

APM London 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?
Chris Akers	<p>I have 18yrs experience in project management consultancy and in that time, I have worked across a diverse range of sectors, delivering large and complex projects for world class private and public sector clients. In the last 10yrs I have worked from the London Region and maintained an active role as a Fellow of both the RICS and APM.</p> <p>Throughout my career I have consistently volunteered my time in support of wider business and industry activities including learning, development, research and best practice improvement. I am uniquely positioned to make a meaningful difference to the APM as an elected member of the London Branch committee. It is a natural next step that will enable me to grow my network and focus my contribution and make a meaningful impact to the project management profession.</p>	<p>I am proactive and innovative with a passion for contributing to development of the project management profession. I hold FAPM; RPP, ChPP, NECReg & FRICS. I am a SIG Member (Agile PM) and a member of APM's Corporate Advisory Group (2020/21). I am the APM Corporate Representative for Arcadis, a global business of some 28,000 employees worldwide, with direct access to our national and global APM community. I am the PM Service Lead for Education, Science and Health. I have helped build at APM Program which supports early years (apprentice / graduates) to the more experienced including routes to MAPM and ChPP. I am an RICS APC Assessor. I have 18yrs experience in PM consultancy in a diverse selection of sectors, delivering large and complex projects for world class private and public sector clients. As an elected Branch Member, I will combine my wealth of skills and experience with my passion for making a measurable impact to development of the project management profession.</p>	Elected to the CAG.

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Mohamed Ali	<p>I attended my first APM event a few years ago as a student and have been attending ever since. I thoroughly enjoy networking with like-minded project professionals, and learning from subject matter experts as part of my continuous learning journey. The reason why I'm putting myself forward for election to the Branch committee is to help shape a path forward for the next generation of project professionals by providing fresh insight as a young graduate.</p>	<p>With a Civil Engineering background, you could say I'm a bit of a problem solver. I do, however, enjoy the people's side more, hence my transition to management. Presently, I'm a self-motivated and driven Graduate Project Manager; passionate about cultivating a knowledge-sharing and inclusive culture. I'm currently involved in several employee networks within my company: Jacobs Engineering Group. I'll be able to leverage the growing network that I have, as well as the connections with academic institutions such as The Bartlett, University College London, as well as City, University of London.</p>	
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James Buckley-Walker	<p>I first joined the London Branch committee in 2020 after several years with the Contracts & Procurement SIG committee. I have very much enjoyed my time with the Branch, who have all been very welcoming and friendly, even limited to remote meetings. The committee has a great drive to promote APM, the 3P's and good causes like chartership and fellowship. I have also taken the lead on the higher education workstream, and this has provided me the opportunity to present to several universities about APM, the branch and new ways of project management. I am also working with the branch and universities to organise several events this coming year to promote employability and provide career opportunities to students.</p>	<p>I have almost 20 years' experience in project management, delivering large scale projects in the UK and Australia for both clients and contractors. I have particular expertise in procurement and contracting and spent several years with the C&P SIG. I am now a Partner of a Portfolio, Project & Programme Management consultancy based in London. We work across many sectors including science, health, higher education and sustainability. Our business is proudly very diverse and inclusive, and we are strong advocates of equality in the industry. I also lead on training and development programmes and have been shortlisted to be an MAPM Panel assessor with training this July. I believe my wealth and range of experience and my forward-thinking attitude to project management, diversity and training can continue to be a great asset to the branch and to APM and I would be proud to continue my committee membership.</p>	<p>Presenting to several universities on the challenges and lessons learnt of project management during the pandemic</p>
John Chrastek	<p>I am currently on the committee</p>	<p>I have previously served as chairman, secretary, events organiser, corporate representative and now SME representative so I bring varied experience to the committee. I have been a project manager for more than 25 years and also have an MSc so bring varied skills to the committee.</p>	<p>Getting funding for a series of SME events.</p>

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Andrew Dalgleish	In my present professional role as Head of Bids and Projects for Thales GTS I am involved in leading projects, improving our project management approaches and developing and mentoring our future project managers. My focus has up to now been very much within my company. I would like to be part of a wider community beyond my immediate business working to encourage better project management capability across London.	As a project manager for fifteen years, I enjoy planning, organising and making things happen as part of a team. I have good knowledge of project management best practice and have for many years been involved in helping to mentor and develop the younger project management community within my business. I would be keen to use these skills, experiences and knowledge to contribute to the committee.	
Chris Davies	Want to contribute to the profession	Wide and lengthy experience. Have been a committee member since 2018	Helping organise the webinar on Fellowship/ChPP
Estelle Detrembleur	I have been really fortunate to be part of a fantastic community where knowledge and experience promote a greater sense of togetherness towards a shared vision to raise awareness of APM. I am an advocate of continuing to support the development of project management awareness through the London branch. Having just served my second years on the committee, I feel I have much more to give so 2021/22 here I come! I'm passionate about supporting the development of professionals and the project management profession. For the last 10 years, as a subject matter expert consultant on Multi-Billion-pounds Major Infrastructure Projects in the UK. The APM creates a positive and supportive	I found the London Branch very vibrant and supportive as I felt empowered. The group has an extensive pool of knowledge, experience, 'expertise' and network which enable to develop best practices in the wider community in the UK and abroad. My main motivation is to support the project management community by sharing best practices in the construction industry and beyond. I was motivated to apply for the London branch committee to promote and advance the application of good project management best practice. I contributed to the APM Body of Knowledge 7th edition, and currently work on the PRAM (Project Risk Analysis & Management) guide. My desire is to both enhance the learning and capabilities of the	

