

APM Scotland 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?
Matt Bruce-Kingsmill	I am an existing member of the committee and am looking to continue the work I have already been leading as the current branch chairman	Integrity and Challenge - plus as the current Branch Chairman I have developed an extensive network of contacts within with wider APM community that I can connect the branch with.	PM Challenge - what our early careers community achieve during this competition goes from strength to strength every year.
Gregor Carfrae	Having been a qualified project manager and now focusing in on programme and portfolio management I feel I have now gained enough experience and exposure to a variety of projects in several industries. I feel that with this I can begin to provide guidance to other project managers whilst continuing to develop my own skill set and knowledge base. My current academic aspirations (MSc Project Management) also lend themselves to developing the field of project management at the cutting edge.	I have a thirst for knowledge and a drive to assist in the development of junior project management colleagues. This tied with my desire and need to develop further project management practices and methodologies are what I bring to the table. I have 13 years' experience in the energy sector with time spent in the autonomous vessels industry and lately in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries. This has allowed me the luxury of being involved in a multitude of exciting and often demanding projects.	
Nancy Che	I am a student at the university of Glasgow; this branch is the closest dep and very convenient. I want to learn program management knowledge and make like-minded friends in APM.	I have 12 years of working experience in China, comprising 5 years of sales and marketing, 5 years in business start-ups and 2 years in state-owned companies.	Help the main members of the Association to identify the most worthy projects of the last few years, as well as the least rewarding ones, and analyse the reasons why.

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<p>Shirley Conway</p>	<p>I have been a member of APM since 2007 and volunteered for the APM Scotland Branch in 2015. I attended a number of APM events as a member and I wanted to contribute and be involved in events for the members. From there my involvement on committee has led to my involvement in competitions and the planning of our schedule of events. I would like to continue to contribute to the work of the committee.</p>	<p>I have experience of committee activity and mentoring young PMs. I would like to work with the team of existing and new nominations to continue to work with APM HQ to benefit the members.</p>	<p>I always enjoy Project Challenge and being involved with a team but also working with the Edinburgh group to organise events.</p>
<p>Shai Davidov</p>	<p>Our profession keeps evolving and we have to be there to shape its future - our future. I am motivated by my quest for being a responsible manager and my love for living in a dynamic environment in which I can contribute to the shaping of the profession and the future generation of practitioners. I wish to engage our colleagues in realising their goals and ambitions. Our branch should become the enabler for professional development and recognition, inspiring individuals and groups. We will encourage collaboration and provide assurance and empowerment by: - expanding the dialogue with industry stakeholders across Scotland to add business value and communality; - developing incentive mechanisms to attract and retain our branch members; - advancing career and mentoring pathways among Scottish students, apprentices, and practitioners; and - expanding knowledge and good practice.</p>	<p>With a proven history of leading diverse and multi-disciplinary teams on transforming business objectives into clear operational results and strong sustainable solutions, I bring with me a toolbox full of practitioner experience, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, passion, curiosity, determination, and creativity. I have: - worked in international geographies and with diverse cultures; - teamed with professional and standardisation bodies (APM, PMI, IPMA, ISO, IEEE); - access to organisations and individuals through the University's global presence and alumni network; - a network with academics and educators around the world; - worked assiduously for sustainability; and - advocated for professional ethics and integrity as a way of life.</p>	

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<p>Angus Duncan</p>	<p>Have been a member of the APM for nearly 20 years now, but want to become a more active participant in driving forward both the development of the APM itself and the development of the profession as a whole.</p>	<p>Mostly the knowledge of the APM Body of Knowledge, which I have been teaching for around 20 years now and have seen it develop alongside the profession. Also my knowledge of other project management methodologies.</p>	<p>No voluntary work undertaken, but have been working as a "flexible worker" with the APM marking PMQ exams and undertaking IPMA assessments.</p>
<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 roles have included leading the Edinburgh action group for the benefit of our members, while also volunteering and supporting other APM activities within the group. I'm currently secretary for the Scotland branch. 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. The current webinar offerings under Covid 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 implementing major projects. 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, allowing me to realise the benefits that the APM qualification brings. I have the flexibility to support the APM at relatively short notice.</p>	<p>My APM highlight for last year has been to further develop my understanding of the APM, which has been enhanced by my role as secretary, in addition to support of the APM Competitions, and supporting the membership offerings during this uncertain time in the absence of any face to face networking events</p>

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<p>Alan Glennie</p>	<p>As a current committee member in both the Aberdeen action group, and the Scottish committee, I am keen to remain involved in order to continue the good work that has been going on. I fully believe in what the APM is trying to achieve and want to play my part in this. Although I have a busy job/life, I enjoy being associated with the APM and driving the cause and feel proud being a member. Again, I have seen better alignment with the Scottish committee and Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh and want to continue to improve this. I want to continue to be at the forefront of developments in order to develop myself and the corporate organisation I work for. Being a committee member gives me the opportunity to influence the development of the APM and allows me to provide some drive.</p>	<p>I have a long running affiliation with the APM. For over 10 years I have been attending local events and understand (and fully believe in) why the APM are looking to drive the profession. With over 30 years working on projects, I have a glut of experiences throughout the project lifecycle in a number of positions and thus I can see how good project management can affect everyone involved. On a personal front, I fully believe in what the APM are doing and want to volunteer and provide some drive and focus into the committee. I want to use my contacts, and encourage others, to continue to develop the collaboration with other associations and HEI's. In addition, I am very keen on developing other committee members, and to grow the Aberdeen and Scotland branches / action groups as required. I want to APM to be the best it can be.</p>	<p>My best achievement would be the team i was mentoring for the PM Challenge, winning (even though i did not feel as if I provided much mentoring).</p>
<p>Amos Haniff</p>	<p>I have now been a member of APM for over 20 years and served on the Scotland Branch Committee for the past three years. I am dedicated to maintaining the standards and quality of the profession and hope I make valuable contribution towards this through education, publication, networks and my activities with APM.</p>	<p>I am current serving member of the APM Scotland Branch, APM ARRG, and a member of and former member of the APM Education Network. I am also an associate professor of project management, and deliver HE and Executive education. This includes APM PFQ and PMQ accredited courses.</p>	<p>Judging the Project Management 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 Manager working with medium to large corporates and Board Director of an SME, so am painfully familiar of managing projects within limited budgets. I have 15 years' Board level experience and 25 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.</p>	<p>Involvement with the judging panel for the APM Scotland Branch PM Challenge competitions since 2016</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 fully appreciated that these events don't just happen by themselves and that it is a team effort that I would be happy to be a part of. In my day job, I work for Local Government managing a PMO. This brings, to the committee, representation of a public sector organisation and a PMO aspect.</p>	<p>During the three terms that I have served on the Scottish Branch committee, I have provided a comprehensive comms and social media role. I would seek to continue providing this resource. For scheduled events in Scotland, I promote the events using a system devised to gain maximum exposure to APM members and potential members alike. With the onset of the COVID pandemic last year, I turned my marketing of events to any event that was now accessible to Scotland Branch members online. As these events continue, and hopefully, face-to-face events resume soon, I will bring a blend of marketing and comms for both styles of events and activities to the committee.</p>	<p>On a personal basis, I was honoured to have been awarded a Fellowship of the APM. I felt a great level of satisfaction in knowing that my promotion of Scotland Branch events and activities was now equally applicable to Scottish members and those members from a worldwide perspective (due to events being online). I trust that members have found the work I carry out most helpful in progressing their standing in the Project Management profession.</p>

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Jonathan Herbert	I have really enjoyed the last two years being part of the Scotland Branch committee learning a lot and making many new friends. I want to continue to help organise events and contribute to the promotion of APM in Scotland.	I am a project manager in the Engineering sector with over 20 years' experience. I am hard-working and diligent and enjoy collaborating with people to deliver a common objective. After a couple of years learning the how the APM Branch committee works I believe I am ready to help deliver even better events to the project management community in Scotland.	Due to the COVID pandemic it has been difficult to organise events. However, I am proud that I have played a part in organising and hosting three webinars.
Sunchana Johnston	Experienced Chartered P3M Consultant and Fellow of the Association for Project Management - relentlessly advocating innovation & professionalism in project management, strategic planning, corporate governance, risk, project management, technology and business transformational change. Author & international technical bilingual motivational speaker, experienced mentor and coach. Fully qualified delivery oriented senior project/programme/portfolio management consultant. BREXIT PMO delivery. AGILE coach & mentor, an expert user of MS Project & JIRA. Fully certified Sarbanes-Oxley Expert (CSOE), Managing Successful Programmes, PRINCE2 Practitioner, P3M, Management of Risk, Agile and P3O Practitioner. Committee member of APM Scotland & Women In Banking & Finance (WIBF), WOB, and WIPM volunteer.	Experienced Chartered P3M Consultant and Fellow of the Association for Project Management - relentlessly advocating innovation & professionalism in project management, strategic planning, corporate governance, risk, project management, technology and business transformational change. Author & international technical bilingual motivational speaker, experienced mentor and coach. Fully qualified delivery oriented senior project/programme/portfolio management consultant. BREXIT PMO delivery. AGILE coach & mentor, an expert user of MS Project & JIRA. Fully certified Sarbanes-Oxley Expert (CSOE), Managing Successful Programmes, PRINCE2 Practitioner, P3M, Management of Risk, Agile and P3O Practitioner. Committee member of APM Scotland & Women In Banking & Finance (WIBF), WOB, and WIPM volunteer.	Over the past 10-years, I've actively supported APM and Scotland APM in person and via Social Media and I'd love to continue to do so.

