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Personal introduction:

Aged 7, when asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I replied “a Chartered Accountant”. Whilst I didn’t know what one was, I knew I was proud of the fact my father was one, running his own practice.

Following University and a year as Treasurer of the Students’ Union at the University of Nottingham, I joined PwC in 1997. Now, as a director at PwC, I provide audit, assurance, advisory and transaction services to a variety of financial services institutions – from local building societies to major banks – specialising in asset-backed securitisation.

Involvement with ICAEW:

I have been actively involved in ICAEW since joining PwC – first as part of the Nottingham, Derby and Lincoln Students’ Society (which I chaired for 2 years), then as a member of the local District Society Committee.

In 2009, after 2 years in the US, I moved to London and was elected Council Member in 2011 - being re-elected in 2015. Alongside Council, I currently sit on the ICAEW Members & Commercial Board, the London District Society Committee and the ICAEW Diversity Steering Group. Previously I sat on the ICAEW Practice Committee.

Motivation and ability to be a member of Council:

I believe in ICAEW as a member led organisation and remain one of the “younger” members on Council - but am also now one of the more experienced. I passionately believe Council must represent the diversity and demographic of its membership to remain relevant to all members and am vocal in Council in articulating the views of the “ordinary member”.

Strategic focus:

The last 20 years have seen unprecedented change for both audit and our profession. But never has our profession faced the profile or challenge that it does now - and never have our actions mattered more.

I believe that being an ICAEW Chartered Accountant is who I am as well as what I do and is something I am tremendously proud of. At a time when trust in society is at an all-time low, I am passionate to demonstrate “ICAEW” are 5 letters that also spell “trust”. However the current expectation gap in audit must be dealt with head on.

Communication with members in the constituency:

Whilst I sit on the London District Society Committee and support its activities, I am very conscious that less than 1% of London members are involved in their District Society. As such, my primary object is to represent all of the London members I interact with on a day-by-day basis, providing a voice for those who do not currently have their own dialogue with their Institute.

Whilst the Big 4 have co-opted representation on Council, as an elected member I am uniquely able to voice the views of members within Big 4 firms, and not the view of the Big 4 firms themselves.

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