

Council elections 2017

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CONSTITUENCY: LONDON AND DISTRICT

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

Candidates (order of names drawn by lot)



1. Laura Dymott BA ACA

Manager, Forensic Services, FRP Advisory LLP

Personal Statement

I currently sit as Chair of the Younger Members (YML) arm of the London Society of Chartered Accountants (LSCA), having held this position for two years. I previously sat on the ICAEW Student Council (ISC) for 18 months as Student Representative for the North West Chartered Accountants Student Society (NWCASS).

As Chair of YML, supported by a great committee, I have successfully built strong relationships with the LSCA, the Chartered Accountants Student Society in London (CASSL) and other London area and district societies to establish a more integrated approach for our members. I represented younger members at ICAEW Council Conference in 2016 and have presented to the ISC, LSCA and various London district societies in this role.

I currently work in practice as a Manager in the Forensic Services team at FRP Advisory LLP. My role requires me to manage clients in contentious and sensitive situations, assist in winning new work and mentor more junior members of my team. This experience will assist me in continuing to build relationships within ICAEW, representing London on a national and international basis as part of ICAEW Council.

If elected, I look forward to learning from the vast experience of both long-standing and new Council members and hope to be able to bring fresh insight to the issues ICAEW will face over the next few years. All members, whether newly qualified or experienced, should have the chance to consider and voice their opinion on these issues. If elected to represent the London constituency, I will utilise the network I have already built within ICAEW, to continue to represent the needs and views of all ICAEW members, especially younger members. I look forward to continuing to work with ICAEW and contribute to its continued success.

Nominated by

Jessica Bernardez BA ACA

Christopher Osborne LLB FCA

Partner, Head of Forensic Accounting and Investigations, FRP Advisory LLP

Katie Hughes BSc FCA

Financial Accounting & Advisory Manager, Ernst & Young

Jatinder Kamra BA ACA

Sophie Briars BA ACA

Consultant, BDO LLP



2. Nathan Steinberg FCA FCCA CF TEP

Partner, Munsflows LLP

Personal Statement

I have been a member of Council since 2007 and currently serve on the ICAEW Members and Commercial Board, having previously been Vice-Chairman of the Ethics Advisory Committee.

I serve on the main committee of the London Society of Chartered Accountants and am a past Chairman of the Central London Small Practitioner's Group where I regularly speak and host the monthly meetings.

In 1984, I set up as a sole practitioner after working with Deloitte and BDO having qualified in 1978 with Citroen Wells.

Currently, I am a senior partner of Munsflows LLP, a five partner firm specialising in tax, private clients and SME family businesses.

I am experienced in corporate finance specialising in the listed small capital area and have served as a director of a number of AIM listed companies as well as a Family Office Board.

The profession is currently under pressure from many directions. We are fighting the FRP to retain audit regulation. The government and media are misrepresenting the accountancy profession as encouraging tax avoidance, together with threats of imposing greater regulatory burdens and potential tax penalties on the profession. Making Tax Digital is being pushed through by HMRC and government without adequate consultation time and consideration of the needs for small businesses and their agents to adapt to the new rules.

In such a rapidly changing environment I consider that my wide range of experience in both professional practice together with my experience as an AIM company director in working with auditors is invaluable in meeting these challenges. Accordingly I wish to continue representing the interests of members of ICAEW in a constructive manner, and to serve on Council on behalf of both the London members and members in general.

Nominated by

Susan Field FCA

Sole Practitioner, Susan Field Ltd

Robert Maas FCA

Tax Consultant, CBW Tax Ltd

Michael O'Brien FCA MAAT

Partner, Kreston Reeves LLP

Gillian Lord BA FCA

Partner, PwC

Richard Joseph FCA

Principal Practitioner, Richard Joseph & Co



3. Kathryn Britten BSc FCA
Managing Director, AlixPartners UK

Personal Statement

I have been an elected member of the ICAEW Council, representing members in London, since 2013 and I wish to continue to serve on Council. I am currently Chair of ICAEW's Audit Committee.

