

A toast to the host

A jewel in the CAB calendar, the CAB AGM and dinner, was held at the Carden Park Hotel, Chester. A big thank you to all our members who came along to enjoy the event and make it another memorable one for myself and the CAB team, writes CAB CEO Phil Slinger (pictured below right)



The highlight of the event this year was the election of a new president, Peter Dziurzynski, who most of you will know is the MD of Comar. In the picture (above), outgoing President, Mo Panam (centre) is welcoming Peter (left) as his successor. Mo has spent 11 years as CAB's President and seen the association through many changes. He was thanked by the board and members present for the support he has given the association in the last decade.

Peter Dziurzynski said: "It is a great honour to be elected to the position of president of CAB. I would like to pass a huge thanks to Mo Panam for his selfless contribution over the last 11 years in this role, he will be a hard act to follow. I look forward to working with Phil and the team to build our presence within the construction market and to ensure that we remain a relevant and valuable contributor towards the long-term success of our members and our industry."

Peter has spent over 30 years in the aluminium industry, working for multi-national plc's and SMEs, being involved in most aspects of aluminium including extrusions, rolled products and castings. He started his working life in the automotive industry but also spent time in aerospace, food packaging, nuclear and super alloy manufacturing as well as attaining over 13 years' experience in the construction industry.

This was CAB's 28th AGM and annual dinner; the event is a highlight in the aluminium fenestration calendar in the UK and is attended by the majority of aluminium systems companies and their supply chain.

On a more sober note, the state of the economy seems to be going from bad to worse. Whilst members at the AGM commented that they have current projects, the future looks increasingly bleak as new projects are just not

coming through. CAB has just sent out the *State of the Trade Survey* for quarter two feedback. Whilst it is a short questionnaire, produced by the CPA it benchmarks how our industry is performing against the wider UK construction sector. Results will be out in early August.

Members have asked CAB to consider how we can best help members and businesses in the supply chain manage their sustainability and achieve the government mandate that every UK business must reach net-zero by 2050. Companies that haven't already begun this journey need to start now. All sorts of punishments await companies that continue to push this into the pending file. Crippling fines from government, customers refusing to deal with non-compliant companies to mention only two; to remain competitive you need to act.

CAB will explore these next steps at our autumn forum to be held in Liverpool on Thursday 13th October at the Royal Liver Building.

Booking information will be sent out to members nearer the event, but please put the date in your diary now. □

Based at the picturesque Bonds' Mill development in Stonehouse, CAB staff are always on hand during normal working hours to answer any membership, training or technical aluminium fenestration related questions. News and event information is regularly updated on the CAB website at www.c-a-b.org.uk and also in the association monthly ezine 'A Window Into Aluminium' which is free to sign up to. If you are not a member of CAB and wish to learn more about membership, please contact Jessica Dean at the CAB offices by email jessica.dean@c-a-b.org.uk or telephone Jessica at the office on 01453 828851.