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2021 Institution of Occupational Safety and Health Council Election Candidate Statement Booklet



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Angela Abbs

Wishing to to represent our Members views, they are important in shaping the future of IOSH

I've been a member of IOSH for around 20 years, many of them as an active volunteer. IOSH has provided me with so much over the years ... career development, personal development, advice, guidance, friendships and peer support. I really want to represent the member's views ensuring that they benefit from what I have enjoyed, and get what they deserve from their membership.

Privileged to have been East Anglia Branch Chair since April 2021, having been Co-opted since early 2020, I am supported by a fabulous team of Committee volunteers. Before being Chair I was Secretary for 2-3 years, and served on the Committee prior to that.

I am on the Construction Group Committee and a Peer Review Panel member. I mentor members on the official IOSH Mentor platform, and unofficially through the Branch and my own personal work.

Supporting members and upcoming OSH professionals is important to me. I am a bit of a 'people developer', for instance on the PRI panel we see members in the UK and from further afield achieving their Chartership thus enhancing the profession and further delivering the IOSH vision.

IOSH certainly keeps me busy and you really get out what you put in !!

With these close links to our members I have a good feel of what they need and desire from the organisation and I feel this puts me in a good place to fulfil the role of Council member.

Your support would be appreciated, thank you, Angela

Attendance Record

Angela Abbs is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Jonathan Backhouse CFIOSH

As a Council member, I hope to represent members' views; support members' professional development, and help them reach their potential.

Over 30 years ago, I had left school, passing only two qualifications; shortly afterwards, I was diagnosed with dyslexia, and ten years ago with Multiple Sclerosis.

However, with the support of IOSH and its members, over the last 18 years, I have become a highly qualified self-employed chartered safety and health practitioner (CFIOSH), fire risk assessor, qualified teacher (QTLS-status), and author.

I am, therefore, passionate about helping members reach their potential. I have been a member of IOSH since 2005 and have been a volunteer since 2010; currently, I am the Chair of the IOSH Tees Branch.

As a volunteer with IOSH, I have

- organised and presented over 30 seminars; and
- undertaken over 70 Peer Review Interviews.

Furthermore, I have mentored numerous IOSH members helping them gain chartered status.

Earlier this year, I completed my Professional Doctorate. My thesis title is 'A Critical Review of the Role of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health in Supporting their Members' Professional Development.'

My research analysed the membership benefits currently provided by IOSH and produced a set of recommendations to support members' development. It also critically examined the construct of professional identity in the context of IOSH Membership.

If successful in becoming a member of Council, I hope to represent members' views to the Board of Trustees – within the context of my experiences – to support IOSH's members' professional development and helping them reach their potential.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Dr Jonathan Backhouse CertEd BA(Hons) MA MRes DipNEBOSH EnvDipNEBOSH MIFireE CFIOSH

Attendance Record

Jonathan Backhouse is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Stan Brown
CFIOSH

Been an OSH professional for 29 years at a strategic level, so well placed to scrutinise the Board of Trustees.

I am CFIOSH and Chartered Civil Engineer with 29 years experience in OSH at a strategic level. Have held a number of posts in my local Branch including Chair and Vice Chair, I was also privileged to hold the role of Chair of IOSH Scotland which co-ordinates the views of the five Branches in Scotland and is represented at the Scottish Parliament as well in strategic policy making through PHASS and SPIASH. Have mentored all through my career whether to my students, colleagues and IOSH members both unofficially and through the IOSH Mentoring process. A founder member of a group which assists IOSH members reach CFIOSH, we will hopefully be in double figures at the time of reading this statement. I have a good understanding of the IOSH Code of Conduct and also the governance of IOSH. As a consultant and a trained auditor I am familiar with scrutinising policies and procedures in order for them to be effective and efficient as well as compliant with legislation. Over the last seven years I have delivered a number of different IOSH and NEBOSH courses including the Diploma and I always take the opportunity to promote the benefits of being a member of IOSH. I understand the need for good governance and also for decisions to be democratic, just and fair.

