

APM Assurance Specific Interest Group committee nomination 2017/18

Name	What is your membership level?	Brief overview of your background and experience as an Assurance professional (maximum 150 words):	What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the Assurance SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)	What qualities and experience do you think you'll bring to the Assurance SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)	How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on SIG activities in an average week?
Dr Mushtaq Ali	Full	Project and programme management for 13 years and assurance of commercial areas, projects and programmes for 10 years. Have produced guidance documents for IIA and APM on project assurance. Contributed to BOK revision. Member of ASIG for several years. Lead project auditing work stream producing guidance for APM on auditing projects. Chair of SIG for 2016-17.	Have been on SIG for several years am leading project auditing work stream for project auditing. Have led group to produce draft and would like to continue the work. Have a genuine interest in assurance of projects.	See above. Experience and knowledge of the area. As well as currently being an audit manager providing assurance in the areas of interest to the SIG.	Variable but generally ranging from a few hours to a day.
Nigel Bennett	Full	<p>I have around 15 years' experience in project assurance. As a practicing project manager, I would often peer review other bids and projects. When deploying a bid and project management method for an IT organisation that I authored, I defined an assurance regime and taught others how to assure projects. This led to me taking an operational role assuring the sales and delivery portfolios across emerging markets answering challenges such as "can we deliver this?" and "have we got the right people?".</p> <p>In recent years, as a consulting director, I help organisations improve their project, programme and portfolio management capability by offering smart, tailored assurance services based on organisational capability/maturity, individual competency and delivery performance and compliance. This includes oversight and assurance of my firm's related services and our assessor</p>	<p>Throughout my career, I've been motivated to "put something back" to both the people I work with and the wider profession. I have demonstrated this, for example, by coaching those who work with me and authoring best management practice. I see joining the Assurance SIG committee as a logical step on this journey. It is an opportunity for me to bring my assurance knowledge experience to the profession, to add to our body of knowledge and to further the cause of smart assurance.</p> <p>I have seen projects fail for reasons ranging from individual competence, through team dynamics to organisational capability. I believe that smart assurance can help.</p> <p>I also believe that it's never too late</p>	<p>I work with project staff to develop their competencies in project and programme delivery using coaching and training, reinforcing the message that assurance should be seen as a positive opportunity to improve and not as an overhead.</p> <p>I work with senior executives to help them understand the benefits of assurance, observing how behaviour change leads to improvements in organisational capability.</p> <p>I have designed and deployed project assurance approaches for clients ranging from simple compliance audits to integrated assurance regimes.</p> <p>Through working globally, I have seen first-hand how national, organisational and team cultures affect project delivery and understand its importance to designing and delivering assurance services.</p> <p>I've worked with the Cabinet Office and AXELOS Limited to author best practice including PRINCE2 2009 and 2017 editions, and P3M3 version 3 to ensure that</p>	A few hours per month but possibly more depending on the portfolio of services I'm delivering at any one time.

