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The Brick and Blocklayers Federation of New Zealand (BBFNZ), the Industry body for Brick Veneer and Structural Masonry building systems announced the amalgamation of its 14 regional trade associations to form a single, New Zealand Masonry Trade Association (NZMTA) following constitutional changes at its AGM at the Ascot Park Hotel in Invercargill over the weekend of 12-13 August 2016.

Any company that undertakes masonry work as its primary business may register as a *Trade* member with the NZMTA. The annual registration fee is \$500+GST.

“The intention of this single body is to centralise administration, enable our trade to have a clear focus on identifying post apprentice training needs and to help members meet their compliance requirements by developing easy to use systems and resources” states BBFNZ CEO Melanie McIver. “At the same time we are switching our focus to looking at improving our business skills as well as regulatory and technical knowledge”.

Registration forms have been distributed to existing BBFNZ Trade Association members and are available on www.bbfnz.co.nz (about us/become a member).

BBFNZ is working closely with NZMTA to help the industry provide members with 6 educational seminars per year. The first round of these is expected to kick off in early November in conjunction with Scaffolding, Access and Riggers New Zealand (SARNZ) who will be discussing with members a joint proposal for brick and blocklayers scaffolding.

Information on the benefits of membership can be found here: