

IFoA Foundation

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Trustee biographies 2021

Kartina Tahir Thomson (Chair)



Kartina is a Director in PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) Insurance Regulation Directorate, assisting companies with various aspects of UK, European and international regulation. She has twenty years' experience in the insurance market, specialising in risk and capital in the general insurance industry. Before joining PwC, she was with the Bank of England for six years, leading a team responsible for supervising a portfolio of London Market and Lloyd's syndicate firms.

The combination of her extensive knowledge in insurance regulation and practical experience in the market, as a Chief Risk Officer in a London Market firm, means that she is able to add a unique and invaluable perspective as a business leader. Kartina is a Fellow of the IFoA and sits on the Council.

Kartina is a passionate volunteer of the Actuarial profession. She was on the Board of the Actuarial Association of Europe, as well as on the IFoA General Insurance Board, and Policy and Public Affairs Board. She also gives her time to the Worshipful Company of Actuaries. Kartina lives in London with her long-suffering husband and twin ten-year-old daughters.

Lyndon Jones



Lyndon has been in the employee benefits business all his working life. Until the middle of 2015, this was in the capacity of a business leader, focusing on managing the delivery of services to clients by actuaries, trustees and other financial consultants.

His particular focus was on business developing whilst also forming strong client relationships, ensuring the simple communication of complex concepts.

Lyndon now focuses on being a strategic business adviser, an independent trustee and a non-executive director.

In May 2016, Lyndon became responsible for running the Worshipful Company of Actuaries, a City Livery Company established in 1979 and whose members (currently around 300) are all actuaries.

James Tufts



James leads the UK Life, Pensions and Health team at EY and also leads the EY UK Actuarial team. James is the client relationships for many EY clients and also is the UKFS partner sponsor for Diversity and Inclusion.

He has many years' experience of working in the UK, European and South African Insurance sector, having projects covering a wide range of areas, including transactions, transformation, restructuring, capital and financial management.

James is a Council Member of the IFoA. He has led the actuarial audit of a number of large companies and performed Independent Expert roles. James has served on a number of IFoA working groups and is a frequent speaker at industry events. He has held regulated roles, including Group Chief Risk Office at Guardian Financial Services, and also worked at Towers Watson and Legal & General.

Hemal Naran



Hemal is a co-founder of the Mkoba Private Equity Fund, which focuses on providing growth capital to SME's across six countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, and Makalani Management Company, a Southern African focused investment firm. He has over 22 years of professional experience, having worked across actuarial consulting, investment advisory and asset management in Europe and Africa.

Previously, he served as Head of Investment and Actuarial at the Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF), the largest institutional investor in Africa with over \$140 billion in assets, and as Head of Alternative Investments at the British Steel Pension Fund, one of Europe's internally managed pension funds. Prior to that, Hemal worked at HSBC in London, where he provided advisory services to some of the largest asset owners across the globe, including pension funds, sovereign wealth funds, endowments and insurance companies. Hemal started his career in the actuarial field in South Africa in 1999.

In a non-executive capacity, Hemal has served on the investment committee of the State Bank of Mauritius, Harith General Partners (Africa's largest infrastructure fund), and the World Health Organisation (WHO), and as a board member of the United Nation's supported Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) initiative.

David Burch



David has worked for the IFoA since 2011 as Head of Finance and Operations, which encompasses the Finance, Procurement, Projects and Risk Office and Education Services functions. He is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants with over 30 years' experience as a qualified accountant.

Prior to joining the IFoA, David was the Director of Finance and Corporate Services for the National Childminding Association, which is also a membership body and charity. Before that, David worked in various finance roles in the print industry and for London Transport. In his spare time, David is currently the Finance Director of the Bluebell Railway Plc, a heritage railway based in Sussex, and Board Trustee and Honorary Treasurer of PACEY, an early years' charity and membership organisation. David has been a Rotarian for many years, being a member of his local club where he has held several key roles, including President.

David lives in London with his wife and daughter, a flock of chickens, assorted rabbits and guinea pigs, and two cats.

Sarah Mathieson



Sarah Mathieson is Head of Research and Knowledge at the IFoA. Part of the IFoA's Public Affairs and Research Directorate, her team have responsibility for managing the IFoA's commissioned research projects and the Actuarial Research Centre (ARC), as well as managing the publication of the *British Actuarial Journal* and *Annals of Actuarial Science*. The IFoA's library service is also provided by Sarah's team.

A Life Actuary by background, Sarah spent many years working in the Life and Pensions industry in various Life Offices in the UK, Germany and India, before joining the IFoA Executive in 2011. Her experience ranges from the traditional actuarial functions of actuarial reporting and pricing through to corporate finance, sales, marketing, customer service and public policy. She is a member of the IFoA's Research and Thought Leadership Board and the CMI Executive Committee.

Outside the IFoA, Sarah is a member of the UK Statistics Authority's Research Accreditation Panel, which has been established under the UK's Digital Economy Act.

Karen Brocklesby



Karen is a graduate who studied mathematics, statistics and chemistry. Her career has been mainly in financial services. Her first appointment was with Commercial Union, and she studied with the Chartered Institute of Insurance. She had a brief spell in marine insurance before moving into travel insurance, working for a 24-hour medical assistance company, managing relationships with insurers and developing new business and back office functions. Her involvement saw the business grow from a team of 10 FTE to 75 FTE. After this, she moved into medical insurance for Cigna, developing business for a newly launched to market expatriate insurance.

She moved to Ernst & Young as a business resource manager within the Banking and Capital Markets sector. She was responsible for the management, learning and development of over 120 graduate trainees. During her time there, Karen studied and obtained her MBA.

Following a year out to travel, Karen joined the IFoA in 2003 as Registrar. Her responsibility was for the delivery of the student experience, including careers, admissions, exemptions, examinations and work experience requirements. She has worked with volunteers and self-employed contractors to deliver services to students and employers. Karen is now Head of Quality and Assessment, responsible for content and delivery of the pre-qualification syllabus and examination papers, quality assurance of alternative methods of assessment, work experience and quality of the student experience. This is the first trustee position that Karen has held.