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		<p>development programme.</p> <p>I have also developed my firm's innovative ISO9001 accredited quality management system and now manage its continual improvement.</p>	<p>to stop learning. I therefore also want to keep on learning from the SIG itself in order to improve how I work with my team and how I deliver services to my clients.</p>	<p>the profession has the right tools to enable it to move forwards.</p>	
Mark Gittoes	Full	<p>I am a Principal Consultant with the up and coming BMT Hi-Q Sigma (HQS) Ltd, where I have worked since its inception ten years ago. Prior to this I was a Royal Marine Officer of thirty four years. HQS is a P3M and System Engineering company with a global reputation. I am PRINCE 2, MSP and MOP qualified amongst others and historically we have worked mainly in the Defence Equipment area. I have worked as a project manager and programme mentor setting up PMOs and Assurance regimes in a number of military Headquarters, including Joint Forces Command HQ, Navy Command HQ, Army HQ and the Defence Equipment &amp; Support Organisation.</p>	<p>At HQS we have a number of colleagues and associates who are intimately involved with APM and SIGs. I would like to share my experiences, skills and knowledge of Public Sector P3M with fellow APM members. I also have a wide range of friends and colleagues from a number of companies with whom I share experiences and social events.</p>	<p>I believe that I am a very experienced, affable, sociable, team player, who can bring a great deal to the Group. Being a management consultant is essentially about being a people person and I enjoy sharing experiences with likeminded people.</p>	<p>I believe that I can spend about 2-3 hours per week and half to one day periodically for SIG meetings.</p>
Dave Lovitt	Full	<p>I worked for HMRC for more than twenty years in a variety of tax and regulatory compliance roles and then moved into project delivery and management. I managed multi-million pound organisational and IT changes, and became an OGC Gateway review team leader undertaking peer reviews of major complex projects across the public sector. I was closely involved in the establishment of Project Management as a recognised profession in the Civil Service and was one of the first HMRC staff to achieve RPP status as part of the process of aligning the public sector to the APM body of knowledge,</p>	<p>Having recently retired from my long term role as an HMRC programme manager I want to continue to be part of the establishment of robust and reliable project management principles and practices throughout the public and private sectors. I have a particular interest in the administration of small charities and voluntary organisations and how they can be helped to manage change effectively, efficiently and economically, with the minimum of investment in scarce resources. I believe that the grant of a royal charter to APM represents a unique opportunity to promote the core values of the emerging profession.</p>	<p>I have spent more than 25 years in many different roles in delivering large and complex change, and have been involved in the establishment of the Project Management Profession in the public sector for many years. I now have the time and energy to devote to supporting the growth of Project Management as a recognised profession across all sectors, and am keen to help people in all works of life recognise and take advantage of the wealth of knowledge, experience and expertise in the delivery of change that is available. With understanding and managing the delivery of constant change becoming an increasingly important part of all our lives, I feel the need to promote and share some of the insight I have gained in my work in areas that might otherwise be left out of the revolutionary progress in development of standards and skills in the management of change.</p>	<p>As an independent consultant my time is completely flexible, but I anticipate being able to commit up to a day to the SIG activity.</p>

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Roy Millard	Fellow	<p>Through different roles in engineering organisations, I have developed comprehensive knowledge and experience in engineering development and project &amp; programme delivery. I know what a 'good project/programme' looks like, and have the ability to analyse projects &amp; programmes and recommend how their chances of successful delivery can be improved. On a number of occasions, I have had the satisfaction of recovering projects from severe problems, and this has resulted in a deeper understanding of how to make projects &amp; programmes successful. I have a BSc(Hons) degree and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Management Studies (DMS); I am a Fellow of the APM and a full Member of the IET, an APM Board Member, and Chair of the APM Audit Committee.</p>	<p>I established the Assurance SIG in 2007, and have led it ever since. There is still much I would like the SIG to achieve and am therefore very keen to continue as a committee member (and as the Chair).</p>	<p>Previous experience as the Assurance SIG Chair since its inception. (Except for this past year, when I have been Deputy Chair.)</p>	<p>4-5 hours.</p>
Gary Poole	Fellow	<p>I have worked in Project Management for over 25 years. Approximately half of this has been with a strong focus on assurance. I have been successful in establishing and leading the Programme Assurance at Rolls-Royce PLC. I have also lead a number of PMOs both in the UK and abroad where assurance has been a primary responsibility. I believe that this experience enables me to provide a strong contribution to the SIG.</p>	<p>I have been engaged with the SIG since its inception and see the valuable contribution that it is making to project management knowledge. I see the awareness of and the demand for good project assurance growing exponentially and believe that my background and experience enable me to make a positive contribution to the group.</p>	<p>My industry knowledge and experience applying programme assurance in large international blue chip organisations and also smaller businesses provide me a strong working knowledge of assurance in practice. I have strong communication skills and am able to engage with people at all levels.</p>	<p>Approximately 1/2 day on average. This excludes additional support that would be required to facilitate external events and conferences.</p>