



# Membership

Tracey Maddison, Head of Membership Services, gives an overview of what a professional membership body is

## With 23 years experience BIGGA has learnt a thing or two about running a membership Association.

While it's not easy trying to keep 6,000 individuals happy, and we are not that naive to think that we can, we'd like to think that we can provide something of interest for every member whether proactive or passive. As a membership Association we are more than just a society or a club where 'members' can subscribe to a website or a newsletter, we are about providing our members with a wealth of opportunities which will help them retain and develop their professional development and promote best practice in sports turf management.

In the past BIGGA has quite often been referred to as a Trade Association (TA) but a TA is commonly made up of companies rather than individuals. A good example of a TA is the Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Association (FEGGA) which has 21 Greenkeeping Associations, in Europe, as members.

BIGGA offers members the opportunity to take part in a CPD scheme, provides education events, training courses and training tools and as membership categories are linked to a minimum qualification BIGGA are classified as a professional association (more commonly known as a professional body or membership body). We are not too dissimilar in our operations to the Chartered Management Institute, Institute of Leadership & Management or even the Association of Accounting Technicians. Regardless of the industry the one attribute we all have in common is that we are all professional membership bodies.

### Secretariat

Membership bodies usually have a secretariat, a permanent administrative office that can handle various administration tasks. The secretariat works closely with the membership to make sure it is providing the services and benefits the members want.

### Welcome to this month's New Members

For more information on new members log in to the Members Area of the BIGGA website:

[www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk)

...and select 'Welcome New Members' from the Menu on the left hand side.

### Scottish

Stephen Andrew, North  
Neil Campbell, North  
Andrew Connor, East  
Ray Crawford, Central  
Steven, Dalg, North  
Val Graham, West  
Gary Harkin, West  
Markus Klausmann, East  
Ross Mitchell, North  
William Spark, North  
Aden Speed, Central  
Gavin Taylor, Central  
Ryan Woolfries, West  
Richard Young, East

### Northern Region

Colin Brown, Northern  
Sam Cassidy, Northern  
Martin Corner, Cleveland  
Simon Hardcastle, Northern  
Mark McEvoy, Northern  
Nick McKenna, Northern  
Alan Purves, Northern  
Graeme Regan, Northern  
Richard Wing, Sheffield

### Midland Region

Mark Allard, East Midland  
Ken Barber, East Midland  
Simon Barnaby, Midland  
Robert Crocker, Mid Anglia  
Colin Crowther, East Midland  
Niall Edmond, Mid Anglia  
Graham Fullager, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Matthew Gibson, East Midland  
Stephen Gilford, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Robert Gull, Midland  
Andy Gurney, East Midland  
Greg Holden, East Midland  
Glen Howard, East Midland  
Simon Keeble, Midland  
Russell Morton, Midland  
Wendy Robinson, East Midland  
David Senior, East Midland  
John Shiel, Berks/Bucks & Oxon  
Colin Turner, East Midland

Anthony Wilkes, Midland  
Daniel Wilkinson, East Midland  
David Williams, Mid Anglia

### S East Region

Steven Adams, Essex  
Chas Ares, Surrey  
Edward Baker, Essex  
Calum Chinchin, Surrey  
Richard Fry, Essex  
Peter Harsum, Sussex  
Abbie Holland, Sussex  
Jamie Honeyman, Kent  
Scott Horsburgh, Surrey  
Elliot Lloyd, London  
Martin Maytum, Kent  
Roger Mills, Sussex  
George Pickett, Surrey  
Stephen Squires, East Anglia  
Lee Stephens, Essex  
Richard Stillwell, Sussex  
Nicholas Thompson, Essex  
Liam Webb, Surrey

### S West/S Wales Region

Mark Davies, Devon & Cornwall  
Adam Edwards, South Coast  
Kevin Farrell, South Coast  
Andrew Grabham, South West  
John Hazell, South Coast  
Simon Kendall, South West  
Richard, Le Moignan, South Coast  
David Melvyn Leech, South Wales  
Neville Wright, Devon & Cornwall

### Overseas

Shane Buckley, Republic of Ireland  
Colum Cawley, Republic of Ireland  
Hubert Cooke, Republic of Ireland  
Steven Crowley, Republic of Ireland  
Liam Curtin, Republic of Ireland  
Timothy Dennehy, Republic of Ireland  
Finian Doonan, Republic of Ireland  
David Finn, Republic of Ireland  
Peter Hannon, Republic of Ireland  
Graham Harris, Republic of Ireland  
Fintan Kirwan, Republic of Ireland  
Ronan MacCarthy, Republic of Ireland  
John McBride, Republic of Ireland  
Sean McDonagh, Republic of Ireland  
Liam Mooney, Republic of Ireland  
Breandan O Gairbhi, Republic of Ireland  
Kevin O'Dwyer, Republic of Ireland  
Kevin O'Neill, Republic of Ireland  
Tony Rappeneau, Republic of Ireland  
Paul Rourke, Republic of Ireland  
Ian Wiseman, Republic of Ireland  
Graham MacNiven, Germany  
Miguel Vidaor, Spain  
Simeon Liljenberg, Sweden  
Nastran Gorazd, Slovenia  
James O'Brien, USA  
Frank Zamazal, USA



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BIGGA's secretariat, located at Aldwark, 15 miles North of York, looks after the processing of membership applications and renewals, organises conferences, exhibitions and educational seminars and courses and produces a specific industry driven magazine among other services. For information on who to contact visit the BIGGA website [www.bigga.org.uk](http://www.bigga.org.uk) select the 'Contact Us' button for a link to a list of staff.

### BIGGA Website

It's on its way.....the new BIGGA website!

Look out for the redesigned BIGGA website, it's packed with new features, improved navigation, new content and enhanced design.

The website will also include improved security log in for members and the facility to make online payments including membership renewal.

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

(Full Members only)

Personal Accident Helpline  
02075 603013  
Greenkeepers Legal Assistance  
0800 177 7891  
Greenkeepers Support Services  
0800 174 319  
Debt Counselling Helpline  
0800 174319