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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?
Louise Benwell	I have enjoyed being a committee member over the last two years and would like to continue this for next year.	I think I now have good experience of the competitions group to be able to run this again for another year.	I was really proud to see all of the entries for project challenge and watching the projects progress.
Matt Bruce-Kingsmill	As chair of the current committee I believe that volunteering with APM represents a hugely exciting opportunity to assist in moving APM forward to grow and support the PM Profession both locally within Scotland and in the wider community for the benefit of all. This along with supporting, nurturing and developing new PM talent within the profession is something that I am passionate about and firmly believe that APM can play a central role in influencing this area.	I believe that I bring a passionate and flexible people centric approach to the roles that I undertake whilst setting and maintaining a high standard of Integrity and belief in the vision and objectives targeted. Through communicating needs, plans and activities clearly with all parties involved I achieve successful outcomes and unity of direction. By continually engaging and encouraging colleagues in understanding the details of situations and scenarios I have achieved highly positive results both professionally and personally. This approach has allowed for strong relationships to be formed where influences, skillsets and values can complement each other to ensure that interactions mutually benefit all involved.	Winning 2019 Volunteer of the year and leading Scotland Branch to Branch of the Year award.
Shirley Conway	I have volunteered with the Scotland branch for a few years and enjoy supporting the committee, events and mentoring young PMs	I love to share my experience and give something back by supporting events and activities. I would like to continue to do so.	The PM Challenge and awards night are both fantastic events.

