

## CHAIRMAN'S THIRD QUARTER REPORT, DECEMBER 2021

### Adam Onyett, Chairman, CECA NW

I am pleased to provide the following report of the third quarter, in my first year as Chairman of CECA NW, together with details of plans for the rest of the year.

I was especially pleased that, after a two year wait, CECA NW was able to hold its annual awards dinner in October. It was great to meet colleagues and friends again, and that the dinner was so well attended with over 300 people present. My congratulations go to the winners of the CECA NW 2021 Awards: Cheetham Hill Construction for Project of the Year under £1 million; Aggregate Industries together with A E Yates for Project of the Year between £1-5 million; Cubby Construction for Project of the Year over £5 million; George Cox & Sons, Bethell Construction and Tarmac for the Collaborative Partnership Award; Graham Construction for the Social Value Award; Emma Hafford of ACS Construction for the Women in Civil Engineering Award; Jordan Smith of D Morgan plc for the Young Professional of the Year. And the Lifetime Achievement Award went to three eminent civil engineers: Ian Spurr of I&H Brown; Geoff Absalom of George Cox & Sons; and Colin Briscoe of Colin Briscoe Construction.

I am delighted to welcome DSD Construction into membership, and we are all set to announce further new members of CECA NW.

We are working closely with clients, and recently arranged sessions with Sellafeld Ltd and Liverpool Combined Authority, and are currently assisting Network Rail NW&C with its forthcoming supply chain conference. Further client liaison meetings will be arranged and publicised accordingly.

A target for 2022 is to reinvigorate our CECA NW Foundations group, for people new to the industry, and plans are being developed, together with campaigning activity to improve the image of the sector and attract the next generation of civil engineers.

The new CECA NW structure is now well bedded in, and broadening the range of support on offer to members. I would urge you to get in touch with them - they are here to assist you: Alison Shea looks after regional operations; Jacqueline Vail looks after the CECA NW Foundations group for people new to the industry, as well as liaison with schools, colleges and universities; Joe Fitzgibbon leads on support for SMEs and mentoring; Chris Jackson who continues to lead on transport initiatives and research into the pipeline of workloads; and Guy Lawson looks after supporting members with tenders, market intelligence and public affairs.

Our meetings are beginning to make the transition from being entirely online to a hybrid model, combining the face to face sessions we value and online meetings where we are able to achieve record numbers of participation. Geraldine Fleming of Driver Trett has delivered another excellent programme of commercial and legal webinars, with two planned for early 2022. We will be developing the programme for the rest of the year, so please get in touch if there are topics you would like us to cover.

Your participation is essential to ensure we remain member-focused. After all, CECA NW is your Association and we rely on members to let us know what CECA's priorities should be. I would urge you to contact me or the CECA NW team with suggestions for us to implement on your behalf.

Thank you for your continued support.

Adam Onyett, Chairman, CECA NW, December 2021.  
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