



## Volunteers' experiences

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## A view from a volunteer: Gordon Sharp



Gordon is a Fellow of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA). Although now retired, Gordon is still active in voluntary roles, both for the profession and other bodies. He is a member of the IFoA's Disciplinary Board, Treasurer of the Worshipful Company of Actuaries, and secretary of its Education Committee. He has volunteered throughout his career, including serving for many years on the IFoA's Pensions Board, and then the Continuous Mortality Investigation (CMI), and he chaired both bodies.

### The experience of a volunteer member of the Disciplinary Board

“Mention the disciplinary process to other actuaries, and most will simply say that they are glad not to have had any dealings with it. But it is a vital part of our profession, and I would encourage members to consider getting involved. The Disciplinary Board allows the IFoA to uphold our standards and to promote public trust in our professionalism.

#### The experience

The Board provides oversight of and direction to the disciplinary process, with strong lay (non-member) representation as well as actuary members. I have found the role fascinating, covering all aspects of actuarial work, both in the UK and internationally.

#### Time Commitment

Disciplinary Board membership is not onerous – there are four formal meetings each year, plus a training day, with occasional email correspondence between meetings. Members of the Board serve for a three-year term, which can be renewed for a maximum of two terms.

#### Why I volunteer

For many of us, volunteering is part and parcel of professional life. When I qualified, I was not asked if I wanted to volunteer – rather, my senior actuary asked me which Faculty research group I was going to join! Two Students Society papers later, and volunteering was then embedded in me. Our relatively small profession is envied by others for the participation and dedication of its members. If you have not yet considered getting involved, I would encourage you to do so.”

An IFoA Member  
Engagement Profile

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