I believe that I am well placed to become a member of Council. I have cleared the written submission and the interview stages and now kindly ask you for your vote

Attendance Record

Stan Brown is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Curt Cadet
GradIOSH

Enthusiastic, active member with a foothold in the Americas and a presence in the UK, willing to serve.

Fellow members - with 26 years of work experience as a health and safety practitioner and over 15 years of active membership in IOSH, I have had the opportunity to develop and hone my skills through my experiences. I have worked in senior leadership positions in the energy sector and currently an HSE consultant for the demolition of a decommissioned power station. I have chaired an industry HSE focus group, representing a cluster of petrochemical companies, developing local industry standards and as advocate for the promotion of HSE best practices. I served as Chair of the HSE Committee and non-executive director on the Board of Directors of a local business chamber and non-executive director on the Board of the Caribbean Institute for Security and Public Safety. I served on the Executive Committee of the Caribbean Branch for over 10 years and Chair of the Branch for 4 years and represented the IOSH CB in tripartite consultations for the development of local OSH legislation and best practice in the region. In 2020 I took the bold step to move my membership home Branch to Chiltern UK and since then I have served as Secretary for the Branch. I received the President's Distinguished Service award and a Certificate of Appreciation for my work in the Caribbean.

My skills and experiences, underpinned by my philosophy of Ownership, Responsibility, Accountability and Respect makes me well poised to deliver the work required as a member of Council - please view my video for more on this.

Attendance Record

Curt Cadet is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Mary Charteris CMIOSH

I believe sustainability is IOSH's next step to protect workers everywhere. Training opportunities for the membership is essential for this.

As Work 2022 enters its last year, IOSH's horizon must keep expanding to keep improving. Firstly, address the changes to the working environment from the COVID pandemic and secondly, turn our attention beyond our own working areas towards those in our supply chains and influence to improve conditions for workers elsewhere to decrease deaths and injuries caused by work. For this, I believe IOSH should make available to the membership 'upskilling' opportunities for sustainability. The membership is arguably IOSH's main customer. IOSH can gain more customer focus by getting feedback from the membership. I feel there are a great many ideas among the membership; we just need to actively collect them. We should also consider seeking feedback from our other stakeholders in the profession because it will help IOSH act in the best interests of the institution, its membership and the profession, as a whole.

I am a member of the Environment Safety and Health Expert Group of EFPIA; a consortium that represents member pharmaceutical companies to the European Commission on legislative matters and I am also a member of the CSR Europe Biodiversity & Industry Platform, where we create new processes for company internal biodiversity preservation projects.

I have had a varied working life, having had many roles and worked in several countries. I have been IOSH Chartered member for 6 years and Global EHS Director for a pharmaceutical company for over 5 years. I feel I have much that I can draw upon to deliver for this role.

Attendance Record

Mary Charteris is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Iain Collins CMIOSH

A member like you, with a wholehearted desire to make our Institute the best it can be for all members.

This year, I've been inspired to put myself forward for Council; Inspired by changes within our Institute, both in appointments and in key roles and personalities.

If I am successful in being selected for Council, I will be proud to entrusted to act on your behalf and listen to your views - good and bad, and ensure that I act in the interest of all members. I will also carry out my duties as a Council member with diligence, and not be afraid to question or challenge strategy or direction based on what you tell me, and also ensure I act in concert with fellow council members to hold the IOSH leadership to account should the situation ever arise.

I have a desire to give back; I have benefited from many individuals on my journey in the H&S profession, and I know that our Institute can continue its positive change if the membership has its say and that is where I feel I can add value.

After nearly 30 years of service in the Armed Forces, I am no stranger to challenges, or taking robust action when needed, and I am also adept at looking after those for whom I have responsibility, and that means doing what is right for them, even if it's against my own personal view. Serving others is about doing the right thing, even on a bad day.

Trust in me, and I will deliver on your behalf. We are better as one; your vote counts!

Attendance Record

lain Collins is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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George Gelston CMIOSH

Army Veteran Determined to Further Enhance IOSH's Reputation and Ensure its Members Voices are Heard.

