

Council elections 2017

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CONSTITUENCY: **SOUTHERN**

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

Candidates (order of names drawn by lot)



1. Ashley Milne ACA

Systems and Reporting Manager,
Zurich Insurance

Personal Statement

I am standing for council to help shape and protect the future of the Institute.

As technology progresses the role of members is changing and there is a need to raise our profile with younger members.

I started my career in a small practice and was the events chair for SCASS as a trainee. At the time SCASS was weighted to the Top 4 with relatively low engagement from smaller practices and even lower from industry. The perception remains that ICAEW is geared towards practice and technical roles.

Having worked for a small practice, Aviva, Zurich and an SME I have first-hand experience of how valued the ACA qualification is in different environments.

The traditional core accountancy skills are being automated through robotics and AI, with the skill sets required by employers shifting.

We are looked upon to automate our own roles and to ensure the automation of operational processes remains controlled and compliant within the framework and regulatory environment of the organisation.

With the rise in data, visualisation and self-serve the need for preparation of reports is being removed and the advisory skills previously gained over years of experience are required much earlier in our careers.

Technology like Blockchain could change the regulatory environment, significantly impacting compliance and audit work.

I would like to use my interest and experience in technological change to help shape our strategy, to ensure that the ICAEW continues to innovate, embrace change and its members continue to be seen as future business leaders.

Nominated by

Timothy Grant BSc ACA
Finance Controller, Zurich Insurance

Richard Cartwright BSc (Hons) ACA
Senior Teaching Fellow, Southampton Business School

Clementine Drew BSc(Hons) ACA

Alan Cooper BSc ACA
Finance Director, Liberty Leasing Plc

Andrew Lee ACA MAAT
Group Reporting Accountant, Pentalver Transport Ltd



2. Ian Davies MBA FCA CF

Chairman, Fair Ways
Deputy Chairman, BMT Group

Personal Statement

I would like to be re-elected to Council for another term, to continue to represent member interests from students to retired members within SOSCA.

ICAEW Involvement My involvement with the Institute goes back to 1980 when I was elected as national President of the Association of Chartered Accountant Student Societies. I have been a SOSCA delegate to the Technical Advisory Committee over 25 years, a main committee member for ten years, and served as SOSCA President in 2010/11.

Whilst on Council over the last 8 years, I have been elected to the Board, the Nominations Committee, and appointed to the Remuneration Committee, and the Regulatory Appointments Panel.

I have been involved in the development of the successful film False Assurance, for training auditors and directors, and am now working on the sequel.

Professional Life In my professional life, I have had 20 years in practice in the UK and abroad, and 20 years in business, latterly as a director of a portfolio of international businesses from SME to listed Plc, which enables me to represent the interests of many SOSCA members.

I am Chairman of a South Coast charity, Fair Ways Foundation, which provides education and foster care for children.

Challenges There are many challenges facing Chartered Accountants at present, whether in business or practice, including the HMRC Making Tax Digital initiative, Brexit, Artificial Intelligence, and Cyber Security.

I have a particular interest in cyber security as a member of Digital Leaders 100.

ICAEW Strategy As a Council member, I have been involved in the development of the new Strategy for the next five years, and if re-elected will be able to test executive proposals and recommendations against the agreed strategy.

I am passionate about our profession, and ask for your support for re-election.

Video link <https://youtu.be/iul0b7aUjTk>

Nominated by

Sandra Mundy ACA FCCA
Partner, James Cowper LLP

Nicholas Parker FCA
Partner, RSM Tax & Advisory Services Ltd

Adrian Simpson FCA
Director, Simpson & Associates (Accountants) Ltd

David Laphorn BSc FCA CTA TEP
Director, Ward Goodman Ltd

Robert Zeffertt BSc FCA
Lecturer, Kaplan Financial