



ITEM 5

ACES COUNCIL 24th April 2025

Item 5 - Secretary's Report

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

Membership

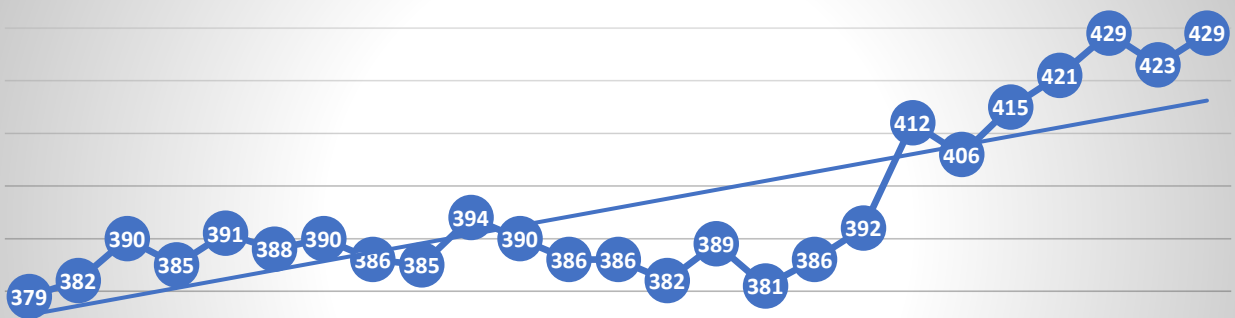
The encouraging upward trend in membership continues with a return to the peak level following a slight dip at the end of 2024. As expected following membership invoicing there has been a number of resignations but these have been countered by new members joining and the total membership (at 10/4/25) is:

Total Membership	
Status	Number
Full	247
Additional	94
Honorary	37
Associate	16
Retired	37
Total	431

As previously noted the current level is in the context of a number of members who have still not paid their subscription and who may have to be expelled from the association in the absence of action to address arrears.

The chart below shows analysis of membership numbers over the last five years up to 31/3/25 which continues to describe a healthy upward trendline.

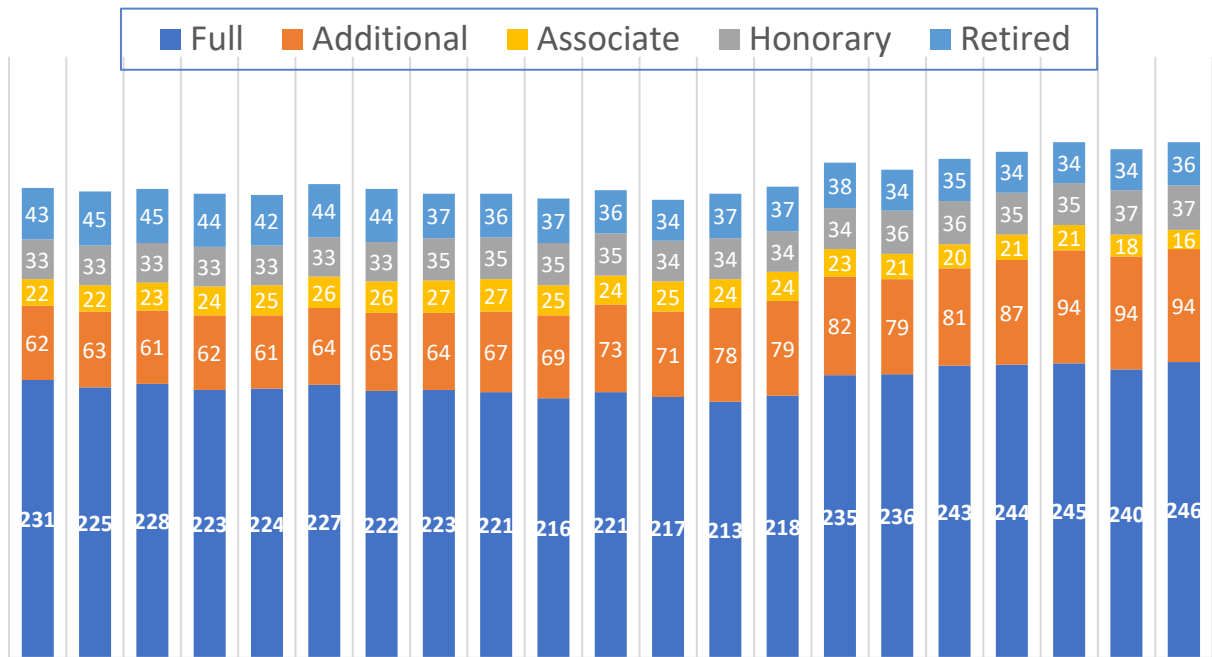
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The second chart below shows the number of members over the same period by category. This enables a quick view of the change, over time, in the number of working members and retired or honorary members.

MEMBERSHIP BY CATEGORY



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Membership Subscriptions

I have been supporting the National Treasurer with the new Xero invoicing system and good progress has been made in getting the subscription invoices out to members. A steady stream of payments has followed and the Treasurer will report in more detail on this.

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

2025 Conference

The President will report in more detail on progress with his arrangements for the 2025 Conference in Bath and the Branch Liaison Officer will report on action he has taken with regard to the Social Programme.

We hope shortly to begin marketing by way of the usual webpage on our website and by other means.

2025 National AGM

David Pethen has kindly progressed arrangements for the 2025 National AGM in consultation with the President and SVP. The date is confirmed as Thursday 20th November 2025 and will be held at Cardiff Castle. Our usual venue, the City Hall is out of action for hiring, due to defective boilers but Cardiff Castle is still well located and only a 5 to 10 minute walk from Cardiff City Hall.

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.

Trevor Bishop
ACES Secretary
April 2025