The councils role is to represent the views of members of IOSH to the board of trustees. It provides advice and guidance on matters such as strategy and policy. It is also the job of the council and its members to raise relevant issues brought forward by its membership. It is my intention if successful to network, attend as many IOSH events as possible and seek our memberships views to ensure you are heard.

IOSH also has significant political clout but needs to ensure its views remain that largely of the organisation it represents. This means not choosing a party but lobbying the government for positive change. The UK has an opportunity leaving the European Union to determine its own laws but this must not come to the detriment of its workers. IOSH needs to ensure robust but practical legislation focusing on the workers health, safety and wellbeing.

I am ex-military and believe Selflessness, Integrity, Accountability and Leadership are just some of the skills I have been fortunate to learn during my service. However, I also appreciate that as an individual I have many opportunities to improve. If you are to vote me onto the Council I will seek to use my time to help the organisation be better, to seek your views and ensure these are discussed with the Council and I will try my very best to represent the organisation amicably and as professionally as I can.

Thank you.

Attendance Record

George Gelston is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Ewhen (Ian) Hasioszyn CFIOSH

I will seek to ensure continued delivery of the highest professional standards, value and networking opportunities for IOSH members.

As an active IOSH member of circa 30 years I have served as Branch Environmental Champion, Vice Chair, and Chair ensuring the provision of an extensive and varied programme of networking events.

As Vice Chair of IOSH's EWMG, I was instrumental in developing the Group's Structure and Strategy document and in aligning it to reflect IOSH's five year strategy; Work 2022.

I have always sought to have member needs in mind when serving on IOSH committees and have looked for networking opportunities to obtain member views.

During my career I have both led and worked collaboratively on projects and have actively encouraged feedback and improvement ideas from others.

I am sensitive to cultural and social differences and always try to act in a professional, moral and honest manner. I believe everyone should be treated fairly; differences should be recognised, respected and celebrated; and everyone should be in an environment where they feel welcome and valued.

I have considerable experience and knowledge of IOSH, and the way in which it operates. I am committed to IOSH and remain passionate about improving health and safety standards.

I believe I will be an effective Council member by utilising my breadth of knowledge, skill and determination gained both as an active member and SHE professional in the Chemical industry.

My volunteer activities over the years demonstrate my ability and willingness to devote the necessary time and effort to fulfil the duties expected of a Council member; and to make a real difference.

Attendance Record

Ewhen (Ian) Hasioszyn is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Robert Jukes
GradIOSH

Ensuring IOSH is for everyone by engaging all members, being inclusive and ensuring we take everyone on this journey!

Hello Everyone,

You may recognise me from last years IOSH Future Leaders steering group. I am applying for the IOSH council to continue some of the great work we achieved last year. I firmly believe IOSH is for everyone! I want to ensure the organisation moves forward inclusively and engagingly. I want to ensure that we engage our diverse membership and fully understand and include members viewpoints and perceptions when developing IOSH Initiatives. This includes members of all sectors, categories, and branches to ensure we bring everyone along this journey. I want to ensure that we represent all members, even those who are disillusioned or who have left IOSH, to address the issues and bring them back into the IOSH family.

I intend to do this by interacting with members through branch and group meetings, webinars, conferences and social media. My goal is to bring these viewpoints, challenges, and experiences to the IOSH council to ensure that all members are represented and receive good value out of their IOSH membership. That IOSH does truly benefit everyone. I will ensure that IOSH operates in the best interests of its members and that opposing viewpoints are respected, considered and involved in initiatives. Lastly, I want to ensure that IOSH promotes our profession as a career of choice and continues developing the profession.

Thank you Robert Jukes

Attendance Record

Robert Jukes is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Jason Kamalu CMIOSH

I desire to be a voice of membership, contribute to the continuous growth of IOSH and advance the OSH profession.

I put myself forward for the role of IOSH Council Member based on my track record of service and desire to contribute to the continuous growth of IOSH and the OSH Profession.

