

Council elections 2017

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CONSTITUENCY: **USA**

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

Candidates (order of names drawn by lot)



1. Simon Bradbury BSC(Econ) FCA

Chief Accountant, International Monetary Fund

Personal Statement

I am interested in being considered for the role of Council member for the USA constituency, firstly because I believe that my background and experience have equipped me with the skills and insights needed to be effective in representing USA-based Institute members. And secondly because this is an opportunity to give something back to the profession that has conferred many benefits on me over the years.

I have been an ICAEW member for almost 30 years. After qualifying in London in 1988 (with Hodgson Impey, a predecessor firm of RSM) I moved overseas, working initially in financial reporting roles in both the private and public sector in New Zealand and Australia. In 1999 I moved to the USA to join the World Bank, where I stayed for 13 years in various financial management roles, latterly as Head of Accounting Policy. From 2012-14 I was the Controller of the Asian Development Bank, based in the Philippines; and I took up my current role at the IMF in June 2014.

I have been associated with the profession in various capacities throughout my career. I was the first Technical Director of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board; I represented the World Bank on the IFRS Standards Advisory Council; and I am currently a member of the Consultative Advisory Groups for the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

It would be an honour for me to represent this constituency on the Council. I would seek to be an effective voice - not least by investing my personal time in attending all Council meetings in person - for members in the USA who feel that the Institute could do more to cater to their concerns.

Nominated by

Anil Kapur FCA
Internal Auditor, Self Employed

David Neal Freeman FCA
Account Executive, RDA Corporation

Timothy James Clackett BA ACA
Partner, BDO USA LLP



2. Mark Coles FCA

Managing Director, Jade Invest

Personal Statement

I have served as the Member of Council for the United States (US) Constituency since 2013. I have been a Board Member of the Association of Chartered Accountants in the United States (ACAUS) (<http://www.acaus.org>) since 2001 where I have served as the ICAEW Representative and also as President from 2012 to 2015. ACAUS represents a unified US international constituency of over 2,700 ICAEW members and over 4,000 members from other Institutes of Chartered Accountants of Australia & New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa and CPA Canada.

As ICAEW members residing in the US we know the value that our qualification and business backgrounds provide and the significant issues we face in gaining appropriate recognition in the US. ACAUS constantly hears from ICAEW members that they would appreciate greater support from ICAEW in promoting their qualification, the brand, the value to business and achieving reciprocity.

Working with my fellow ICAEW ACAUS Board Members and the ICAEW we represent the issues affecting ICAEW members. We are making significant progress towards achieving reciprocity of our qualification and strengthening the US Constituency through increasing funding from the ICAEW and establishing the electoral process for the Council seat through the US Constituency to achieve the best local representation for members. Establishment of the Electoral College for the elections in 2017 is a key milestone to achieve our goal of one member one vote for the 2019 elections.

The relationships we have established with current ICAEW Council members and leadership, the ICAEW executive team and staff are important in achieving these objectives over the next two years. Having led establishing those relationships and familiarity with the role on Council I feel well placed to execute the objectives over the next two years and would welcome your support of my candidacy.

My professional background: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/markcoles>

Nominated by

David Powell BSc FCA
Global Brand Manager, IBM

Michael Dexter-Smith BSc FCA
Chief Executive Officer, Xtremsoft

Paul Johnston BA FCA
Corporate Controller, Methods 3D