I am a Chartered Accountant and a Forensic Accountant. Having trained as an auditor and worked for several years as an audit partner, I also have nearly 25 years' experience of advising clients and their counsel in commercial disputes and supporting them in the resolution of disputes in litigation, arbitration and ADR, including mediation and expert determination.

My career has spanned large and small accountancy firms. I trained with Deloitte Haskins & Sells, one of the predecessor firms of PwC, was a manager for several years in a six-partner firm and subsequently became a partner in BDO and then KPMG. I am currently a partner at AlixPartners, a global consultancy firm.

I have carried out many accounting investigations, have provided Expert Witness testimony in the UK High Court and in International Arbitration and have written hundreds of Expert Witness reports. My experience includes cases in Europe, the Middle East, India, Africa, Russia and the Far East. I have particular experience in cases concerning accountants and auditors, particularly those arising from insolvencies and regulatory investigations.

I am also a Board Member of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

I am a strong supporter of women in business and throughout my career I have mentored a number of successful women in various professions, led thought leadership initiatives about flexible working in the professions and been interviewed by the *FT* and others about the importance of women reaching their full potential. In this respect, I was awarded the Women in the City - Jaguar Woman of Achievement award for Accountancy in 2008.

Nominated by

Kevin Miller MA FCA
Senior Manager, Ernst & Young

Christopher Britten FCA

Dominic Britten BSc ACA
Senior Associate - Business Recovery Services, PwC

Eleanor Davies ACA
Financial Accountant, Frank Smythson Ltd

Stephen Greene FCA
Consultant/Non-Executive Director/Investor, Stephen Greene Associates



4. Angela Caldara BSc FCA
DipCII ACIS
Self Employed

Personal Statement

First of all, a big thank you to all the members who supported me in 2013 when I first stood for election! I hope I have not let you down!

Next: I hope more of you will support me in the 2017 elections!

I have 20-plus years' experience working as an accountant, and a tax accountant, including eight years as a committee member: eg, Finance Committee, Standards Committee, Audit Committee. This committee work was with a Local Authority. Working on these committees gave me an insight into Local Government and committee experience: excellent transferable skills!

I am a science graduate, KPMG trained with a practising certificate, worked in financial services with international companies and now, following redundancy, I have a portfolio of clients: media, upmarket retail, law firm, charities, arts.

I believe I can represent the needs of a wide range of accountants as I understand what it is like to be a permanent/temporary employee, self-employed contractor, sole practitioner and a volunteer: I have been all of them!

A large proportion of my time is spent helping students towards their ICAEW exams: it is very satisfying to contribute towards the next generation of accountants! And it keeps me young!

My past four years as a Council member representing London and as a member of the London Society of Chartered Accountants has enabled me to meet more accountants and their local societies and I hope I am helping them in spreading the word for ICAEW.

I believe I am in a strong position to represent the majority of the members and I promise I will endeavour to represent the membership and their individual interests. I will work to ensure that ICAEW looks to its future, remaining relevant to its members, whilst retaining its high standards.

Nominated by

Nicolas Blackwell BSc FCA ALCM
International Director, Emile Woolf International

Francis Trafford Taunton FCA
Retired

Robert Boylan MA ACA
Financial Accountant

Robin Darbyshire BSc FCA
Principal, RV Darbyshire

Vivien Thomas MA FCA
Analyst, Privium Fund Management (UK) Ltd



5. David McBride BA FCA

Principal,
David McBride Consulting

Personal Statement

Dear fellow Chartered Accountant

I know that you are busy, so I am restricting this election address to my primary concerns as a Council Member – promoting the value of our qualification and safeguarding the position of our institute as the premier accounting body.

These issues are what first motivated me to stand for our Council and my continued belief in their importance is the reason I wish to serve you for another term.

I know from the years I spent working in various senior roles at another professional institute, that these are the most important things members want from their professional body.

You have eight votes in this election. If you share my belief in the importance of promoting our qualification and the status of our institute, I ask that you place one of your crosses next to my name.

Thank you for your support. Yours faithfully, David McBride.

Mini CV

I trained with BDO in the days when it was still Stoy Hayward.

