



Volunteers' experiences

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A view from a volunteer: Andrew Slater



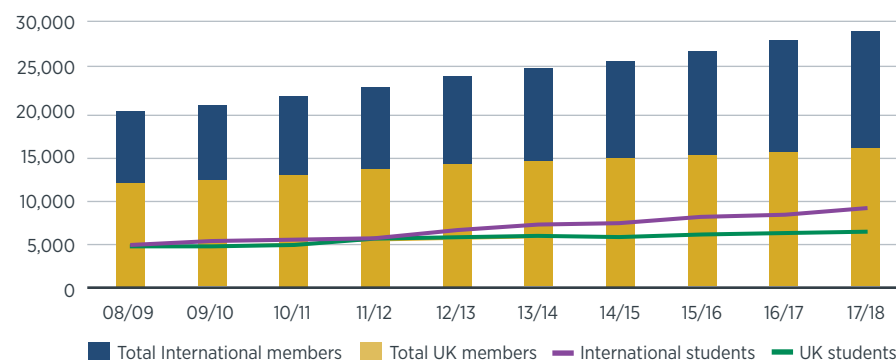
"I had considered standing for Council several times over the years, the first time being not long after I qualified. (Council needs younger members!). But in the end it took a friend of mine, and former Council member, to convince me to go from just consideration to actual application. I filled out the forms and recorded my video. It turned out to be a crowded field, with 21 people standing for 7 places on Council. However, I had put in the effort to decide what I wanted to achieve if I were on Council, and that I think turned the odds in my favour."

The experience of a volunteer: elected to Council June 2016

"I focused on three areas. First, I wanted the profession to continue to find its voice and not be afraid to speak up. In a previous job I had done much PR activity and I wanted to bring that experience for the benefit of the profession. Second, I wanted to help "refresh the actuarial toolkit" to ensure our training remains relevant to today's environment, reflecting both the increasingly wider areas where actuaries work and the computing power we have at our fingertips. You will have seen Colin Wilson as President talking about the opportunities in big data, for example.

Third, I wanted to participate in the professions' international activities. The geographical make up of our profession is gradually changing as the chart below illustrates.

Growth of IFoA members and students - UK and International



To this end, in March 2017 I found myself in Ghana at a workshop organised by the insurance regulator talking about the profession's perspective on data. I was also advertising the new qualification, Certified Actuarial Analyst, launched jointly by the IFoA and the Society of Actuaries.

The time commitment on Council is not onerous, with four meetings each year plus follow up actions and emails. You will also receive an informative induction as a new Council member. If you care about shaping the future of your profession, and you can bring your own unique perspective, I would implore you to put yourself forward. You will find your role on Council extremely rewarding!"