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	<p>environment for volunteers who contribute to create opportunities and a positive impact in the project management profession. My desire is to enhance learning and capabilities, I'm passionate at contributing in developing best practices and publication guides.</p>	<p>APM members and assist in shaping the future of good project management practices. I'm an optimist who loves to take on challenges and deliver them through a cooperative approach.</p>	
Sharron Escobar	<p>I want to continue the great collaborative work this branch has come to represent - maybe even enjoy the delicious hot food that was our networking USP (pre-Covid) I also want to achieve a big recruitment event to support the growing number of job seekers out there (Covid exacerbated), to have a chance of a direct voice to a possible hirer (create chances).</p>	<p>Tenacity, diligence and a love of the industry. A huge level of respect for people moving the needle and making a difference.</p>	<p>As chair, supporting the committee under difficult Covid conditions to put on fabulous events and keep growing the great work of the project management community.</p>
Julio Jose Gallego Diaz	<p>The desire to help people to grow professionally and reach their full potential is my key driver. I enjoy bringing people together, organise events, share knowledge and inspire project professionals with new ways of thinking. I enjoy to see how new synergies are created and friendships made. I would like to be part of the London Branch to give back as I have received great support to become a PMQ project professional.</p>	<p>As an almost Chartered Project Manager (just submitted my application) and with 6 years of experience as a PM in different industries and companies, I can help the London Branch to deliver exciting and attractive activities for project professionals. I am very customer-centric so we will start the journey understanding what is that they want. I am also curious and creative so will bring to the table new ways of doing things so can people can learn and have fun too. Also, I have a yes-can attitude and a proactive approach that likes working within teams to make things happen.</p>	

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Timea Kalmar	I'd like to continue working with the London committee to further the profession and the experience of APM members.	I've been attending APM events for over 6 years and helped organise a few over the last 3. I'm organised, well connected and innovative which can all help the future activity of the branch	2 events organised and 1 more speaker put forward
Amy Orbell	Having been a member of the APM for several years and in 2020 achieving my chartered status I have seen the invaluable benefit of the APM and branch events. I have been fortunate enough to attend events and build up a wider network than I would have been able to do in my day to day role so I want to promote the benefits of APM and attending branch events to others and continue to improve the offering from the branch. I enjoy supporting other people and seeing them grow and develop, being able to connect people through the branch will be very rewarding.	I am outgoing, proactive and practical and used to problem solving. I have good organisational skills and I stay calm under pressure. I like to challenge the norm to see if there is a better way of doing things, take the time to listen to others and believe in treating everyone and their ideas equally, and actively seek the opinions of the whole team / group prior to making decisions. I am an experienced mentor and support those around me I am approachable and friendly which will help welcome new members to the branch and help to facilitate networking to help the committee. I enjoy making a difference and seeing the positive outputs of activities I am involved in.	

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Ricky Osei	I have been part of the APM since 2019. First as a student member and now an associate member. Throughout this period I have been making good use of the online resources and reading the project journal. I now feel is time to be actively involved with my local branch to network and learn about the latest about the project management profession as well as promoting it. This will include inspiring young talented individuals to see the importance of project management and also learning from the experts and experienced professionals in the field of project management.	I am a friendly and approachable person, and with this, I can collaboratively work with people of diverse background to work towards a common goal. I have excellent communication skills with the ability to motivate teams. I am passionate about project management and demonstrating the importance of it for people to see the benefit it has on organizational business performance. I have actively managed projects and led events myself with the support of high performing teams.	
Martin Pressinger	Passionate about the promotion and professionalization of project management domain.	Events Management, Facilitation, Networking, Coaching (all levels), Mentoring, and marketing skill sets, including process optimization and new innovative techniques and technologies.	Branch Treasurer and Innovation.
Manasi Ramani	Already involved in APM as committee member and always keen to promote project management profession and skills.	Team work, organisation skills, communication skills, event management	I have participated in Women in project Management event. It has given me an experience of working in project and event management.
Martin Savage	A desire to learn more about and share the challenges and best practices of practical project management within and outside of my sector. Existing committee member	Experience of Branch and SIG working and APM through being an existing committee member (please roll me over!) and previous branch secretary. 15 years professional experience in project management.	Simply the continuing branch activities against the pandemic backdrop!

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Rhayukaa Soni	Having served a year I want to continue to support the Committee and Members.	I am Chair of IOSH London Metropolitan Branch and can bring my skills, knowledge and experience of another sector to APM.	I ran two clinics in March one focused on MAPM and ChPP and the other on FAPM. I have since been advised by APM that as a direct result of the clinics we have had at least 8 people apply for MAPM and 6 for FAPM, ChPP is longer hence harder to track.
Matt Tucker	I have been involved with the London Branch since 2015 and would like to continue supporting the branch. I enjoy being part of the team that puts on excellent events and want to continue supporting the APM.	I have a varied experience within IT working for globally recognised brands. Experience in these organisations has taught me a lot about how they approach project management differently but with similar underlying trends.	
Bryant Yates	I have enjoyed being an active committee member and can't wait to organise face to face events in the coming year.	3 years on the committee - proactive events organiser.	Looking after each other in a pretty challenging year!