

Membership



BACK TO THE FUTURE

Tracey Maddison has returned to BIGGA, after a six year absence, to manage the Membership Department.

Tracey originally joined the Association in 1998, taking on the role of Membership Services Officer. After four years in this post, she felt it was time for a new challenge and for her to gain more experience of professional bodies.

In 2002, Tracey took on the role of Membership & Training Manager for the Institute of Physics & Engineering in Medicine (IPEM). While in this post, Tracey completed an MSc in Management and built on her knowledge of membership workings and associations.

A keen golfer with a handicap of 16, Tracey feels she can relate to many of our studious members: "After studying part time while in a full time role, I now understand how hard it can be. It's hard work but well worth the effort."



**Over to the new
Membership Manager,
Tracey Maddison...**

It's lovely to be back at BIGGA and BIGGA House again. I can't believe how quickly the last six years have gone.

So what have I been doing and what's brought me back to BIGGA?

Well as you can see from my profile I have been working for a professional body called IPEM, their members are made up of clinical scientists, clinical technologists and clinical engineers who work in healthcare, mainly in hospitals and many work with cancer patients.

What's that got to do with greenkeeping I hear you ask, well nothing! But I have gained valuable experience and further knowledge of being involved in working among professional bodies and in particular membership strategies and issues.

I now have 10 years experience of working in a membership setting and six years in a training environment (and six years as a budding golfer!).

During my time at IPEM I completed an MSc in Management, studying part-time is not easy so I can empathise with those of you out there who are studying while working.

I also took the decision to join a professional body, which gave me the support and contacts to help me with my career.

Why become part of a professional body?

I became part of my professional body because I know that it provides me with recognition, credibility and the resources to help me maintain my professional competence through education, training and lifelong learning by undertaking CPD. It also gives me a valuable source of networking with people who have similar interests to me.

Why join BIGGA?

BIGGA is no different to my professional body in their support of you, whether you are still training to complete your minimum qualification or whether you are an established Course Manager, BIGGA is your professional body and can provide the resources to help you in your career as a greenkeeper, not to mention the fantastic range of personal benefits available to you.

So why have I returned to BIGGA? Because I enjoy working for, and being part of, a professional membership organisation. I enjoy working with members and being able to offer the support, through the range of membership services available, to help meet their day-to-day challenges.

Part of my brief is to develop the range of welfare services offered to members and put these on a much more formal basis. If you are prepared to help or have any comments on this please contact me.

I am looking forward to travelling out to the Sections and Regions to meet many of BIGGA's members in person.

CONTACT THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

If you have any issues at all regarding your membership please contact a member of the membership team Justine, Brad or myself, contact details below: -

By telephone - 01347 833800
option 1 for Membership.

By email

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Useful Telephone Numbers (for greenkeeper members)

Personal Accident Helpline – 02075 603013
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance – 0800 177 7891

The new members list can now be found in the members' section at www.bigga.org.uk