Professional volunteering has been an integral part of my progressive career in the OSH field and having served as the South-West Regional Coordinator of the IOSH Nigeria Informal Network (2017-2019) and currently as Vice-Chair of IOSH West Africa Division, I have had the privilege of influencing the growth of IOSH membership in West Africa, and contributing to the IOSH global vision and strategy. Further, I volunteered as a Steering Group member of the IOSH Future leaders Community(20/21), enhancing the profession, by the continued mentoring of young, early-career OSH Professionals.

As a Chartered Health and Safety Practioner, I have built expertise in leadership, strategy and stakeholder engagement in diverse sectors such as Pharmaceutical, Manufacturing, Oil and Gas, Food and Agro-allied Industries.

As IOSH approaches the end of the Work 2022 strategy, I shall leverage my professional and volunteer experience in providing guidance on consolidating the achievement of its objectives as well as the ongoing transition which builds on the old one.

If elected, I shall keep a pulse on the views of IOSH members at different levels, in different forums, groups, and platforms in providing informed perspective to the Board of Trustees on strategy and Policy.

I desire to enhance the global membership experience and I will be pleased if you find me worthy of your vote.

Attendance Record

Jason Kamalu is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Lisa Kelly CMIOSH

The future of health and safety is happening right now, elect me to be your voice

A Member of IOSH for 15 years, I have worked in Health and Safety for nearly 20 years. I am passionate about empowering employees, taking safety and wellbeing beyond compliance with engagement, and influencing everyone to do their job safely and healthily.

The last 18 months have been a challenging time for those in the Health and Safety profession, but it has brought Health, Safety and Wellbeing to the forefront, and it's where we want it to stay; we want leaders to continue to commit to looking after their employees.

The workplace has changed forever; employees will work from home in an agile and flexible way of working, this may bring its own risks. Covid-19 has created new risks in the workplace, and many workplaces are switching to activity-based working; the future is exciting and it is happening right now.

My reason for wanting to be a member of the Council is because I want to be a voice and champion for you, to enhance your membership experience and modernise Health and Safety.

If elected to the Council, I intend to use my position to influence the profession and proactively contribute to IOSH's vision. I will advise on and actively promote training, membership, and the future way of working; I will place a key focus on encouraging and raising the visibility of diversity.

Attendance Record

Lisa Kelly is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Philip Lancashire CMIOSH

I want to be a clear and strong voice for all levels of membership making members the focus of IOSH

I have a huge willingness to devote the time and to effort to succeed in the role of a Council member. I currently volunteer for IOSH as a member of the Future Leaders Steering Group

I have volunteered for IOSH over the last two years and have been successful in the conduct of my role to help the Steering Group and IOSH achieve its goals. I have worked to drive the agenda of the group and IOSH and want to continue to do this by raising the views of my fellow members and make our membership the heart of IOSH

I have a passion for supporting IOSH and supporting our membership to grow and develop as health and safety professionals. I was always supported by IOSH at the beginning of my career and want to continue to pass on that support and do whatever I can to support the next generation of professional and also current members as much as possible.

I am committed to the role of being a council member and ensuring that I give all of my skills and experience to perform the role to the best of my ability to help IOSH achieve its goals and to further the OSH industry.

Attendance Record

Philip Lancashire is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Melissa Mark-Joyce CMIOSH

A bright future for health and safety! Let's move forward together with a collaborative, supportive and innovative council representative!

I am a strategic, committed, collaborative leader and team member, passionate in making a positive difference to the OSH profession where we are valued partners of businesses, governments and communities to enhance workplace health, safety and wellbeing.

My personal values are Honesty; Collaboration and Continual learning and development; all aligned to IOSH's vision of 'a safe and healthy world of work - through enhancement, collaboration and influence.

With operations and HSE leadership experiences across three international locations, HSE and risk management technical knowledge and Committee Chair experiences, I can bring unique perspectives to Council and the broader IOSH community to meet the goals of providing advice and guidance on IOSH Strategy and policy, on issues relevant to members and on the occupational safety and health profession.

