

Institute and Faculty of Actuaries

# Regulatory Board Member Biographies

# Chair



### **Neil Buckley**

Prior to becoming Regulatory Board Chair Neil was Chief Executive of the Legal Services Board, an oversight body for legal regulators in England and Wales. Before this he was Director of Investigations at Ofcom, leading a team responsible for enforcing competition law and regulatory rules applying to the communication sector. Neil is Board Member of the Valuation Tribunal Service and the General Pharmaceutical Council. He qualified as a solicitor in 1990, and worked for a number of law firms in the City of London, specialising in international private arbitration. He has a master's degree in Regulation from the London School of Economics and an undergraduate law degree from Hertford College, Oxford University.

### Lay Members

#### **Marcia Cantor-Grable**

Marcia is a commercial and risk management executive with Board, Executive Committee, and CEO level experience and more than 35 years' overall experience in financial services. Her career has spanned global and regional remits in insurance, banking and financial markets infrastructure. Her current Board Memberships include: Modulr FS Ltd (member Board Risk Committee); Société Générale International Ltd (Chair Risk Committee and member other Board committees); and the IFoA's Practising Certificates Committee.





### **Helen Brown**

Helen has a non-executive portfolio in Insurance and the charitable sector, building on her 29-year career as a senior executive at AIG and Accenture with international operating experience and deep expertise in strategy, transformation and governance in the Insurance industry. She is a collaborative problem solver with an academic background in Philosophy. Her interests include the effect of change on people with special reference to cultural differences and organisational values, and the social, economic and ethical impact of data.She has non-executive positions at the EdTech charity, Founders4Schools, The Data Lab and an Insurtech start-up, Rnwl. She joined the IFoA's QAS Sub Committee as a lay member in 2019 and the Regulatory Board in 2020.

## Sue Lewis

Sue is an independent board member and consultant. Previously a senior Treasury official, Sue's more recent experience includes: chairing the FCA's independent Financial Services Consumer Panel; Trustee Director at The People's Pension; lay member of the Chartered Insurance Institute Professional Standards Committee and of the Chartered Banker Professional Standards Board. Sue has also been a beneficiary representative on EIOPA's Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group and advised international organisations on financial education, financial inclusion and financial services consumer protection regulation. Sue has a particular interest in how developments in data science will impact on regulation and consumer outcomes.





#### **Stephen Redmond**

Stephen has a wealth of experience in professional discipline built from appointments across a wide range of regulated sectors and has worked extensively with regulatory bodies in the UK and internationally. Stephen's professional background includes experience as a senior HR consultant for the British government with the governments of Bangladesh, India, Russia, Africa and Eastern bloc countries.

Stephen is currently Chair of the Central Arbitration Committee for Great Britain and was Chair of Independent Appointments to the Bar Standards Board until January 2019. His professional disciplinary experience also includes Lay Panel and Chairing roles for the Health and Care Professions Council, Nursing and Midwifery Council, Doctors and Dentists Disciplinary Appeals Panels and the Judicial Appointments Commission.

#### Matt Saker

Matt has nearly 30 years' experience working as an actuary in the life and general insurance industry. After a long career at Watson Wyatt, Matt joined Aviva in 2009 and currently holds the role of Group Chief Risk Actuary with responsibility for all aspects of the Group's actuarial methodology in respect of both Life and General Insurance. In addition, Matt is leading the development of data science within Aviva's Risk function. Matt plays an active role in the profession and was elected onto the Council of the Institute & Faculty of Actuaries in 2016, before joining the Regulatory Board in 2018.





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# **IFoA General Counsel**



# Ben Kemp

Ben is a Director and General Counsel at the IFoA. He was formerly a partner in the Regulatory and Professional Discipline at London law firm Kingsley Napley LLP. Prior to that he trained and worked for ten years as a solicitor with Shepherd + Wedderburn LLP. Ben is dual qualified as a solicitor in Scotland and England & Wales, a solicitor member of the Scottish Solicitors' Discipline Tribunal and a member of the Professional Standards and Ethics Committee of the Law Society of England and Wales. He serves as a Legal Assessor appointed to advise disciplinary panels of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and is a part time tutor in public and constitutional law at the Edinburgh University.

# **Practitioner Members**

## **Edwin Sheaf**

Edwin is a Senior Director at Willis Towers Watson, where he has worked for almost 30 years. He divides his time between advising the trustees of pension schemes, having held a Scheme Actuary certificate for 22 years, and advising the companies that sponsor such schemes. Edwin is a current member of the IFoA's Practising Certificates Committee. He has twice been elected to IFoA Council. He is also a former member of Management Board, Nominations Committee, the Diversity Steering Group and the DC Advisory Group, as well as several working parties dealing with actuarial regulation and education.





# Frank Devlin

Since 2014 Frank has been Head of Actuarial Risk Management for Munich Re - Asia Pacific, Middle East and Africa (Life). He worked for four years in Aviva's Asia Pacific Regional Office, with posts including of Head of Financial Management and Head of Capital and Products and was SVP and Head of Actuarial Reporting with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance in Mumbai. He worked with Standard Life for nearly 13 years with roles in Marketing, Defined Benefit Pension scheme valuation, Treasury and capital raising, and a 30 month secondment to HDFC Standard Life, Mumbai. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries of India and Singapore Actuarial Society. He is vice president of the Singapore Actuarial Society. He has a PhD in Theoretical Physics from Cambridge University and in 2014 completed an MBA at the National University of Singapore.

# Melanie Puri

Melanie is Head of Audit at LGRI and Group Finance specialising in providing consulting advice for life insurance clients and she is the reviewing actuary for a number of life insurance audits. She has 25 years extensive and varied experience in life insurance companies and consultancies, for a number of years operating at the C-suite level. Melanie has 15 years experience working overseas in India and the Netherlands - based in Delhi, the Hague, and Mumbai. She returned to the UK in 2017 after building an actuarial consultancy business for PwC in Mumbai and is currently based in Bristol.





## Simon Martin

Simon has recently retired, having been a pensions and investment specialist for nearly 40 years. Simon has made a valuable contribution to the profession in a variety of posts, including involvement in the design and delivery of CPD and professionalism courses for new and experienced members. He has been an IFoA Staff Actuary, and an Investigation Actuary under the Discipline Scheme. For the past 6 years, Simon has been a member of the Disciplinary Board. Before he retired, Simon was a Partner in the Retirement and Investment Business at Aon, specialising in delivering investment advice to defined benefit pension schemes.

## **Mike Smedley**

Mike is a partner at Isio, which was previously KPMG's UK pensions advisory business. He has over 30 years' experience delivering pensions advice to trustees and sponsors in a wide range of situations. Over his career he has worked for a law firm, Big Four consultants and employee benefit firms including Towers Perrin and Mercer and has a MBA from London Business School. He has previously been a member of IFoA Council and various industry and DWP working groups. He is also a regular press commentator and speaks at a number of conferences and events on topical pension issues.

