

## PETER STONE AWARD



*Peter Rogers receives the Peter Stone Award from President Chris Dawson*

## PETER ROGERS RECEIVES THE ABE 2004 PETER STONE AWARD AT THE HOUSE OF LORDS

The Association has pleasure in announcing that Peter Rogers, Director and co-founder of Stanhope Plc, Chairman of the Strategic Forum for Construction and Chairman of Constructing Excellence, is the winner of the prestigious Peter Stone Award.

Peter Rogers was presented with the award, a silver salver and certificate, by Chris Dawson, President of the Association of Building Engineers, at the House of Lords. Peter Rogers, Chris Dawson, Lord Howie of Troon, Lord Morris of Manchester, the Earl of Lytton and other honoured guests enjoyed a reception prior to the presentation in the Cholmondeley room. Guests were invited to enjoy a sit-down buffet lunch whilst absorbing the ambience of dining whilst looking over the Thames.

The award is presented in recognition of an individual's or organisation's contribution to building engineering and the technologies of construction. Being at the forefront of the advancement, delivery and promotion of quality within the built environment is noted. The award is presented in memory of Peter Stone, a greatly respected former President of the Association; and the ABE was pleased to welcome Mrs Stone and their son and his wife to the presentation.



*Peter Rogers with the President, Mrs Stone and Family, Lord Howie, Douglas Smith and Paul Everall*



Michael Cassidy and Chris Dawson



Chief Executive David Gibson with Bill Black



Glynne Holmes and Robert Jones



Len Gold, Institute of Plumbing and John Ruddell, Institute of Clerks of Works



Peter Jackman with Jean Birch

Chris Dawson presents 50 years' membership certificates to:



David Wilkins



Keith Manning



Adrian Crouch



Chris Dawson presents Peter Rogers with the Peter Stone Certificate

Peter Rogers was presented with the award in recognition of his promotion of quality, safety and efficiency within the construction industry, Building Engineering and the built environment.

Peter Rogers is a Chartered Engineer, involved with the property and construction industry at government and trade level and has been instrumental in driving changes to working practices, safety and efficiency. Initially employed by major contractors, internationally and in the UK; Construction Management in New York, projects included dry docks and airports in the Middle East; offshore oil production platforms, roads and commercial developments in the UK. Joining Stanhope in 1985 as a main board director, Peter was responsible for the construction of the seminal £700m Broadgate development. Subsequently he was involved with several million pounds worth of Commercial, Arts and Historic Buildings, including the M.O.D, Royal Opera House, Glyndebourne Opera, Tate Modern and the lottery funds.

Peter Rogers gave an acceptance speech: 'Lord Howie, President, ladies and gentlemen, what an honour it is for me to stand here today to receive this award'. Peter explained how he visited the ABE website, to view the objectives of the Association – 'to encourage and facilitate co-operation between the construction professions'. How interesting! Peter explained how he had read recent press articles on bringing professional institutions together, and explained the importance of this for the construction industry and for those individuals working within it. Peter outlined the transfer from Building Control to private sector as being both good and bad, and explained how it opens up the market and can simplify innovation, enabling knowledge to move from project to project; resulting, however, in a potential loss of local knowledge with a risk of corner-cutting. Peter drew his speech to a close with a heartfelt thank you for the award.

At the event Chris Dawson was pleased to present Adrian Crouch, Keith Manning and David Wilkins with certificates of recognition for 50 continuous years' loyal membership of the Association. 50 years' certificates have also been awarded to Kenneth Lawson, Sidney Pattle, Dennis Paull, Derek Prangnell and Ronald Smale.