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Tony’s nomination of Life Membership came from the Cleveland Section and was approved by the Northern Region and the National Board of Management.

In his first speech as Chairman, Chris said: “I’m honoured to take on this role and I will endeavour to continue to promote the Association’s goal of raising the profile and professionalism of greenkeeping.

“Although times remain difficult for the golfing industry, BIGGA goes from strength to strength. Evidence of this can be seen at this very successful BTME.”

Chris then officially welcomed Les Hawkins MG, Course Manager at The Richmond Golf Club, as the Association’s Vice Chairman.

Dave Collins @greenkeeperdave @ SkySportsGolf guys can you give a shout out to the thousands of golf greenkeepers at Harrogate this week for #BTME2014 (they did!)

Grant Peters @LinlithgowGDept Back to work today after an excellent BTME 2014… Learnt lots and loads of turf chat! Great job @BIGGALtd

Nathan O’Sullivan @nathosully Long drive to Cornwall begins, very interesting and productive week at BTME 2014 and BIGGA

greenkeeping @Lancastergc Good day @BIGGALtdbtme2014 new contacts and old friends. Some new products look interesting too.

Graham Pickin @graham_pickin @BIGGALtd best BTME ever, very helpful exhibitors and superb education

Jack Davies @jackdavies_turf had an absolutely awesome 2 days at #BTME2014!! been such a thrilling experience! thanks a lot @BIGGALtd see you next year!!

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