



## Volunteers' experiences

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## A view from a volunteer: Kelvin Chamunorwa



**“When I was editor of The Actuary magazine, I was fortunate to get an inside view of the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries through interviewing the incoming President each year. Through these interactions, I quickly realised that Council has a formidable role to determine the future of the actuarial profession, as the body that sets and oversees strategy. I wanted to have an impact in the areas of our profession that I hold dear, such as a relevant education system, an inclusive membership and an authoritative public profile. I needed to be on Council!”**

### The experience of a volunteer member of Council

“I was delighted when the membership agreed with my intentions for the direction of our profession, and voted for me to represent them on Council. Boy have I had the opportunity to make that impact! For example, Council is currently reviewing strategy and I am on the Council sub-committee looking into the education strategy. We are working towards the continued relevance and demand for actuaries, across disciplines and geographies, through the review of our education system.

As a relatively recent entrant to the actuarial profession, and being from a non-UK background, I must admit that I was anxious about how my views would be received by my new colleagues on Council. In retrospect, I had nothing to worry about. In fact, I have found that my unique perspective is heard, respected and acted upon.

It's worth pointing out that the issues that Council grapples with can be complex, with no clear right answer. Also, with a group of 30 Council members, each of whom is very passionate about the profession, it can be difficult to reach consensus. However, these challenges are recognised, and skilfully managed by the President, who chairs our meetings. Also, appropriately timed humour around the table never goes amiss! It helps to ease tensions and reminds us that ultimately we all want the same thing – a thriving actuarial profession.

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!”

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