Report from the GTC Chair, 2022

It's very satisfying to be able to write a much happier report than this time last year. Whilst the issues of Covid-19 and the complications of travelling with work in Europe post Brexit are still with us, the overall picture is very encouraging with plenty of work being reported by our members.

In a busy year for major sporting events we even had back to back summer and winter Olympics and Paralympics and of course there is a football World Cup later this year.

Nearer to home, for Her Majesty the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, it was a real showcase of just how amazing the television and events industry can be in a truly memorable 4 days of stunning lighting & camerawork at the various events in London and around the UK.

With more and more studios being built once more and the various networks and streaming services needing a seemingly endless supply of programmes, I think we are really experiencing good times again in our industry.

The GTC has continued to support our members and offer a huge variety of benefits and I am incredibly indebted to the members of the GTC Council who have been behind the scenes for you all and still managing to find time for GTC business even though there own workload is back to more normal levels.

We really wanted to have a real AGM this year but felt it was still a bit too early and with things being very busy we felt that an on-line version would be available to more of our members.

Live events are definitely making a comeback again though and there is a very hard working group of Council Member's working on our 50th Anniversary event at the end of November which is already shaping up to be fantastic.

Having managed to arrange plenty of on-line workshops over recent times, I, and many of you, will be happy to hear that Clive North has got some in-person workshops being arranged again. Clive is also organizing events at our 50th that should not be missed.

Our website has continued to run very smoothly since Nicola Risdon has taken the reigns and our thanks go to her for stepping into the role so ably.

The GTC Public Liability Scheme has just continued into it's sixth year and is still proving popular which isn't surprising really as it represents amazing value for money.

Shortly before our own awards in November a group of us were at Portsmouth University where Alan Duxbury together with John Tarby had organised a very successful Bill Vinten GTC University Awards. I'd like to also take this opportunity to thank Alan for all the work he has done over the years as Education Officer and remind everyone that we are looking for someone to step into his shoes and help keep this strong link going between the universities, the students and the GTC as Alan steps down.

Zerb and GTC In-Focus continue to be the outstanding publications we have come to expect but, as always, both Rob and Roger are always looking for new contributors please! These magazines continue to be such a very important and valued part of the GTC and our huge thanks are due to the tireless work of the 2 R's.

Roger, of course, also runs the admin side of the GTC and I can report that our membership continues to grow.

All the financial details of the GTC are available in the reports but suffice it to say that we are still in a good position and still able to offer amazing value for your membership fee. A big thanks to Andy Reik who is over seeing this now.

The social media team on the Council continue to be very busy and keep all the member's aware of upcoming events. Don't forget you can interact with the GTC on the Forum, LinkedIn, Instagram, Twitter & Facebook. Hannah & Peter have also released a few TikToks!

Graham Risdon has been doing some video kit reviews as well as writing for In-Focus. As always we're grateful to him for his work on the awards video and for editing clips to use at trade shows as well.

Continued thanks go to Alex Wade for his ongoing contributions and legal advice that is available to our members and is another amazing string to our bow.

Between their many TV jobs, Chris Yacoubian has also continued in his role as welfare officer and we have also been very lucky to have Riccardo on the Council with us as our International Liaison Officer.

Simon Edwards has continued his great job as our sponsorship and advertising manager and has negotiated even more new discounts as well as helping keep the adverts coming into our magazines and website. Please do your part where possible and support our sponsors and advertisers and feel free to benefit from all the arranged discounts on offer.

It was exciting to have real exhibitions again and our Vice Chair, Kate Harvest has made sure we have had a good presence at the shows so far. Certainly at the BSC show where I also helped out with Rob and Simon it was very

exciting to be back at a real show. Please look out for other shows and feel free to contact Kate if you'd like to help at any of them.

Another reminder as well, that, if you qualify, we are now Gatekeepers for the UK Press Pass. Many thanks to Andy Reik for his continued good work on this.

We continue to be very aware of our impact on the environment and with the help of Peter Newman, are monitoring that impact on Council and trying to minimize anything unnecessary – which will become harder now life is back to normal. A quick reminder that there is an environmental guideline for Council members available on the website.

Whilst in recent years the AGM has been held on the same weekend as the GTC Awards, this year we have delayed the awards and will be holding it as part of our 50th anniversary in November. Hazel and her team are well on the way to finalizing the list of winners and nominations have started to come in already for this year although we will be looking at someone new to organise this as Hazel is another Council member stepping down this time. Huge thanks to her for all her work whilst being on Council.

Indeed, we are losing quite a few Council members this time as Kirsty, Drew and Alison also stand down. Another stalwart of the GTC Council who is also leaving us this time is our secretary, Peter Rance. Peter has been the man organizing all our meetings and AGM's and will be hard to replace but hopefully one of the new incoming members will take the baton.

Finally, I'd just like to reiterate my huge thanks as Chair to the amazing team that has made up your Council over the last 2 years and thank them all for the many, many hours that they have all given up to make the GTC what it is for all of us. A particular thanks to those that are standing down and of course a big welcome to the new members of Council that I'm looking forward to working with.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 50th Anniversary and awards day and thank you all for being members of the GTC.

Graham Maunder
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