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My commitment to improving standards within the Industry is well known – Instigator and Chair of the first Purple Guide, a member of The Industry Steering Group for the second edition, and I am assisting with the editing of the current draft. Pioneer and Inaugural Chair of the Events Industry Forum, a forum bringing together thirty plus organisations to give the Industry more say and influence. I created and teach the Diploma in Event Safety Management and sit on the Joint Advisory Council for events chaired by the HSE. I have trained and examined over six hundred safety professionals on the Diploma and am proud in my part in raising Industry standards within my own profession. I regularly speak at conferences both at home and abroad. I am now a board member of the new Institute of Event Management and am actively assisting in the provision of professional recognition for the Events Industry. I am actively involved with student work at Universities, validating Degree courses in Events Management and promoting NOEA to future events people. I lecture, present and facilitate a number of training sessions/workshops for young people at Universities. In the next month I am to visit Birmingham, Carlisle and Loughborough universities. I also now sit on the IOSH Committee for Stadium and Events.

I currently spend approximately sixty days a year on NOEA matters and am very fortunate to be supported by my company, Capita. In addition to the support from my company I am also backed by a very keen and enthusiastic team of Event Management and Safety Consultants. I have been involved in many Event Publications and Guidance Documents, including ISAN Street Safety Guidance, HSE's Managing Crowds Safely and ILAM's book, Events from Start to Finish. I also produced the first totally independent Stewarding Training and Assessment Scheme for the Industry ten years ago. I am currently using my expertise and contacts to assist NOEA in setting up the National Stewarding Council.

My passion and experience is dominated by outdoor events and I have worked on some of the world's largest outdoor events, including the Olympics. I am equally passionate about assisting and working on the smaller, and often more interesting events. I have promoted, produced and been licensee and feel knowledgeable from all sides of an event. I have also been an expert witness for a number of events. I am driven by passion, enthusiasm and challenges. My achievements have been recognised by many – I am very proud to be a Chartered Fellow of IOSH and have received many awards including Personality of the Year Award, Event Industry Award and Most Successful Leisure Safety Team of 2012. I have recently spearheaded a campaign to control sky lanterns and am working with Central Government on this matter. In addition I designed and facilitated a NOEA member questionnaire seeking member's views etc to help mould and steer NOEA in the direction its members wished.

Despite being very busy with event related matters I still find time to pursue my passion for mountain biking, cooking and nature photography. In the distant wake of my world cycle tour and solo Trans Australia cycle tour, my desire to challenge and push myself have kindled thoughts of cycling to the highest motorable road in the world at 5,600 metres on the Indo-Tibetan frontier.

I wish to continue using my experience, enthusiasm and passion to further develop NOEA as an organisation with influence, standing and respect within the Events Industry. I am proud of my ten years as President and have thoroughly enjoyed it. I believe my commitment; demeanour, leadership, communication skills and my reputation has, and will, continue to benefit the growth and aspirations of NOEA.

Cheers

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