

IOR Trustee elections (3 candidates for 2 places)

Stephen Benton FInstR

Supporters:

Jane Gartshore FInstR

Andy Pearson FInstR

Nominee statement:

I am pleased to submit my nomination for trustee on the IoR board. I am an active and committed member of our industry and want to improve knowledge and standards while supporting the IoR in achieving this.

Following my time-served apprenticeship, I gained experience in a variety of roles, starting as a service and maintenance engineer, moving into supervisory and commissioning roles, and then into service management and service director positions. I left contracting in 2003 and joined Cool Concerns. I have owned and operated the business since then, formerly with Jane Gartshore and now on my own with a small team.

I have been actively involved with the IoR since my contracting positions where I was a member of the Service Engineer Section, and continue today to serve on the IoR Technical Committee. I sit on European standards committees including WG6 responsible for EN 378. I am also involved on an ongoing basis with the BRA, where I sit on the Commercial Refrigerated Cabinets and Marketing Sections. Additionally, I am responsible for several technical publications, including the BRA brazer procedure.

I am committed to education and industry collaboration. As a trustee, I could offer practical management and leadership experience, ensuring the IoR continues to grow and support its members appropriately. I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the Institute's ongoing success and represent the interests of our industry going forward.

David Bostock FInstR

Supporters:

Stephen Gill FInstR

Mathew Noon MInstR

Nominee statement:

I have thought long and hard about standing as a candidate for Trustee of the IoR and have read through the Duties and Responsibilities very carefully to make sure that I can add value to the Board of Trustees and the IoR in general.

I have served on the Board before, and I now believe that this previous experience and my own passion for refrigeration, combined with the business experience I have gained at senior

positions in a number of companies (covering almost all aspects and applications), puts me in a good position to make a positive contribution to the effective steering, guidance and overview of the IoR.

In coming to my decision to apply, I have found myself constantly re-reading the defined Charitable Objectives of the IoR and paraphrasing this as “to promote the technical advancement of refrigeration in all its applications (including heat pumps) for the benefit of the community”. I believe wholeheartedly in these objectives and would do my utmost to ensure that the IoR follows these guiding principles should I be appointed as a Trustee.

The IoR belongs to the members, whose duty it is to ensure that society can continue to further benefit from refrigeration in all its applications, whilst safeguarding the planet we live on.

Shaun Creech FInstR

Sponsors:

Craig Girdlestone FInstR

Nicola Prentice AMInstR

Nominee statement:

I started off my membership of the Institute within the Engineers section many years ago and progressed through to the grade of Fellow a few years ago now. I am an active member of both the membership and Education committees as well as attending the ACRIB and BRA Education committee meetings as well. After spending years in the industry working in different areas from making bespoke refrigerated display fridges to working on large Ammonia systems and installing various things from split AC to doing complete shop refurbishments.

I do feel that the institute needs to concentrate on the education of technicians coming through and the development of these young people requires change from within. I believe that I could help with this and feel that having been working within the education sector both at colleges and within the private sector for over 15 years now I can help sort out the problem that is our present apprenticeship standard, that as you all know is killing off our college provision around the country making it harder to find places to send your new employees to train.

I think that this at times will be a thankless job and maybe sometimes rewarding but I feel it needs new blood to make change from within.