

**APM Northern Ireland Branch**

**Supporting statement from nomination process of the elected committee members 2021/2022**

Full name	What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the Branch committee? (maximum 150 words)	What qualities, skills and experience do you think you'll bring to the Branch committee? (maximum 150 words)	If you volunteered last year with the APM what was your best achievement/highlight?
John Arbuckle	I have been a committee member of the Northern Ireland branch for over 20 years and wish to continue to serve by branch and support their activities.	I have over 40 years project management experience working in and providing PM services across all three sectors. I am currently providing consulting, assessment & coaching services to the APM, and two other training providers in the UK.	As branch treasurer, contributing to the development of the business plan and ensuring the budget was managed within the requirements of APM
Gerry Coghlan	I have been a member of the APM since 2020 and joined the NI Branch Committee in 2002. I am also a former Chair and Treasurer. I would happy to remain on the committee for a further year	I am a Project Manager and Quantity Surveyor in the Construction industry with in excess of 30 years' experience.	Personally, there are not too many highlights in the past year albeit the Branch was quite successfully in organising online events. My primary event would have been the NI Branch Corporate seminar and lunch which we were unable to hold in the year just passed. Hopefully in 2021 / 22 we will be able to get event back up and running.
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 2020/2021. While holding a role of Branch Secretary, I was responsible for writing the 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.

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<p>Katherine Hanratty</p>	<p>I welcome the opportunity to further PPM awareness and it is rewarding to give back to the profession, continuing my involvement with this branch. 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 would like to progress regional awards in NI.</p>	<p>I achieved FAPM in 2021, 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 and 20-21. I was one of the organisers of NI Branch’s 25 birthday celebrations including a successful conference looking forward to the next 25 years.</p>	<p>I chaired the NI branch through a challenging year, welcoming a new member of the committee and delivering several online events. As well as events, the committee continued monthly meeting online and held online social events including a quiz.</p>
<p>Brendan Harkin</p>	<p>I have been a member of APM NI Branch for last two years. I am keen to continue developing awareness of the APM as an organisation and promote the professional discipline of project and programme management at all levels.</p>	<p>I have been an APM member since 2011 and Chartered Project Professional (ChPP) since 2018.</p>	<p>Webinar event on transport project - North West Multi-Modal Hub.</p>

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<p>Colin McCarthy</p>	<p>Having benefited from the membership of APM, I would like to put something back. Hopefully growing the membership and developing APM locally, as well as nationally. As well as promoting the benefits of being an APM member to other industries.</p>	<p>I have good communication skills, a working relationship with all the main government departments and across the all the local N.I. construction professionals. I have held a number of industry posts including Chairman of the Construction Professionals' Council for N.I. and i am the current Hon. Sec. of the council, with direct links to the CIC.</p>	<p>I organised one of this year's Branch events/Webinars, on the Covid-19 testing rollout in Leicester City Council. Promoting the value of project management and the importance of APM qualifications to the local construction industry and N.I. government.</p>
<p>Martin Murray</p>	<p>I have been on the committee for 5 years and wish to continue providing a contribution to APM development in Northern Ireland.</p>	<p>I am a senior project manager and I have delivered projects in the engineering/water industry over the last 20 years in a number of countries. I have and continue to provide events from the industry through my network of colleagues and friends</p>	<p>I have two achievements which were getting my team nominated for the Programme of the year award, and then providing a number of events to the APM community online.</p>

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<p>Angela Ross</p>	<p>The Northern Ireland Civil Service is a Corporate Partner and I have been a full member of APM since November 2019. I regularly visit the website and utilise the many resources available. I have been involved in project management and business improvement since 2000 and project management is, as they say, in my DNA. In my previous role "Centre of Expertise for Programme &amp; Project Management", I provided PPM training and constantly promoted APM to candidates. I have since moved posts and am now responsible for introducing the new NICS Project Delivery Profession (following the footsteps of IPA). I am promoting the profession and signposting project delivery professionals to APM. I felt it would be beneficial the NICS Project Delivery Profession, APM and I, for me to become involved, understand more about APM and hopefully to add a valuable contribute to APM's continued development.</p>	<p>I have been a Civil Servant since 1985 and have worked across many Departments and Agencies within the NICS, therefore have a good grasp of each Department's needs and cultures. I am an experienced Project Manager (20+ years), involved in a wide range of projects from Quality Improvement, Security Review, Organisational Change, IT, implementation of EU Directives. I am also an experienced Change Manager and Researcher. I am PRINCE2 &amp; MSP trained / certified / experienced. I have also been an Assurance (Gateway) Reviewer (High Risk) since 2008. I am experienced in policy evaluation, organisational review, process improvement, strategic and business planning, performance measurement, risk management, stakeholder engagement and benefits management. I am Sunningdale (CS College) approved Assignment Officer and an EFQM accredited Assessor. I am highly driven, motivated and "get the job done". I am considerate of others' needs, flexible, dependable, committed and reliable. I thoroughly enjoy my work and if I am accepted as a Branch Committee member I will proactively be involved and supportive. I believe I have a good understanding of the needs of NICS Project Delivery Professionals and PPM community, always promoting APM products and services. I am open minded and creative and would enjoy being part of the APM Committee.</p>	
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<p>Jill Shaw</p>	<p>I am working as Project Manager 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 and I would be keen to develop my involvement locally with the branch in Belfast.</p>	<p>I have over 20 years’ experience working in Technology across a variety of contexts including systems analysis, lecturing, corporate reporting, system upgrades, project management 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 post graduate study on Technology Management 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. I would enjoy sharing my experiences and lessons learned with others and I enjoy collaborating with others, presenting and facilitating learning and would be an enthusiastic member of the APM branch.</p>	<p>Presenting to QUB and UU students on the benefits of Project Management and APM student membership</p>
<p>Andy Thorn</p>	<p>I am currently a co-opted member of the NI Branch Committee and would like to formalise this to full member status. I have recently started my own project management company and see supporting the APM in NI and nationally as a key part of my professional development. I'm looking forward to working with the NI team and the APM to advance the project management profession. I am also currently applying for my charter ship and see this as an excellent way to demonstrate my technical and professional practices.</p>	<p>Experience of large scale project delivery within regulated environments. Project methodologies, governance and stakeholder management.</p>	<p>I have previously volunteered with the APM to establish a Dublin branch committee, this was put on pause due to the COVID crisis, given my re-focus to NI, I volunteered to become a co-opted member of the NI Branch Committee and hope to become a permanent member.</p>