I spent 13 years at the Institute of Quality Assurance (now the Chartered Quality Institute) in various roles including Director of Finance and Chief Executive. Whilst there, I qualified as a Chartered Quality Professional.

I was a member of the Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Commemoration Committee which co-ordinated the national and international programme of Magna Carta events in 2015.

I am currently an independent Business Consultant and also Trustee and Chairman of the Commonwealth Carnival of Music, a Diamond Jubilee charity which supports the performing arts of music and dance and a Trustee of the Parliament Choir, a charity which supports young musicians.

Nominated by

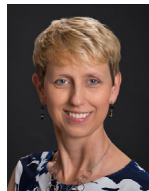
William Brooks BA FCA CTA
Managing Director, Eximus Capital Ltd

Nigel Wood FCA
Managing Partner, Saunders Wood & Co

John Wood FCA
Partner, Saunders Wood & Co

Andrew Hunt BA FCA
Managing Partner, Mirage Resources Ltd

Manish Chande ACA
Partner, Mountgrange Investment Management LLP



6. Julia Penny BA FCA

Technical Director, SWAT UK

Personal Statement

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCb6eywkUcM&feature=youtu.be>

I am currently an ICAEW Council member for London, having been elected four years ago for the first time. I am as passionate now as I was then about the future of our institute and strive to help ensure that we are able to adapt and develop in a world which is constantly changing.

We face challenges from technology developments, such as Making Tax Digital, which could replace some of the tasks that we traditionally undertake. We have economic uncertainties stemming from political issues such as Brexit and from the increasingly global nature of business.

Our institute must be agile and perceptive, trying to anticipate the impact of external factors on the success of our profession and therefore of our members.

My day job, as Technical Director at SWAT UK, as well as my role on Council, means that I keep up to date not just with detailed technical issues, but also the wider issues affecting us. As a lecturer on technical topics I have developed strong communication skills, which help me to raise points in Council meetings or on other committees.

Communication involves listening to members too. I talk to members at events, on courses or on the phone – quite often in a work capacity but then drifting into ICAEW Council matters. I am a keen participant in social media, especially Twitter and I am always happy to hear members' views via [@JSPenny](#) or on [LinkedIn](#).

As well as being on Council I currently chair the National Technical Advisory Committee and serve on the Technical Strategy Board and Committee of Council.

I hope to be able to continue representing London members on Council and for that I need your vote. Do raise any questions you have using my twitter or LinkedIn contact details.

Nominated by

Sharon Cooke FCA
Divisional Director, London & Eastern SWAT UK

Katherine White ACA
Associate Director, Buzzacott LLP

Kathryn Cearns BA FCA
Director, Kathryn Cearns Consultancy Ltd

Joseph Kinton MA FCA
Principal, Shipleys LLP

Angus Farr MA FCA MCIPD
Director, Training Counts Ltd



7. Malcolm Bacchus MA FCA

Principal, Baccma Consulting

Personal Statement

There are huge challenges facing our profession as we enter a post-Brexit world which is, at the same time, becoming more global and more insular and more regulated yet more unpredictable. I believe ICAEW has made great strides, in sometimes adverse political conditions, in keeping the profession in high standing and ensuring that our skills are known and respected worldwide. There is, however, now even more to be done.

The issues of complexity, regulatory burdens, taxation, ethics, skill shortages, funding and trade all interest me. I strongly believe that our profession should be at the forefront of determining policy and practical solutions in all these areas.

I am an existing member of the ICAEW Council and Deputy-President of the London Society of Chartered Accountants (President 2016/17). After qualifying in 1981 I worked for mediumsize professional firms and, later, as finance director of a number of private and quoted companies. In 1994 I set up my own practice alongside these activities, mainly providing consultancy to SMEs and, since 2011, this has been my full-time occupation.

I am Vice-Chairman of both ICAEW's Technical Advisory and Ethics Standards Committees, having been active in ICAEW through my career in many different capacities, including Chairman of London Young Chartered Accountants and of the South London Area Society. In a personal capacity, I sit on HMRC's Administrative Burdens Advisory Board and am honorary President of the Chartered Accountants Students' Society of London.

