



ITEM 5

ACES COUNCIL 24th July 2025

Item 5 - Secretary's Report

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

Membership

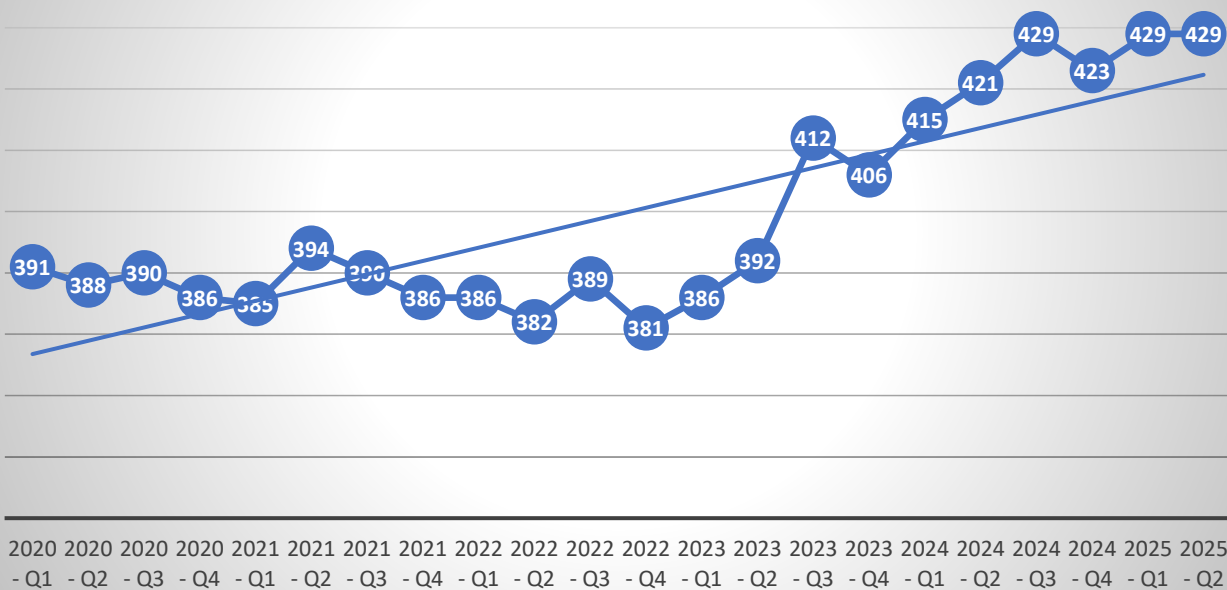
There has been a levelling off in the membership numbers recently but they still remain at healthy levels compared to previous years. As usual there has been a modest turnover with a similar number of resignations and new members. The total membership (at 14/7/25) is:

Total Membership	
Status	Number
Full	242
Additional	100
Honorary	37
Associate	15
Retired	36
Total	430

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.

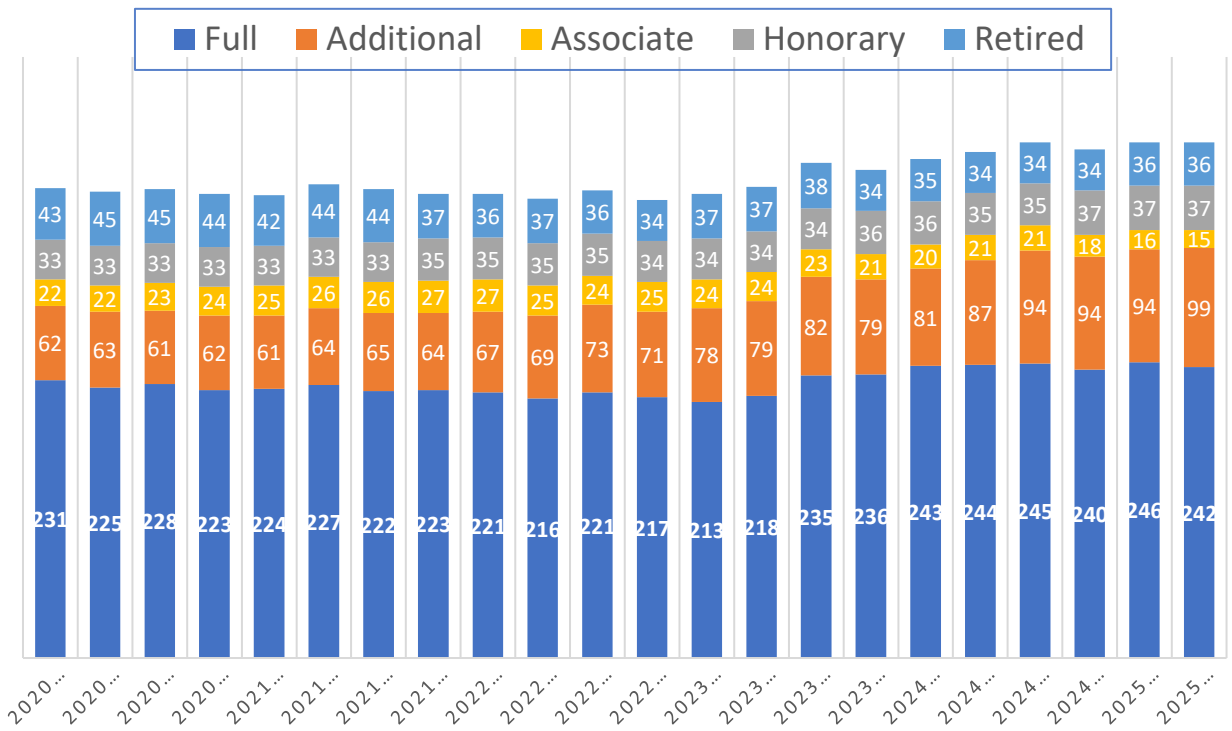
The chart below shows analysis of membership numbers over the last five years up to 30/6/25 which continues to describe a healthy upward trendline.

Total Membership



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



Membership Subscriptions

I continue to support 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

We have now begun formal marketing of the 2025 Conference by way of the usual webpage on our website and by other means, notably the social media platforms in the capable hands of the Social Media Manager.

An excellent and comprehensive booking process has been set up on Eventbrite with thanks to David Pethen for all the detailed work he has put in to achieve this.

The President will report in more detail on progress with his arrangements for the Conference and the Branch Liaison Officer will report on the Social Programme.

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
July 2025