

New Leadership for the ISIA

Last month the Irish Security Industry Association (ISIA) held its Annual General Meeting and elections of officers in the Croke Park Conference Centre. The AGM was also the first event in the ISIA's calendar year marking the 40th anniversary of its formation in 1972.

Election of Officers

Each year the election of officers is conducted at the AGM and this year the ISIA saw quite a few new officers elected. Sean Malone of Synergy Security was elected as the new President and Sheenagh McCullagh of Niscayah became the first woman to be elected to the role of Vice President of the association. Brendan Flynn of Noonan was elected as Chairman of the Monitoring Division, Chris Clinch of GSLS was elected as Chairman of the CIT/Transport division and Pat Hogan of G4S was elected Vice Chairman of the Guarding Division joining John O'Donoghue of Noonan as the second Vice Chairman of that division.

Qualsec Awards

Following the AGM, an awards ceremony was held and members were also addressed by Geraldine Larkin, Chief Executive of the Private Security Authority. Ms. Larkin and the newly elected ISIA President presented ADT Fire and Security, At Risk Security and eircom PhoneWatch with awards for achieving the ISIA's own quality standard, Qualsec. The members who received awards and all of the members who have achieved and maintained Qualsec over the years were congratulated by Sarah O'Donnell, Communications Director with the ISIA, for contributing to best practice in the security industry by driving their own standards beyond the minimum requirements of legislation.

Address from the President

When addressing the members, Sean Malone thanked members for their commitment to the ISIA and highlighted that it was the members that made the association what it was and it was up to them to decide where it should go into the future. Malone called attention to the ever changing business environment and how that created "an even greater need for the industry to have a body like the ISIA to represent its needs and to ensure that their voice is heard by government and other stakeholders". Malone stated that the ISIA would continue to "lobby government; work closely with the regulator and to represent their needs on the recently formed JIC as the industry works to replace the previous employment regulation order". He went on to say that "while our members currently represent the largest percentage of the industry than any other group, the ISIA would focus on growing the association to strengthen the voice of our members and to ensure that we are in the strongest position possible to meet the needs of the private security industry long into the future.

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