

Council elections 2017

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CONSTITUENCY: **LIVERPOOL**

Number of vacancies to be filled: **One**

Candidates (order of names drawn by lot)



1. John Nolan BSc ACA

Group Senior Technical Accountant,
Royal Sun Alliance Insurance PLC

Personal Statement

First let me introduce myself and provide you with some information about my background before setting out why I feel I deserve your vote.

During my professional career I have spent:

- two thirds of my professional career in practice, predominantly in audit but also including advisory and interim management roles, ranging from a small practice with sole traders to a medium sized firm dealing with listed companies across a variety of sectors; and
- one third of my career in industry working for RSA Insurance Group plc, initially as UK financial reporting manager and now as Group senior technical accountant, during which time I was also responsible for bringing together and improving our training and study package for accountancy students across all our UK sites.

I was President of the Liverpool Society during 2014/15 during which time I am most proud:

- of relaunching and reviving our involvement with younger members including establishing our annual newly qualified presentation ceremony;
- of regularly contributing to the Welsh Strategy Board meetings as well as developing our relationship with the Isle of Man Society; and
- of representing and promoting our members on the inaugural International Festival for Business Finance & Professional Services organising committee;

I remain actively involved with the Society through membership of the Main and Learning & Development Committees.

I already contribute to the ICAEW through my membership of the Technical Advisory Committee but feel that I can contribute more at this time of change and challenge to our profession if I was to be elected as your Council member by:

- Bringing to the role my broad experience across practice and industry;
- Continuing my commitment to the area and its members wherever they may be; and
- A track record of trying to make a difference.

Nominated by

Martyn Best FCA

Chief Executive Officer, Document Direct

Carol McLachlan BA FCA

Head of Leadership, Manchester Airports Group

Andrew Lovelady FCA

Sole Practitioner, Andrew R Lovelady & Co

John Tiernay FCA

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Lewis Worman BSc(Hons) ACA

Audit Senior, Mazars



2. Brian Ricketts BCom FCA

Senior Professional Tutor, Liverpool
Hope University

Personal Statement

I am very pleased to offer myself for election to the ICAEW Council, representing the Liverpool constituency.

Born and bred in Liverpool, I have spent all my professional life in practice in the city. I was a partner in PKF (BDO following the national merger in 2013) for over 25 years and headed up the Liverpool office for part of that time. I was responsible for student recruitment and encouraged those joining the profession to get involved in Local Society affairs. It is appropriate that, having left practice in 2015, I have now joined Liverpool Hope University Business School where I head up the Accounting and Finance tutor group. I also chair the audit committee of a large housing association in the region.

My work in practice provided a great platform for getting to know the business community in Liverpool. My time as President of the Liverpool Society of Chartered Accountants in 2006/7 gave me the opportunity to ensure that the voices of members in Liverpool were heard and that the role of District Societies was recognised. This I will continue to do as your Council Member.

Working with students now and having been a school governor for many years, I want to raise the profile of the ICAEW amongst young people so that the profession can attract the brightest candidates.

By standing for election to Council, I will be able draw on my professional experience within practice, my audit committee and charitable work and from my current teaching role. This has enabled me to appreciate the professionalism and the contribution that members of the ICAEW in general and of the Liverpool Society in particular can make for the good of the city.

I look forward to receiving your support.

Nominated by

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Director, Amanda Fairclough Associates Ltd

Graham Bond BA FCA

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Graham Ellis ACA

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