



Adjudication
Society

CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2025

Welcome

I welcome our members, committee (both current and incoming) and our Honorary President to this Annual General Meeting. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be Chair of the Adjudication Society for the period from 2024 to 2025.

Financial

The treasurer has confirmed that we are once again in a healthy financial position, and this will assist in helping us deliver the ever number of increasing events we put on across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Annual Conference

The largest event run by the Society each year is the annual conference, and just like last year in Manchester the event has been well attended by members and non-members. There was a significant amount of work involved in arranging the conference this year and I thank Hamish Lal and Robert Gibbs for the work they put into the conference this year.

Overview of the Year's Activities

In the period 2024 to 2025 we have managed to greatly increase the number of events held compared with the period 2023 to 2024. Indeed, we surpassed our own target and can report that over 25 events were held compared to 13 the year before.

Carly Thorpe's report as the Regional Convenor provides more detail about our work in the regions and the events held in them. Please do review this, as it is fundamental to our support provided to the members that we hold events that they can access no matter where they live.

Achievements and Milestones

Our membership numbers continue to grow. In the last 12 months we have managed to increase membership from 769 to around 811.

Diversity and Inclusion

The Adjudication Society supports equal opportunities for all and our work to increase the participation of all in our industry has continued during the year. The Young Practitioners group has proved popular and our mentor scheme, aimed at encouraging the next generation of Adjudicators, has also been well subscribed. We are always looking for more mentors so do let us know if you are available to act as a mentor.

Acknowledgments

None of the year's achievements could have happened without the hard work of our main committee together with our regional & specialist groups and also volunteers. Those of you who are stepping down, thank you for your support and time.

I also must thank the speakers and panel members who have supported us throughout the year, as well as those who have generously provided the venues for our events.

Finally, to you the members this is your Society, and we would encourage you to get involved in events and also the various committees locally or nationally. That will ensure we can continue to deliver what you want of us as a society.

Sean Gibbs (CHAIR)

November 2025