As your council member, I commit to:

- Keeping engaged with you
- Representing your views to the board of trustees
- Supporting connections across the globe to influence workplaces to stem the 2.8 million per year global fatality and work related illness rates
- Being an advocate for critical focus areas to future fit the OSH profession, for example Diversity and Inclusion; OSH career promotion to the younger generation; Climate Change and Digitalization.
- And most importantly, execute my roles and responsibilities in line with the volunteer agreement, code of behaviour, code of conduct and the Institution's bye laws.

The future is bright for the OSH profession! Let's move forward together with me as your council representative!

I look forward to working with you on this journey

Attendance Record

Melissa Mark-Joyce is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics

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Kelly Nicoll CMIOSH

I want to be your voice on Council

I'm Kelly, and I've been a member of IOSH for as long as I've been a health and safety practitioner - about 12 years now! I'm a proud Chartered Member, and sit on the committee for the Thames Valley IOSH Branch, and am in my fourth year of working with the committee there to really make Thames Valley shine for our members.

I'm passionate about continuing to serve IOSH, and you, our members, and want to represent you and your voice, your opinions, needs and wants from our institute.

I've had a great opportunity to meet lots of IOSH members from across the world this year, and want to be able to continue to do so within a Council role. I've never felt more connected to IOSH and its members, and I believe representing you on Council would allow me to help IOSH continue to help us all feel and grow that connection.

I know we're all working toward the same goal - making IOSH the best it can be, ensuring it works for our membership, and helps support, develop and grow the future of our profession.

Attendance Record

Kelly Nicoll is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Michelle Pitkin CMIOSH

It's about giving something back to the members of IOSH and the Occupational Health and Safety Profession.

Being a Council member is about being able to give something back to you, the members of IOSH.

I have been an Occupational Health and Safety Professional for over 15 years and a member of IOSH for six

Throughout this time, I have been privileged to hold the office of Vice Chair of the Fire Risk Management Group and as a Committee Member of the East Midlands Branch Executive Committee.

These roles allow me to work with a diverse range of OSH professionals to meet required outcomes for the needs of the IOSH members.

I have worked in and among different cultures and backgrounds within the Manufacturing and Education sectors, most recently working within public Services for a Fire and Rescue Service.

I am someone who takes ownership of their actions and takes accountability for decisions and actions taken.

I am committed to supporting the members of IOSH through engagement in all ways possible and enabling others I work with.

My commitment to the Health and Safety profession is not just within the IOSH but outside taking a proactive approach.

Working as a Mentor to those inside and outside of IOSH I help other OSHP to develop not only as an OSHP but as an individual.

You, and the other members of IOSH are why I am running for a place on Council; to ensure that your voice is heard and taken into account when it matters. I hope that you find me worthy of gaining your vote.

Attendance Record

Michelle Pitkin is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Mansoor Poozhithodi

A lifelong learner who is capable of bringing multi-disciplinary skill and experience to IOSH for the benefit of members globally.

I am member of IOSH since 2010 and served last 3 years UAE Branch as Professional Development Officer, Committee member, Mentor and PRI Panel member assisting members in their Professional Development. I have been delivering speeches in colleges and groups to attract the best talents to the safety profession and improving how the public perceive this profession.

I am a BEng (Hons), MSc (OHS), CFIOSH, PIEMA, NFPA CFPS and Student member of IChemE.

I have a wide experience of HSE management including oil and gas construction, offshore operations, energy, and civil projects. This provided me the diverse competency in OHS, fire safety, environmental management and process safety.

After leaving engineering study in 2003 due to personal reasons, I acquired all the qualifications and competencies through CPD after entering the industry. Now, I believe in giving back to the society; therefore, I am looking for an opportunity to increase my involvement with IOSH, help members to achieve their full potential by sharing my experience and knowledge with the wider community, play a key role in the future of IOSH through its strategy and policy, representing membership at council, looking for collaborations with like-minded organizations whilst continuing my own CPD.

Being a council member, I intend to bring my experience of working with IOSH, other professional bodies, my diverse competency and multi-industry experience together for the benefit of IOSH and its members globally.

Please consider to vote if you think I can make a difference.

Attendance Record

Mansoor Poozhithodi is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Saqib Rasool CMIOSH

Vote for transforming OSH profession and I'll be Your voice on IOSH Council for any change that matters for members.