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<p>David Fogerty</p>	<p>I have been involved in the Scotland Branch Committee since 2018, and enjoy the support we provide to promote the organisation and wider APM community. My primary role has been to lead the Edinburgh action group for the benefit of our members, while also volunteering and supporting other APM activities within the group. I initially studied for the APM qualification to extend the knowledge I have gained through my career in change and project management, which also complemented with my accounting qualification. The Scotland Committee actively encourage members to support the Branch and I have been a full member for nearly 5 years, regularly attending the Edinburgh, Glasgow, off-site events and Committee meetings. These event offerings are always interesting even if they are not in your particular area of knowledge, and I would like to continue to make a contribution to support the organisation.</p>	<p>I have worked within change and project management in a variety of roles throughout the majority of my career in the finance sector. This has ranged from small internal operational and efficiency initiatives, managing teams to deliver projects, to managing major project deliveries with associated resource. I have managed all aspects of the project lifecycle within these roles and apply a practical approach to how project principles can be adopted and applied. I have also engaged with colleagues and management with less appreciation of these, for me to realise the benefits that the APM qualification brings. I have the flexibility to support the APM depending on what is required at relatively short notice, with a fully supporting employer.</p>	<p>My APM highlight for last year was to mentor a small team who have participated in the APM Project Challenge, to listen to their energy and enthusiasm and watch them deliver a project for the benefit of the local community.</p>
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<p>Alan Glennie</p>	<p>As a practicing project professional, I wholeheartedly believe in what the APM is doing in making project management a profession. As an existing committee member I enjoy being able to keep abreast of latest thinking within APM and then being able to play my part in driving the vision, mission, and objectives be this through organising events, chairing the local action group, or engaging with other corporate members and higher education institutes. Being a committee member gives me a platform in which to influence as many people as possible and to get involved in things I would not normally be able to e.g. mentoring for the Scottish PM challenge. It has opened doors for me to practitioner presentations to MSc students at local Universities in order to raise awareness of APM and to pass on my knowledge and experience to others.</p>	<p>Firstly I believe I am loyal to the APM and dedicated to their cause. I am respectful of others, be they committee members, event attendees, or students, and am always supportive. I am not afraid to speak up or to ask for clarity in order to be clear on the key messages. I am certainly hard working and have a passion to help others. As a Project Manager I have real life experience working on numerous projects ranging from simple reimbursable to complex EPIC. I have also completed several of the APM qualifications. Over my working life I have been an apprentice technician, team leader, graduate scheme leader, mentor, mentee, student, lecturer, and APM corporate member focal point so believe I have a wealth and breadth of experience in order to give a lot back to others.</p>	<p>By far, the best highlight was being involved in the Scottish Project Challenge and mentoring the team that won.</p>
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<p>Amos Hamiff</p>	<p>I have been a member of APM for over 20 year. As professor of project management, I actively advise and encourage students on joining and developing in the project management profession. I have served on the Scotland Branch and the Edinburgh committee since August 2019. In this time, I have planned and supported events, and acted as a judge for the Project Challenge. I have actively promoted APM and the project management profession within higher education, both in UK and internationally. More recently I have represented APM as part of the Technical Expert Group for Skills Development Scotland in the development of a new project management apprenticeship. In addition, I am a member of the APM Academic Research Review Group. With the support of APM colleagues, I hope to continue in these roles and continue to make contribution to the Scotland Branch.</p>	<p>As an APM Scotland committee member I would continue to support engagement and collaboration between APM and universities. This involves promoting branch activities, such as the APM Project Challenge, but also facilitating relationships, and possibly guest lectures, with the universities. Being involved in the graduate apprentice programme and APM I can be of benefit in ensuring project management apprenticeships are at the forefront of discussions. Also, as a University Dean and Trustee, I have significant experience in governance and working on committees, in particular charities and public sector. I have organised a number of major events and international conferences and can make contribution in the planning organising g and of APM events.</p>	<p>Highlight - Branch Workshop Achievement - Judge on the Project Challenge</p>
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<p>Neil Harkin</p>	<p>I have been involved with APM for over 10 years as a working PM, associate member, volunteer and also through my day job at an APM Accredited Training Provider. I spent several years as an active member of the Aberdeen Chapter committee and been a member of Scotland Branch since 2016. I have learned so much through previous involvement with the APM Community and Events across the UK and this has broadened my perspectives on Project Management. Volunteering with Scotland Branch committee provides the opportunity for me to give something back to help others progress their project management careers.</p>	<p>I am a Project Management training consultant working with medium to large corporates across the UK and Board Director of an SME, so I'm painfully familiar with managing projects within limited budgets. I have 20 years' Board level experience and 30 years+ as a Project Manager across manufacturing, energy, petro-chemicals, construction and ICT. I hold APMP and PRINCE2 Practitioner, am a member of PMI and BCS's Project Management SiG so can see the pros and cons of differing PM standards and see good project management as an agent for positive change. I also have previous experience of volunteering as an active member of the Aberdeen Chapter, joined APM Scotland Branch committee in 2016, have been on the judging panel for PM Challenge since 2016 and am well connected into the APM Qualifications team. I am also an enthusiastic advocate for the APM and its' vision of a world where all projects succeed.</p>	<p>My involvement with the Scotland Branch Project Challenge competition was very rewarding and great fun too. Also acting as one of the stream chairs at the Scotland conference in Edinburgh gave me a different perspective on joining up the dots between various speakers.</p>
<p>Alan Harper</p>	<p>Having attended and personally benefited from many of the Scotland Branch events over the years, I wanted to 'give back' some of my time so that others can benefit as I did. I thoroughly appreciated that these events didn't just happen by themselves and that it was a team effort which I was happy to be a part of.</p>	<p>During the two terms that I have served on the Scottish Branch committee, I have provided a comms and social media role. I would seek to continue providing this resource. For scheduled events taking place in Scotland, I promote the events using a system devised to gain maximum exposure to APM members and potential members alike. During events themselves, I can be found promoting the activities 'live' as well as welcoming and engaging with delegates, in</p>	<p>At the last physical APM Edinburgh Conference, the highlight for me was the amount of digital interaction I was able to undertake with delegates, speakers and conference content during the day. Representing the Scotland Branch, I created vast amounts of live comms and engaged with the digital conversation going on around the event. At one point, I was spotted balancing two phones and an iPad at the back of the auditorium to ensure the maximum coverage of the speaker's talk.!! I</p>

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		person, at the event. In my day job, I work for Local Government managing a PMO. This brings, to the committee, representation of a public sector organisation as well as a PMO aspect.	thoroughly enjoyed doing this, in the knowledge that I was helping to share the event with both the delegates in the hall and with those that couldn't attend.
Jonathan Herbert	With over 20 years working in Project Management I want to share my experiences with other like-minded people and discover new project management techniques. I would also like to promote the APM to a wider audience and introduce them to the benefits of membership that I have enjoyed since joining.	I am an enthusiastic advocate of project management techniques and I enjoy organising events to promote the APM. I am organised and good at planning and as Glasgow Action Group Lead last year I have already coordinated a number of events. I am looking forward to the opportunity to continue this role going forward and hope to receive the support of the Scotland Branch members to be re-elected to the committee.	The planning weekend at the Hilton was my highlight as it was the opportunity to meet everyone else on the Scotland Branch committee and get to know them. Robert Allen was also there and he was able to explain a lot of what was happening at Ibis House
Geoff Kermode	I would like to serve the project management community, in particular within my own disciplinary area of research, engineering and development of mechatronic (physical) products for manufacture and commercial sale.	Desire to serve Thorough approach to details Constructive suggestions and original ideas Twenty plus years of experience in integrated engineering and manufacturing companies, covering defence, capital equipment and high-precision systems, ranging widely in organisational scale and type. Several notable project successes, as leader and team member, contributing many millions of pounds in one-off and recurring sales value.	

