



## **National President's Report**

I hope everyone is well and had a good festive period.

I always said when I took over, I would be honest and if I made a mistake, I would own up to it.

So before I go on, I must make an apology that in my write up in December issues of the NARFSP News about the service at the NMA in September I missed out that Sid Walker our Standard Bearer was in attendance, this was a mistake on my behalf, and I have emailed him to apologize.

The bad news is that at the end of last Year we lost members due to 3 Branches closing due to no one would take over the Official Positions.

Members have got to realise that if no one takes up the Positions at Branch Level then sooner or later the Association will either just be one Branch or will cease to operate.

Since then, the Individual Members Secretary Alison Newis has written to them all and so far, we have received over 70 replies wanting to join as Individual Members.

After representing the Association on the National Pension Council Frank Byrne after many years of service has decided to step down at this National Council Meeting. I would like to thank Frank for all that he has done for us on this Committee and keeping us informed, but on talking to Frank and can see the reason for him standing down.

As I enter my last year as President, I now need to decide as to either finish in 2027 or extended for another 3 years this I need to let the full council know by the October Meeting.

After a long thought about this and talking to Senior members of the Council I am going to under section 5.3 of the National Constitution to extend for a further 3 years from 2027 in the interests of continuity and efficiency as there is several projects that I have on going and will take some time to sort out.