I'm a Chartered health and safety practitioner with 10 years of cross cultural experience presently working in Dubai, the Middle East top performing economy and one of the fastest growing cities in the world. My current employer is having multiple businesses including Automotive sale and service, Logistics, Retail, Manufacturing, Facilities Management and Real Estate development with significant portfolio of property.

I believe in three main areas of focus in IOSH strategy (Work 2022) which will shape the future of OSH profession.

As a Council member I will be providing prudent advice to board of trustees on matters of strategy and policy. I'll ensure that Occupational Safety and Health agenda will be a priority for IOSH Governance.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the OHS profession became a key focus for all business. The guidance, research, awareness from IOS helped businesses to reduce the impact of Covid-19. As a health and safety practitioner, I completed several initiatives to digitalize the processes and help my organisation towards alleviating the impact of Covid-19 across our stakeholders base. With the digitalisation of processes and procedures in my work domain, I can devote the necessary time and effort to fulfill the volunteer role as a council member.

On a personal level, I am self-driven, committed to excellence and learning. My values include honesty, resilience and helping people grow. I'm asking for your vote to volunteer my service on the council so that I will be your voice and contribute further to the ongoing development of IOSH Governance.

Attendance Record

Saqib Rasool is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Mehboob Reza CFIOSH

Representing member's interests and thought leadership to promote a sustainable OSH profession.

As an OSH professional, I have extensive experience orchestrating strategic, corporate, and academic decisions. A doctoral candidate at the Canadian institution and an active member of the OSH community. As a professional in OSH, I am inspired by the IOSH's Work 2022 strategy, and I have contributed significantly to defining the future of the OSH profession.

To me, and many others like you, Health & Safety is much more than a job. I am and have always been a passionate advocate for IOSH and the OSH profession. As a devoted member of the IOSH Council, I strongly believe that the work I do through both ""research and mentoring"" is crucial to supporting and improving people's working lives. I have championed IOSH members to reach membership levels, including Graduate, Chartered and Fellowship Status. In addition to my work with IOSH, I have mentored folks from small and medium-sized businesses in becoming OSH practitioners and acquiring leadership skills.

Being elected as a Council Member will enable me to act as your voice and represent your interests while contributing to the development of the OSH profession. As an elected council member, I will be the profession's advocate in addition to actively contributing to IOSH's vision to advance OSH on a global level.

Attendance Record

Mehboob Reza has attended 6 of the last 6 Council meetings during his current term of office.

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Neelesh Sogani CMIOSH

Join me to make IOSH truly International, Influence & Enhance OSH professionals and your voice reacheble to the decision makers

OSH is my passion. With extensive hard-core 24 years experience as a Senior HSE Professional in the different horizons of industries and regions, I truly understand the 360-degree prospects of OSH professionals. I am volunteering IOSH actively in the Oman Branch for the last 7 years with 5 terms as Chair and Vice-Chair and involved in many Initiatives, build partnerships. I have swiftly changed the face of IOSH in Oman by making events interesting attractive. I was successful in making IOSH presence more visible in the region, achieved 300% in branch reach, attracted many non-active members, non-Members, especially youth, students

With my involvement in Regional& International platforms as speaker, panelist, workshops, HSE Campaigns, Roadshows, My closed association with governing bodies, industry players, Professionals, different group enables me to:

- Understand Members need/challenges
- Drive IOSH Objectives to Enhance members and influence the profession
- Make a bridge between OSH Stakeholders for driving Beyond Zero approach

I am deeply dedicated to progressing our Institution, enhancing OSH profession with a wider reach and influence so that we remain strong, vibrant, and serve for developing a pain-free culture with more care and inclusion.

Help me to become your voice in shaping the future of our Institution. I believe I can offer good insight and contribute positively to the work of the IOSH Council in an international, multicultural, business context.

I will strive to enhance IOSH Global Strategy by representing your views, to build collaborative partnerships to sustain evolving cultural development to make our workplace safe.

