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ACES COUNCIL 26th April 2024

Item 5 - Secretary's Report

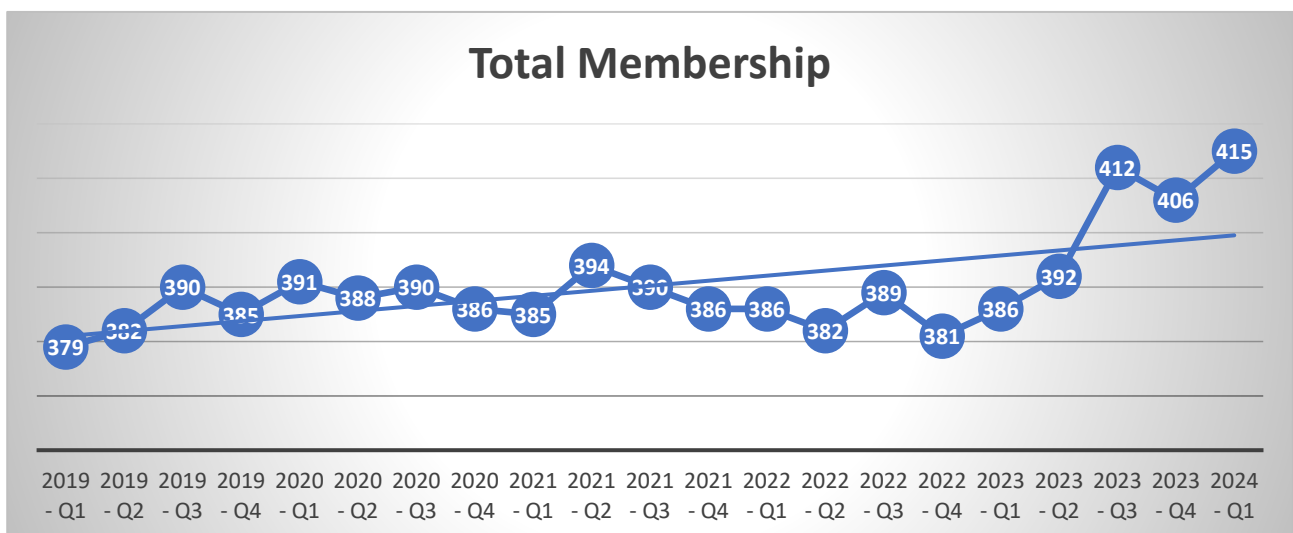
The following is a summary of matters arising since the last Council Meeting.

Membership

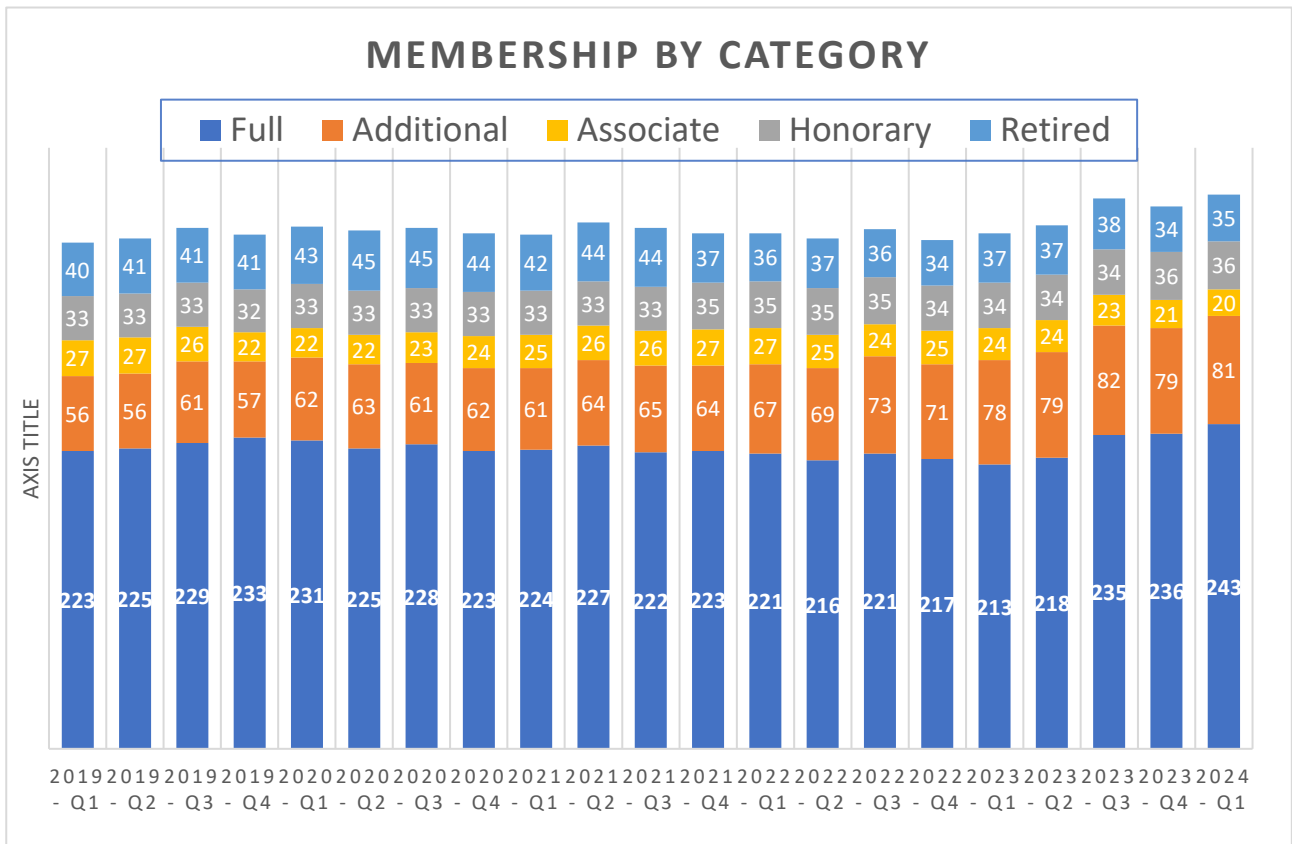
This time it is very pleasing to see a new high of **415** members compared to the previous peak of 412 members in 2023. It is particularly satisfying to welcome to the association a good selection of new organisations. The total membership at 31/3/24 is:

