

## BPMA welcomes its new President

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Lee Tebbatt, Managing Director of Wilo UK has been announced as the new President of the [British Pump Manufacturers Association](#) (BPMA), following a two-year tenure in the role of Vice President.

The position was officially passed on during the BPMA's Annual General Meeting and follows the two-year term in office by the previous President, Dale Croker, Managing Director of KSB UK. As his successor, Lee has had the benefit of shadowing Dale since November 2022, and so is now well prepared and fully conversant with all that is required of him as BPMA President.

Wayne Rose, Director, and Chief Executive of the BPMA commented: "This is a great accolade and one that reflects the continuing efforts that Lee makes to raise the profile of the industry in general and to tackle the tough issues that it continues to face. The BPMA has enjoyed the support and engagement of some incredibly talented people at its helm over the years, including of course its immediate past President Dale, and we are delighted to now have Lee join that impressive line-up. I look forward to collaborating with him as we continue to drive the association forward."

He continued: "I am enormously grateful to Dale for all that he has done for the BPMA during his Presidency and am delighted that he will continue to support the Association as a Member of its Council."

The new tenure coincides with a number of uncertainties affecting the pump sector, from supply-chain issues and the ongoing skills shortages, to the ever-present concerns over the cost of energy, and of course the changing political landscape, both here in the UK and throughout the World.

Commenting on his new role, Lee Tebbatt said, "Assuming the role of President of the BPMA is huge honour, and I look forward to working with the BPMA staff and members as we navigate our way through the challenging times we continue face here in the UK. It is no surprise that ongoing social, economic, and political developments continue to present obstacles and uncertainty in the pump market, making the

supportive role that the BPMA delivers for its members even more relevant than ever.”

He continued:” Through these times of change, the Association will continue its vision to influence the pump sector business environment in the interests of members’ competitiveness and sustainability and to increase sector awareness by providing promotional channels, technical support and pump-based training to members, operators and purchasers of pumping equipment.”

In handing over the baton, Dale Croker, said: “It has been a real privilege to undertake the role of BPMA President, and to help the Association in all its endeavours. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the BPMA secretariat and fellow Council members and would thank them for their support and encouragement. I now look forward to offering that same level of support and backing to Lee, as he takes over the Presidency.”

The BPMA also has the pleasure of welcoming Andrew Simpson, Managing Director at Apex Pumps into the vital role of Vice President, taking over the position vacated by Lee Tebbatt. Andrew has been a member of the BPMA Council for several years, and so not only brings with him a wealth of industry knowledge, but also an inherent understanding of the association, and its operational endeavours on behalf of the pump sector across the UK and Ireland.

Speaking of his election to Vice President, Andrew Simpson stated: The BPMA has provided an important support structure to the pump manufacturing and distribution sector here in the UK for over eight decades, and I feel immensely proud to join the roster of pump industry professionals who have helped to steer

this great organisation to its many successes over that period. I look forward to assisting Lee, and indeed the BPMA Council in its next phase of development.