Attendance Record

Neelesh Sogani is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Ria Sooknarine GradIOSH

A vote for Ria is a vote for action!

My name is Ria Sooknarine and I am from Trinidad & Tobago. I have been an active IOSH volunteer since 2016, where I served as the Communications Coordinator and Treasurer for the IOSH Logistics & Retail Group and Caribbean Branch.

As a Council member, I will do my part to ensure that views of the membership are well represented to the Board of Trustees and holds it to account. The Council supports IOSH's good governance structure and gives members confidence in the decision-making process, building trust and respect amongst the membership. It ensures accountability, fairness, and transparency as IOSH works to fulfil its charitable objects.

It is my intent to help bring topical occupational safety and health related issues to the forefront, and champion sensitive issues such as diversity and equity in the world of work. In so doing, I will support IOSH's WORK 2022 strategy and its underpinning aims to enhance, collaborate and influence.

I feel that I am a positive force that is needed and would be honored to serve on Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attendance Record

Ria Sooknarnie is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Michelle Stonley CMIOSH

I would like to continue my commitment to our members by joining the IOSH council. I'm Dedicated, Loyal & Inspired.

As a Council member, I would act as a Champion for our members and take the views back into Council and ultimately to Board. I would work to be transparent and always hold the best interests of our members as my driver. I would always ensure that key messages are fed back in a timely manner, keeping members informed is so important, it's all of our Journey. I would collaborate with Industry key stakeholders, and further cement the good work that IOSH have done and continue firmly leading on the global stage. I am passionate about our environment and would relish the chance to work on sustainability projects. I'm also a keen champion for Mental health awareness and ensuring people can access support is so important to me, I'm proud that IOSH supports members and has so many great resources. I would love to continue to drive our strategy and also contribute to forming the next one. I would act with openness, Integrity and always keeping our Code of conduct as my aide memoir in all I do.

Attendance Record

Michelle Stonley is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

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Sandra Wakeford
Affiliate

Change starts with each of us.

Change starts with each of us.

Mahatma Ghandi said, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

Good Day, I am Sandra Wakeford, the HSE manager from Shisalanga Construction in South Africa. I believe that I would add value as a council member having worked in a wide variety of Industries, in a number of different roles and responsibilities. I believe in continual development, both professionally and personally. This has allowed me to discern creative solutions to complex challenges. I am both an employee champion and a Strategic agent of change for the employer.

One of my foremost strengths is my ability to communicate efficiently and effectively both vertically and horizontally. Relaying the company vision and mission statements from an EXCO level to the grass roots level of the organisation, then accurately and concisely relaying information from the employees to the employers.

Integrity, Ethics, accountability, honesty and responsibility are drivers, not only for IOSH members, our community, our society but also for our global family.

As Nelson Mandela said, "It seems impossible until it has been done".

Attendance Record

Sandra Wakeford is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

Video Statement

Candidate Statement Booklet





Alex Walster CMIOSH

I'd like to represent your views as a member of the IOSH Council.

This is the first time I have ever stood for election since becoming class rep at school! However, I have reached a point in my career where I feel confident that I can make a meaningful contribution to the work of IOSH.

I'll start with an introduction. I'm Alex and I am a safety and sustainability professional in the maritime sector. I spent the first ten years of my career at sea and moved ashore. I've held various safety and sustainability management roles around Europe and the UK. I am a committee member on the South East Branch and I have really enjoyed becoming more involved with IOSH.

I have put myself forward as a candidate for the IOSH Council for three main reasons:

Firstly, I would like to advocate and represent your views to the IOSH Board of Trustees, particularly around issues concerning diversity, inclusiveness and sustainability. These are topics that are personally and professionally important to many of us in the profession.

Secondly, to put the maritime industry on the radar (pun intended) and ensure that this small underrepresented part of the global logistics value chain is given a stronger voice.

Thirdly, I am known for having a strong sense of objectivity. I think this is an important characteristic Council members need to have. I'd like to use my skills to help the Council make informed decisions.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my statement!

Attendance Record

Alex Walster is not an existing Council member therefore there are no attendance statistics.

Video Statement