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<p>Scott Macleod</p>	<p>I enjoy anything Project Management. I am a student and completed a module on Project Management which pushed me into completing my Prince2 Foundation qualification and in the process of an interview for Project Manager with the NHS</p>	<p>As a Prince2 Foundation certified professional I will bring new and fresh ideas to the table. My leadership skills will help me share, promote and pursue my ideas.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Garry Murphy</p>	<p>This will be my 3rd time seeking re-election. I have really enjoyed the experience, meeting new people and increasing the profile of the APM. I am keen to continue this experience</p>	<p>As PM service lead in my day job with also having responsibility for apprentice/graduate recruitment, I bring leadership, technical and early years experience</p>	<p>Many highlights, however, the one that always stands out is speaking to students and seeing their interest in the profession and then joining the APM</p>
<p>Fraser Payne</p>	<p>I was motivated to apply for the branch committee due to my experience in managing projects across fields including Education, Housing and Healthcare. Therefore, I believe that my breadth of project management experience would support me in collaborating with committee members to create highly engaging and informative training programmes for APM members. Furthermore, I was motivated to apply in order to create a greater link between APM and Educational Institutions. I would be able to share knowledge of APM within the student community to encourage more</p>	<p>Through delivering commercial contracts in agile project management, I would be able to share best practices within the field in order to create up to date and engaging training for APM members. Furthermore, my experience in lecturing within the Project Management discipline would allow me to use current research to update the branch on industry developments for new APM training initiatives.</p>	

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	students to take an interest in the field of project management.		
Adam Quin	I thoroughly enjoyed attending the presentations and networking with other like minded people which took place throughout 2019. Each event was interesting and a learning experience and allowed for everyone to share skills, professional experience and knowledge. I also enjoyed helping arrange and contribute to the events and assisting my committee colleagues to run them smoothly and recognise the work it takes to prepare and put on such an event.	I have several years experience in project management in Central Government and I have worked with contractors, in house experts and external experts in the field of project management. My current role sees me providing project assurance for all major projects in my organisation. I bring good organisational skills and as a former training manager I have good presentation and delivery skills to assist my colleagues on the branch committee. I am keen to show APM in a professional light and to promote learning and interest in project management for the good of everyone in the business.	I run one event which was my concept from the branch committee meeting which was a workshop style interactive event held in Edinburgh. It was well supported by branch colleagues and an overall success.
John Stevenson	Furthering the profession in Scotland to ensure that we support people pursuing project management as a career choice and to build the natural skills base to equip Scotland for the future.	35 years experience across a number of industries and roles with a rounded engineering and business knowledge that I would like to use to share with fellow professionals	Mentoring a team in Project Challenge through the process in the context of the Covid pandemic.

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<p>Thamarai Saravanan Velayutham</p>	<p>Following my achievement of Chartership in last year and my volunteering involvement with local (Aberdeen Brach) over the previous few months, I have learnt about different business and service sectors (within Oil and Gas Industry) and enjoyed the networking. The local branch networking also provided me with the opportunity to mentor the project management professionals via ECITB as give a back to society. My motivation to involve in Scotland regional level is to expand my networking beyond the Oil and Gas Industry. The regional level involvement will also provide me with an opportunity to learn and share the experience and opportunity to involve in Project management community development.</p>	<p>I believe and also get feedback from my colleagues and peers that I have excellent Programme, portfolio & project management skills and excellent implementation & use of Project Controls. My experience predominantly from the Waterfall method of project management. However, last year, I have started to practise Agile Methods in Oil & Gas industry, which is a significant change in the way of working.</p>	<p>Started Mentoring</p>
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