**EAST OF ENGLAND REGION - AGM . THURSDAY 11TH MARCH 2022**

**CHAIRMAN`S REPORT**

Committee:

* Chair Stuart Clarke
* Vice Chair Carol Harwood
* Treasurer Vacant
* Secretary Jill Taylor
* Lin O`Brien MBE
* Karen Pardoe
* Rodney Lankester
* Andrew Lipscombe
* Michael Dove
* Rob Chambers

We have seen a few changes to the Committee this year, as you will see from the names and titles above. We were very sorry to say farewell to Adrian Groves our Treasurer, who has contributed to and supported the Committee for many years. He will be missed by his colleagues and friends. However, it was great to welcome Lin O`Brien back who will be known to many of you, alongside a new Committee Member Rob Chambers, who you will recognise as this year`s SCOTY Winner. We were all delighted that Rob was our very own SCOTY winner from the East of England Region! Thanks to Carol Harwood, our Vice Chair for all the work she does as the National SCOTY Coordinator.

We are always looking for proactive LACA Members to join our Committee and we currently have a vacancy for a Treasurer. If you are interested, please do speak to any member of our Committee, or contact me directly.

We currently have 123 Members within our Region – which is 7 up on last year. LACA will be supporting the Public Sector Expo next week in Birmingham with a membership stand for our Association. We hope that this will attract new members to join LACA and enjoy the full benefits of membership. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our region, please contact one of the Committee or me directly.

We are all still facing issues arising from the Pandemic but with hope that they are starting to reduce and we can all soon get back to normality. We were fortunate that LACA organised a number of webinars during this period which were well attended and received by membership. The Main Event took place last October which was a great success and we are all looking forward to the 2022 event in July this year.

During the coming weeks your Committee will be busy planning a calendar of events for the rest of the year, which will include supporting a National Roadshow on the 19th October, which will be held around the St Albans/Watford area. We have had some excellent regional events in the past and are excited to be holding more in the coming months.

I would like to conclude by thanking your Committee for all their ongoing hard work and support throughout this challenging time. We all look forward to being able to get together in person in the very near future and get our regional events back on track.