Total Membership	
Status	Number
Full	243
Additional	81
Honorary	36
Associate	20
Retired	35
Total	415

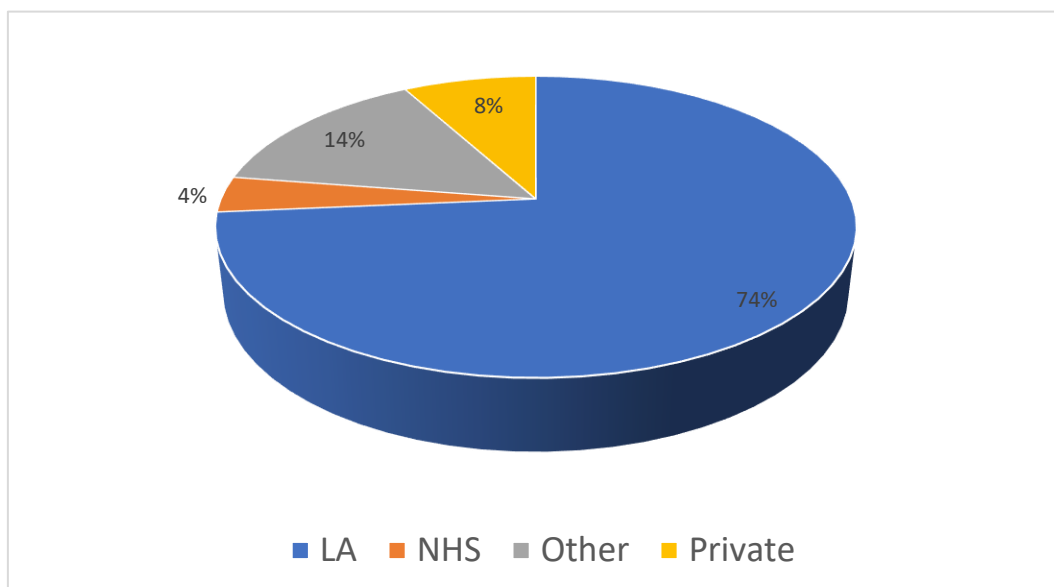
The chart below shows analysis of membership numbers over the last five years which describes a healthy upward trendline.



The chart below, as requested at the last Council meeting, shows the number of members over the same period by category. This enables a quick view of the change, over time, in the number of working members and retired or honorary members.



The next chart, for information, is an indicative representation of the current Membership by Organisation type, demonstrating the variety of organisations particularly since qualification criteria were extended. "Private" is a bit of a catch all including associates working alone, Norse Consulting, and the small crop of surveyors from private firms doing public work.



Subscriptions

At the time of writing (22/04/24), we have received just over **61%** of payments totalling an income of approximately **£29,400** out of a total due of around **£48,300**. Whilst it is considered that some members may not be getting the automatic invoices due to organisation firewalls, this is still a disappointing response rate at this time. Strong reminders will be going out soon.

The approved subscription concessions continue to be employed in some cases as a means of assisting membership, primarily for organisations not currently represented.

2024 Conference

The President has been working hard on the arrangements for the 2024 National Conference to be held in Norwich and a detailed report follows later on the agenda.

2024 National AGM

The Senior Vice President has been active in making arrangements and will report in more detail later. The proposed venue for the 2024 AGM on 15th November is RICS HQ or Fieldfishers Offices in London.

Support for Secretary

My workload continues to be high compared to when I started the Secretary role, particularly with supporting new initiatives such as the SAM Diploma, FACES etc., and more time spent on updating and populating the website for example. With regard to the latter, the recruitment difficulties across the profession are resulting in more job vacancies being posted recently but few members are using the self-help facility. I have now prepared a report setting out proposals for support and this appears later on the agenda.

Core Management Team

The CMT has met a number of times since the last Council and actions for noting and approving are detailed later on the agenda, together with updated Terms of Reference of the CMT for the approval of Council.

Trevor Bishop
ACES Secretary
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