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<p>Rachel Neilson</p>	<p>APM has given me a number of opportunities which made me feel like I was a valued member of the project management community. After graduating university, I wasn't sure where I fit but through APM events, challenges, and workshops I found myself fitting more and more. I want to be apart of the committee to support the community that supported me and helped me grow and build confidence in my path to being a project manager. Additionally, I am motivated by my hope and drive to continue to learn and build both my knowledge and skills through participation on the committee for the Scotland Branch of the APM.</p>	<p>As a branch committee member, I will be supportive of the team and the entire APM community. I have had 2 years of Project Management experience, and have even participated in the Project Management Challenge with the APM. I can support those specifically who are new to project management and the APM because it wasn't that long ago I myself was new to the community. My skills include but are not limited to: supporting the planning of workshops/events, strong communication skills, outgoing and can take initiative, teamwork, and problem solving.</p>	
<p>Greg Philp</p>	<p>As a FAPM I want to continue to give back to the profession and to my community of peers. I've served on the Scotland branch committee for the last 6 years and I am currently in my 5th term as Treasurer. There have been a number of high profile changes at a corporate level in APM in recent years and following an unprecedented year as a result of the global pandemic, I am keen to continue to support branch activities in Scotland as we come out of lockdown (again)</p>	<p>I'm an experienced project manager with a passion for the profession, continued professional development and an ambassador for the APM. Prior to my role as Treasurer I did a stint as Events Coordinator, allowing me to support newer members of the committee with Lessons Learned/Ways of Working and provide guidance around volunteering/policy matters</p>	<p>Supporting branch activity through lockdown - strong representation at the monthly branch meetings adequately covering the diversity in requirements and expectations that we cover as branch and the tailored approaches that we take throughout our different areas/action groups</p>

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Adam Quin	I enjoy the social aspects of being part of the branch, I am motivated by the fact that I get to work and associate with other project professionals and I am also keen to bring some change to the branch in the positive interactions with like minded professionals. Branch activity also keeps me informed of whats going on nationally and globally within PM world of work. I value the members who are keen to do a professional job on behalf of APM locally.	I am a qualified business coach and I have used my skills for those who have needed them within the branch to assist with their own advancement. I am also a Training Manager from previous work and can help shape the local and national training agenda or plan if required. I have been Chairperson on a number of other committees and would use this experience to assist the Chair and other branch members achieve their goals. I am also willing and able to assist those who are new to APM as they are the future of the PM Community.	Planning, arranging and writing the scope for a Webinar on the subject of Coaching in Project Management for the whole of APM hosted by Scotland Branch. This Webinar is to be hosted in June 2021 and has taken some time to organise and I am proud of what we have achieved during and considering the pandemic.
Erin Slater	I was a member of the Scotland Branch Committee for seven years from 2013 - 2020 and thoroughly enjoyed my time on the committee, and also the years I undertook the secretary role. After a year out I am now looking to get back on board with the branch and involved once again in the organising of events and playing my part.	Organisation, motivation, drive, enthusiasm, and my general work experience of project management. I can hopefully also bring my network to assist where applicable with any events, guidance etc.	

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<p>ISAAC SOMANA</p>	<p>I am a young graduate, who studied BSc. procurement and supply chain management in my first degree. I am currently studying MSc. Project Management in the University of The West of Scotland Paisley campus. In terms of results and objectives, I am eager to work with determination and with strong belief. I possess a proactive attitude and outstanding ability to encourage others and coupled with the zeal to communicate comfortably at all levels, therefore ensuring an excellent working environment for all working staff so as to ensure the organization's performance. What motivated me to put myself for election to the branch committee is that project management is now dominating in the job market and me been studying project management and also been part of the APM branch committee would help me shape my career goals and objectives to be able to handle a project to a successful completion, be able to come out innovation and also adopt new project methodology.</p>	<p>I believe in teamwork, effective communication, negotiation skills, coaching, problem-solving, and innovation, and me been having such skills would help me contribute positively and not working in isolation but rather as a group with one goal and objectives would help me contribute positively to firm performance.</p>	
<p>Nicola Thomson</p>	<p>I have enjoyed working on the Scotland committee and lead APM competitions in 2020/21. I want to continue to provide support to the Scotland branch and lead / assist with APM Competitions.</p>	<p>I am chartered APM member and have lots of experience in development and delivery of rail projects.</p>	<p>Led APM Competitions in 2020/21 and managed liaison with competition teams, judges and mentors.</p>

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<p>Thamarai Saravanan Velayutham</p>	<p>I have been in the world of executing projects for more than 25 years. Past 15 years being in the Project Management role, now wanted to involve in with the professional body that promotes and sets the competency within the project profession. This is also the opportunity for me to give back to society what I learnt and also learn from other Industry peers.</p>	<p>Contribute my experience and expertise in Oil & gas Industry including the recent transformation to Net Zero and agile techniques used in O&G Industry</p>	<p>Last year for my first year with the Scotland BBranch committee, I learnt the the subcommittees and it's interest & functions</p>
<p>Kellie Walsh</p>	<p>I volunteer for SIGs and I'm a ChPP, Member and Fellow assessor and want to contribute more especially in my local area.</p>	<p>I have volunteered on SIGs for the APM and volunteer assessor for ChPP, Member and Fellow. I coach and mentor people outside of day job and have worked on committees/SIGs for other professional organisation.</p>	<p>Contributing to the Women's APM Conference and facilitating some of the sessions.</p>