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AVA Newsletter: 30th April 2021



YOUR CHANCE TO BE ON THE AVA BOARD!

This has been a momentous year - for a variety of reasons. Throughout the pandemic the AVA has tried to ensure that you, its members, have received the information and support you need to address these business challenges. This work has been aided by the experienced input of our Board members.

You could be a part of this team. The Board elections, like many others, were deferred for 12 months last year. The opportunity has now arisen as four positions are due for election in May as part of the usual cycle. Some of the current Board members have put their names forward for re-consideration as part of the election process, but under our Articles of Association we should provide all members with the opportunity to step forward if they would like to participate. These positions are:

- 2 x Machines & Components Representatives
 - Gillian White, Crane Merchandising Systems Ltd / CPi
 - Richard Gilbert, Excalibur Refreshed Ltd
- 1 x Commodities Representative: Robert Gormley, Nestlé Professional
- 1 x Vending Operator Representative: Diane Hunter, Apple Vending Ltd

If the company you represent is a full member of the AVA, you can apply for one of these voluntary positions on the AVA Board. It meets four times a year and helps to shape and guide the workings of the AVA to ensure that member interests are best served.

To stand for election to the Board all you need to do is complete and return the nomination form. An election will then take place for any vacancy where we have more than one candidate.

Please email the '2021 AVA Nominations Form' (which can be found [HERE](#)), a maximum 250-word brief (On your background and what you would bring to the role) and a head and shoulders photo of yourself to Penny.Rowell@the-ava.com

The closing date for applications is 21st May 2021.

AVA AGM - 10:30-11:30am 22nd June 2021

The AVA Annual General Meeting will take place online again this year. As well as the usual procedural content there will be a number of Vending Industry personalities giving their '**5-Minute Soapbox**' view on the state of the market and/or opportunities for the future of the industry. It will also be your chance to comment on the work carried out by the AVA on your behalf over the past months - and what we should focus on in the future.

Mark the date and time in your diary for a lively event!

Watch out in your inbox for details on how to join.



in 2020 we asked you to complete two surveys to help us gauge the industry impact of Covid-19. Many of you responded - thank you!

The results were sobering – but very useful in our dealings with Civil Servants, Politicians and grant bearing Local Authorities.

Again - we need to know how much the pandemic has affected **your** business since our earlier surveys, so we can provide accurate data as we lobby for support and recognition.

It will also help us to plan and review the support **we** offer members as we go forward and as people plan how to manage their businesses under the various Covid-19 restrictions and also how take advantage of any business growth opportunities.

Please take a few minutes to answer our AVA/EVA questionnaire, which can be found [HERE](#).

Whether you are a Vending Operator or Supplier of equipment, products or services. The response date has been extended to so please submit by **7th May, 2021**



The latest Defra consultations de-coded!

Whilst the AVA Environment, Technical and Commodities committees prepare our responses to the consultations on ***Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)*** and ***Deposit Return Schemes (DRS)*** for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the FPA hosted a very informative webinar yesterday. Which can be viewed [HERE](#). For anyone who is struggling with the nearly 600 pages of documents, this is essential (and financially frightening) viewing - for Operators and Suppliers.

Grab a coffee (or large bottle of Red), sit back and watch

AVA ENGINEERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME



Engineers Electrical Safety Courses

The next Part 1 Course will be hosted online on **7th June, 2021**.

For any business which currently has employees on furlough, don't forget that these members of the team are still able to take part in training, so this is an ideal opportunity to participate.

For more detail on the course, you can head to the members area of the website, here: [AVA Members Training - Engineers Training Programme](#)

EVA LAUNCHES ONLINE VENDING & COFFEE SOLUTION HUB



THE EVA VENDING AND COFFEE SOLUTIONS HUB is a unique virtual platform where you will be able to meet the major European & Vending Coffee Services players, starting on **27 & 28 May with the launch event and continuing for ONE YEAR!**

Access to the platform & to the events is COMPLETELY FREE; you just need to register on the platform landing page. You will also be able to login again throughout the year and visit the exhibitors at any time after the launch dates. [Register here.](#)

DIARY DATES

The only thing we can be certain of this year is that dates, events and timings will probably move!

Keep in touch by regularly checking the [AVA Industry Events Calendar](#)

If you are planning (or re-planning) an event, let us know.



22nd July 2021

Another date for your diaries is the Nestlé sponsored AVA Northern Golf Day. As usual this will be held at the Wetherby Golf club over 27 holes for the Nestlé Shield and the Jack West Trophy.

This will be a Covid-19 secure event, following all current Government and PGA guidelines.

See the Events Calendar for more details.