the constraints of Branch rules.

The questionnaire is attached again with the hope that all of you will read the new Branch Model Rules, respond to the questionnaire accordingly and say which Group you believe this branch should belong to and how you personally would contribute to the branch achieving the aspirations defined for the chosen group category.

As stated in the last newsletter the branch committee is keen to do its best for its members, to serve members needs where possible and to encourage more attendance at branch level. Over the years different approaches have been tried but since membership is constantly being updated it is always helpful to review the branch members' needs at intervals.

Currently for events the main involvement of the branch is by way of high profile joint meetings with the SCL and RICS but we have one or two separate events that will proceed if there is adequate support for them. It has also been decided not to proceed with the Annual dinner until there is more clarity as to what the membership is looking for.

I do hope that you will read the questionnaire and complete it, with your help it will enable the committee to try to mould the branches activities to serve your needs better. The questionnaire has been designed to be completed as quickly and easily as possible.

Please spend a few minutes completing it. If you do it now as you read this newsletter it will be greatly appreciated. Simply save the completed spreadsheet and email it to me as an attachment to chair@CIArb-EM.org. It would be helpful if you could return it no later than the end of November 2005, but if that cannot be achieved, please complete it when you can.

If you receive this newsletter in paper form then either complete it by hand and fax it back to me on 0115 937 7270, or download it from our web site, www.CIArb-EM.org and preferably return it by email. If you wish to add other comments to your email they will be welcome.

Thank you

ROY PICKAVANCE

Chairman

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the last Newsletter we are pleased to welcome the following new member.

Mr Forsythe of Burbage, Hinckley, Leicestershire

MIKE CROSS

Hon. Secretary

Email: sec@CIArb-EM.org

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balances

Current Account £684.61

Deposit Account £6605.66

VAT Return

The VAT return to HQ will be presented on time

Functions

There has not been any functions that have attracted income this quarter.

BILL FISHER

Hon. Treasurer

Email: treas@CIArb-EM.org

WEB SITE EDITOR'S REPORT

You will note that on our web site, www.CIArb-EM.org, there is a members' listing. Would you please check your membership details. If incorrect, please e-mail us at web@CIArb-EM.org

Additionally, if you want your web address to be listed with a link, this can be arranged for the sum of £10 per annum which will become part of the branch funds. If you would like this, please send your request to web@CIArb-EM.org.

Any additional events or updates to current events will be posted on the website.

The newsletter is now circulated to 71% of our members by e-mail. Members are encouraged to provide and/or update their e-mail addresses to reduce outgoing costs to the branch, which is to the advantage of the membership.

Roy Pickavance

Web Site Editor

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Contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome.



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FUTURE EVENTS

| Date | Venue | Details | Contact |
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| 25-27 October and 1-2 November 2005 | Bloomsbury Square, London WC1 | Mediation Training Course | www.arbitrators.org |
| 16 November 2005 | Kegworth | Insurance for Professional Liability | Robert Ridgewell |
| 16-17 November 2005 | Bloomsbury Square, London WC1 | Mediation Accreditation Assessment | www.arbitrators.org |
| 1-2 December 2005 | Bloomsbury Square, London WC1 | Mediation Accreditation Assessment | www.arbitrators.org |
| 7 December 2005 | Bloomsbury Square, London WC1 | Introduction to Mediation | www.arbitrators.org |

This programme of events will be updated on our web site, www.CI Arb-EM.org

