

President's Report

Hello Members

It is with no small sense of the occasion that I write this message to you. It is only the 5th time in the entire history of the ACA that there has been a transition of Presidents. This is no doubt due to the tireless commitment that those who have come before have given to the job and the acknowledgement by members and councillors alike of their ability to perform the role to the highest standard imaginable.

Before I move any further towards the future I would like to join with all members and councillors in congratulating, thanking and applauding the job carried out by Noel in his years as President. Fundamental challenges and changes have **been** met and undertaken in **a** seemingly seamless and straightforward manner, yet that is testimony **to** the work ethic and dedication of Noel to the task at hand. No platitudes can be considered too high for the achievements during Noel's presidency so I will utter just one phrase; Thank –You.

As to the immediate future; status quo. The organisation will no doubt undertake various changes from time to time as hurdles are reached and overcome (and I assure you they will be) but for now our focus will remain keenly attentive to ensuring that **the** future of our great sport is protected and assured for generations to come. Financial prudence and responsible investments will remain central to the management council's fiscal policy focus and ensuring over regulation of the horse industry does not occur will drive our external relations agenda.

Put simply, the ACA is certainly slightly poorer due to the loss of an experienced and guiding hand in Noel. But, in what is a further testimony to him and his predecessors, he has indicated to me personally that he will be available and willing to help at any stage, and further to that the role is only one of many that constitutes **the** management fabric of the ACA. I look forward to working even closer with the tireless ACA office staff and with councillors and members.

Good luck to Noel and Jo-anne, may the phone not ring for awhile!

Sincerely

Sean Dillon
ACA President