



ICAEW COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Laura Dymott BA ACA

Business Appointment: Senior Manager, Forensic Services, FRP Advisory Trading Limited

Personal introduction

I work at FRP Advisory in their Forensic Services team in London specialising in contentious insolvency and professional negligence litigation. This has involved investigating a range of high-profile corporate collapses in the last few years, working alongside government and regulatory enforcement agencies including the FRC, SFO and Insolvency Service.

Your involvement with ICAEW

I have been involved with ICAEW for the past 10 years, initially being the Student Representative for my local student society which included a seat on ICAEW Student Council. On moving to London in 2012, I joined the newly invigorated London Younger Member Group, chairing it for almost three years working alongside CASSL and LSCA to regenerate younger member engagement. I was asked to join ICAEW Council Conference in 2016 as a guest and was subsequently encouraged to run for election in London in 2017. I was successfully elected and am just coming up to the end of my first four-year term. I would love the opportunity to continue to be part of ICAEW Council at a time where real change is being considered and put through, particularly in the form of the ICAEW Governance Working Party of which I am a member. I look forward to working with that group and Council to ensure the views of Council and membership generally are considered when determining governance reform for the next few years.

I also sit on the ICAEW Forensic and Expert Witness Community board, helping to organise events, webinars and technical content for members in the Community.

Motivation and ability to be a member of Council

Whilst I do have a very busy day job, I think it is important to make time to be part of ICAEW Council to hear from members from across the profession and ensure our Institute continues to represent and support our members. I have done this for the past four years and look forward to continuing to do so if successfully re-elected.

Strategic focus

Key issues I would like to focus on in my next term are ICAEW Governance and member engagement. As a (relatively!) younger member, I want to ensure other newly qualified members understand how ICAEW works and what ICAEW can do (and already does) for them. Information and communication is key to facilitate this, both of which are areas where there is definite room for improvement. Member engagement is actively being considered by Council and I would like to continue to be involved in that conversation.

Communication with members in your constituency

I have a great existing network with other members in London as a result of being actively involved in the London constituency for the past 7 years. I work with the current Chair of Younger Members London and therefore can regularly engage on issues important to members in the early part of their career. I also engage regularly with members of LSCA, some of which are also Council members to ensure we are a strong connected group.

Nominators

Angela Caldara
Nathan Steinberg
Malcolm Bacchus
Victoria Andrew
Helen Brennan

Declaration of interests which are relevant to the business of ICAEW

Membership of, or interests in, formal bodies or groups, including other professional bodies ⁱ :	I work alongside government and regulatory bodies including the FRC, SFO and Insolvency Service for work, however this is only in a professional capacity and should not give rise to a conflict.
Membership of ICAEW Council, ICAEW Boards and other ICAEW committees:	Elected member of ICAEW Council 2017 – 2021 Member of ICAEW Forensic and Expert Witness Community Board
Partnerships, Directorships or beneficial interests in companies:	None
Professional or social relationships with individuals who have business relationships or who compete with the ICAEW:	None
Any other matters you feel should be identified:	None

ⁱ This includes employment by a professional body.