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Name:	What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the branch committee?	What qualities, skills and experience do you think you'll bring to the branch committee?	If you volunteered last year with the APM what was your best achievement/highlight?
John Arbuckle	To continue to support the branch and its members in local activities, to network and learn with like minded professionals, and to support the wider APM community to advance our aims and objectives	I am a Chartered Project Professional and a Registered Project Professional. A practicing Project Manager with over 35 years experience working across all three sectors, and across the UK, Europe and the Americas. I am treasurer of the NI branch and been a committee member for over 15 years. I also provide consultancy and advisory services to the APM such as Qualification Marking and RPP assessments. I am an approved IPMA levels A & B assessor. I also provide advisory services to the UK Apprenticeship Programme.	I arranged a Leadership (managing virtual teams) learning event with Penny Pullan for the membership this year. It was deemed a great success, a fun event and a practical learning session aligned to the APM strategy.
Gerry Coglan	I am a past Chair of the NI Branch and have been a Committee Member for longer that I care to remember. I am happy to continue to be a member of the Committee as long as I have a contribution to make.	I am an experienced Project Manager in the Construction field and an Associated Director in AECOM the largest construction consultancy in Northern Ireland	Assisting with the organising of events and jointly organizing the Corporate Lunch.
Martin Elsner	I volunteer for APM Northern Ireland Branch since 2015. Currently I'm the Branch Secretary. I thoroughly enjoy serving on the Committee, and therefore I would like to be able to continue my work for another year.	Owing to my experience of working across both public and private sectors, I can relate to, and understand, the challenges facing a wide project management community. In terms of my abilities, I am reliable and well organised. I have good communication skills.	I attended every meeting of the Committee during the current term of 2019/2020. While holding a role of Branch Secretary, I was responsible for writing minutes from the meetings. I aimed for these documents to be prepared to the highest standard. What more, I developed and enhanced them further according to the principle of continuous improvement. A special highlight of last year was our

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			Committee's Christmas Dinner, which I helped to organise.
Katherine Hanratty	I welcome the opportunity to further PPM awareness and it is rewarding to give back to the profession. I am an advocate for ChPP and for the promotion of Project Management as a profession. I championed Project Delivery in the NI Civil Service Awards and as Head of Profession for Project Delivery in the Department of Finance NI, I seek to strengthen this profession in the public sector. I see opportunity to develop links with schools to encourage awareness of PPM. I aim to further links with educational, professional, commercial and public bodies across NI, with the Republic of Ireland and across the UK.	I achieved ChPP in 2018, having gained RPP earlier and MAPM. I am a civil servant and qualified Architect. I am Head of Profession for Project Delivery in the Department of Finance NI. I bring experience of the private sector and public sectors. I have been a member of the NI Branch committee since 2014, holding the position of branch secretary prior to chair in 2019-20. I involved in organising NI Branch's 25 birthday celebrations including a successful conference looking forward to the next 25 years.	I enjoyed being chair of the NI Branch this year, hosting eight events and collaborating with several professional bodies. We achieved new corporate partners and improved links with schools and third level education. I championed the NI Civil Service Project Delivery Award and promoted the Project Delivery Profession in NI.
Brendan Harkin	I joined the Northern Ireland Branch Committee of APM in 2019. I would like to continue to share my experience in project and programme governance and wider stakeholder engagement.	30 years experience in planning, delivery and assurance of projects and programmes. Established a best practice Portfolio-Programme-Project Office (P3O) governance framework for Translink. Responsible for managing portfolio of 300 projects and £100m+ budget pa across all disciplines.	Organised first ever branch event in North West on a major public transport project (date now deferred due to COVID crisis). Continued engagement with universities.

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Colin McCarthy	Having been involved with APM over the last 20 years, I am still passionate on promoting and developing project management within Northern Ireland. I am also a great believer in encouraging new and a more diverse membership into the project management and looking towards the younger generation to take up the reins.	I believe my depth of experience in dealing with government, local markets and general knowledge base should benefit the APM Branch and hopefully continue our development and influence. In particular within my specialist field of construction, I have held a number of key positions including chair of the Construction Industry Council. I am a good communicator with experience in formulating strategy and looking at the wider implications of a strategy.	In the last year my best achievement was increasing the promoting the values of APM within the Construction professional's Council for Northern Ireland, as well as starting to plan a APM/CPCNI joint webinar event for the late summer of 2020.
Martin Murray	I am existing committee member and wish to play my part to further the Project Community within Northern Ireland.	Through experience in project management in NI and previously in other countries and regions can help others members of APM and also assisting the committee with alternative other options.	Highlight over the last year has been Volunteers forum and achieving our desired outcomes
Jill Shaw	I am motivated to share my own knowledge and skills in Project Management generally and would appreciate the opportunity to work alongside more experienced professionals to help support the branch and our APM members. I enjoy sharing my experiences and lessons learned with others and collaborating with others, presenting and facilitating learning and am an enthusiastic current member of the APM branch.	I am working as PM on financial technology projects for Queen’s University Belfast. My current work is focused on the implementation of a replacement budgeting and forecasting system for the University. My role on the Enabling Change SIG with APM has given me a useful insight into APM’s approach to supporting members. I have 20 years’ experience working in Technology across a variety of contexts including systems analysis, lecturing, corporate reporting, system upgrades, PM and change management. My experience in implementing change within the University context has given me useful knowledge and skills, particularly in engaging stakeholders and addressing/managing resistance to change. My PG study on Technology Management	Really enjoyed the new leisure centre event in Lisnasharragh.

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		along with previous work on implementing change, specifically software and systems has given me excellent skills in supporting the change process through effective communication and clear goals.	
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