I feel therefore I know much of the problems facing members both in business and in practice and I would like to continue to represent you and your businesses on Council and to contribute to our continuing success.

I am more than happy to discuss any issues:
mgbacchus@baccma.co.uk, via [Twitter@BaccmaConsult](https://twitter.com/BaccmaConsult) or the ICAEW and LSCA LinkedIn pages.

Nominated by

David Matthews BSc CA
Partner, KPMG LLP

David Knight FCA
Tax Manager, O3b Limited

Teresa Graham CBE BA FCA
Company Director, Teresa Graham

Susan Field FCA
Sole Practitioner, Susan Field Ltd

Angus Farr MA FCA MCIPD
Director, Training Counts



8. Christopher Osborne BSc FCA

Global Leader, Economic Consulting,
FTI Consulting

Personal Statement

I would like to be elected to the Council of ICAEW. I am a Fellow of ICAEW, and have worked as a professional accountant for the last 35 years. I have had little contact with ICAEW over that time, but would like to remedy that now.

I was a partner at Arthur Andersen during the 1990s until the firm's demise in 2002. Since then, I have built a team focused on bringing financial and economic analysis to complex commercial, regulatory and legal problems. That team now operates in 10 countries around the world, and is part of FTI Consulting, a firm that includes many chartered accountants in most of the normal disciplines, with the exception of auditing.

My experience therefore includes both very large and very small firms. I have held, and hold, positions of global responsibility within those firms. Away from management responsibilities, I work regularly as an expert witness in International Arbitration and other types of dispute. In that role, I have seen first-hand the trust placed in our profession by the judiciary and the legal community.

I have experienced a period of exceptional growth in the breadth of services provided by Chartered Accountants, a function I believe of the reputation of the profession for independent and insightful analysis. In many ways that reputation for independence, and professional competence, is now being undermined - driven by a consolidation of the profession into a small group of elite firms - with a consequent rise in regulatory oversight.

The risk facing the profession is the slow erosion of public trust. The world, however, needs independent, objective and insightful financial analysis and reporting as much as ever. The profession needs to ensure that it continues to provide it. I would like to help to ensure that it does.

Nominated by

Andrew Mainz MA FCA
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting LLP

Mark Bezant BA FCA
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting LLP

David Ashton BSc FCA
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting LLP

Michael Pilgrem MA ACA
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting LLP

Greg Harman FCA
Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting LLP



9. Howard Gross FCA FCCA CTA

Chief Executive, Gross Klein & Partners

Personal Statement

I have worked my way up through ICAEW committees and boards over the past 30 years - London Society, President in 2001, Council member since 2002. Founding Chair of ICAEW Practice Committee then moved upstairs to chair the Members Board and steer through the merger with the commercial board which I chair. The new board supervises the ICAEW Business, Practice, Ethics Advisory committees and commercial services.

As board chair I have been a member of our ICAEW Board over the last 4¾ years.

I am passionate about helping our members wherever they work in business or practice, small and large, in London, including working with professional standards to simplify our ethical code, to make our disciplinary procedures more human. There is more to do so that, no harm/loss, minor offences result in a caution or course attendance rather than a disciplinary record.

I encouraged social media use to enhance our institute's success stories. Locally our London newsletter must reach more members. We must do whatever is required to help our members and their clients overcome digital challenges that HMRC, and others, are proposing.

We must grow student numbers and provide relevant qualifications. We are diverse and global. We need to provide support and training services in London wherever our members are based. We can do this by developing our London Society, branch and area groups.

We must listen to you our multi-talented members. Consultation must be managed better and earlier. We need to identify specialists who have relevant experience to help with specific topics allowing London to be the premier district society. Our agendas and priorities need to be defined by us and we should allow greater time for full discussion with our members. This will enable us to capitalise on the wisdom of all our London members.

Nominated by

Samantha Russell BSc FCA
Partner, Mazars LLP

Priya Kotecha FCA
Partner, MAC Kotecha & Co

Constantine Ioannou FCA
Partner, Ioannou & Co

Malcolm Bacchus MA FCA
Principal, Baccma Consulting

Howard Markham FCA
Consultant