

Membership of the Professional Skills Sub-committee

The Committee's members are:



Peter Heffernan, FIA - Chair

Peter joined Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC) in 2022 and is currently Head of Investment Risk. Prior to that Peter spent almost all of his career in both consulting at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and industry at Scottish Widows, with a particular focus on audit and risk oversight roles. Peter has been presenting to clients and conferences on professionalism for a number of years and is very keen to continue to help build on the excellent work done in this area by the Sub-committee in the past.



Sally Calder, FIA – Education Actuary

Sally began her actuarial career in pensions consulting, focusing on medium to large DB pension schemes. Volunteering for the IFoA led to her current role as Education Actuary, where she supports the IFoA's education curriculum and the development & delivery of professionalism material. She has a particular interest in ethics, neurodiversity, and “all things Actuaries' Code,” and has used her experience of supporting the communications examination to pen several novels.



Sonal Shah, FIA – Education Actuary

Sonal Shah is an Education Actuary at the IFoA, responsible for the general insurance (GI) practice area. She is a member of the Professional Skills Sub-committee (PSSC) contributing case studies and facilitating training courses. She also sits on the GI Board and some of its sub- committees such as the GI Lifelong Learning committee.

Sonal has been an active volunteer for the profession for several years, previously for the IFoA, and she continues to volunteer for The Actuary magazine. She is currently a member of the Editorial Advisory Panel, and was a features editor for a few years and has written several articles for the magazine. She is currently a Board member of the charity Actuaries du Monde (Actuaries of the World) and was a Board member of the charity Actuaries Without Borders.

The Committee's IFoA volunteer members are:



Graham Black, FIA – member volunteer

Graham works for Capita Life & Pensions and is proud in the role they play in creating better outcomes in support of the UKs response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further demonstrated with Capita taking the lead in paying its workers the Real Living Wage. He currently works as a consultant actuary, delivering a wide range of expertise and services to UK clients. Prior to joining Capita, he began his actuarial training at Aviva working in their modelling, capital management and reporting teams. Graham joined the PSSC to help shape and promote professional and ethical high standards for all IFoA members across the globe. He enjoys exercising, reading, and travelling (when possible!). He also volunteers for the IFoA's 400 club and is an IFoA examiner & marker.



Neil Walton, FIA – member volunteer

Before retiring in 2020 Neil spent 40 years as a scheme actuary with Scottish Life, Royal London and XPS Pensions Group providing advice to mainly smaller pension schemes provided by a range of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and large multinational companies. He was involved in a number of faculty research groups and joint Institute & Faculty working groups focused on pension topics over the years before joining the PSSC.



Jane Hamilton, FFA – member volunteer

Jane joined Municipal & General Securities Company Limited (M&G plc, formerly Prudential plc) as a graduate of The University of Edinburgh. She has enjoyed many roles in the past 11 years, currently working in a Solution Design team supporting the development and implementation of the new International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS) 17 infrastructure. Jane is the M&G plc CPD co-ordinator, an IFoA marker and is also a co-opt member of the Scottish Board.



Ben Stroud, FIA CERA – member volunteer

Ben works for Ernst & Young within their Life Insurance consulting practice. He has previously worked for the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and ReAssure with a focus on with-profits, consumer experience analysis and risk management. He is a self-proclaimed “serial volunteer” having previously been a member of IFoA research working parties, a CPD Coordinator, Student Employer Contact, a Career Ambassador, and part of the 400 club before joining the PSSC in 2022.



Ekta Mehta, student member volunteer

Ekta is an Associate Actuary with one paper left to attaining Fellowship. Being in the nascent stage of her actuarial journey, she's an Assistant Manager at Ageas Federal Life Insurance in Mumbai, India.

She leads the With Profits & Experience Analysis team. Her responsibilities include investigations into mortality and persistency trends and assumption setting as well as bonus declarations amongst other tasks.

She volunteers in various capacities with the IFoA, including the VOICE group and South Asia Student Consultative Group.

Ekta has previously been a Communication Skills & Speech & Drama trainer for Trinity College London exams.



Richard Chalk, FIA member volunteer

More information to follow.