



## **Nominees Seeking Election at the AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

### **Jenny Body CBE, FRAeS, FCGI, DEng, Hon DSc**

Jenny's long and successful career in the aerospace industry began in 1971 as a Mechanical Engineering undergraduate apprentice with British Aerospace. Jenny's career encompassed flight software for the world's first fly-by-wire aircraft, the Airbus A320 in the 1980s; wing control surfaces and landing gear systems for the Airbus A320 and A340 in the 1980s/early 1990s; and thereafter holding increasingly senior positions, Jenny led large engineering teams working on improvements to Airbus in-service aircraft; and on Nimrod and Airbus A400M wing designs.

Her career culminated in industrial responsibility for determining the future of UK civil aerospace through its forthcoming technology programmes; when, working with Government and other industry leaders, Jenny established the huge, multi-million pound UK Aerospace Research and Technology (R&T) programme, designated 'Next Generation Composite Wing'.

Jenny works tirelessly as an active supporter of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) development in schools. She is keen to encourage diversity in the aviation industry and to dispel engineering stereotypes.

In May 2013 she became the first-ever female President of the Royal Aeronautical Society of which she is a Fellow. She has been Chair of its Education and Skills Committee and established its Diversity and Inclusion Working Group and is Chair of the Medals and Awards Committee for 2020.

In 2010 she was awarded an OBE for her services to engineering. She was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Engineering from University of West of England in July 2013 and in October 2013 she became a Fellow of City and Guilds of London Institute. She was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Science from Kingston University in 2016.

She is an Independent Governor of University of West Of England Bristol. In 2019 she was awarded a CBE for her services to Aerospace Engineering.

### **Dr. Paul Craig**

Paul Craig is President Defence Services for Rolls-Royce plc. He has accountability for the operational and business performance of all Defence Service activity globally within the corporation.

A long time employee of Rolls-Royce, Paul has held a number of senior Engineering, Project, Operation and Service positions within the company. More specifically Paul has been Chief Engineer of the Trent 700 and 800 products, Project Director Boeing Programmes, Director Technical Support and Operations, Director Civil Aerospace Operations and EVP Unit Cost for the corporation. Paul is also currently Chairman of AirTanker Services and EuroProp International, and sits on the Bristol Chamber of Commerce.

Paul has a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Doctorate researching 'Business Economic Performance', both from the University of Warwick. He is an alumni of Columbia, Harvard and Oxford Universities, and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Paul's interests are his family, football and military history.

### **Richard Pettit, MA (Oxon)**

Richard is a solicitor (qualified in England and Wales and, also, in Northern Ireland). He is a partner at Burges Salmon LLP having joined the firm in 2004 following his law degree at the University of Oxford.

Richard holds a range of senior compliance roles in Burges Salmon LLP and its subsidiaries, including sitting on the firm's risk and compliance committee and acting as a money laundering reporting officer.

He is a life-long aviation enthusiast and his particular connection with Concorde dates back to the early 1990s when he was fortunate enough to fly on her (albeit subsonic and from Exeter to Heathrow, rather than anywhere more exotic).

### **Sian Smith FRAeS**

Sian has worked within the Aerospace & Defence industry for 25 years for both airframers and the supply chain across civil and defence activities. She has held several senior business development/commercial roles within a large international tier one group.

Business development, winning new business and strategy initiation/execution are her passion. She has been successful, working with a wider team, in securing many new contracts/products both at home and internationally.

Sian has also been engaged in several projects with the UK Government and with aerospace trade bodies on specific activities. More locally, she has supported STEM activities with schools and worked with local media companies on executing communication plans to actively encourage interest in careers in the aerospace Industry.

Along her journey, Sian has enjoyed working with many different teams and cultures, and is immensely proud to be a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

### **Jack Williams**

Jack Williams graduated from Plymouth University with a first class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering. He joined Airbus, in 2016, on their Programme and Project management graduate scheme.

Since completing the graduate scheme he has held roles in Programme - working on the A330, Procurement - working on the A220 and is now Executive Assistant for the Head of Airbus Filton, Sue Partridge

Jack was born in Bristol and has fond memories of being let out into the school playground to see Concorde's final flight. His grandfather, Leonard Fox, also worked in the Filton aerospace industry and so he has a family connection and a local passion for both the aerospace industry and the south west.

### **Rachael Corver**

Rachael Corver has over 20 years of leadership experience in marketing, communications and public engagement spanning archives and museums, higher education, and healthcare. She is currently Head of Marketing & Communications for The National Archives, one of the world's major archives and leader of the UK archive sector.

During her tenure at The National Archives she has led media, marketing, insight, internal communications, digital engagement, and retail. This period has been marked by substantial audience growth and impressive numbers across various platforms and media. She successfully orchestrated engagement programs, notably for the 1921 census release, and a four-year First World War public engagement initiative.

Prior to that, she was Head of Marketing and Internal Communications at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, delivering primary care engagement and leading programs promoting behaviour change. She held roles at King's College London in Development and Communications, designing global communications programmes and an international alumni programme. She developed the case for support and campaign brand for a capital campaign that remains highly influential within the sector.

She graduated in Politics from the University of Sheffield and later gaining a Diploma from Chartered Institute of Marketing. She lives in North Bristol, is a member of the Museums Association and is an enthusiastic supporter of Archive and Museums.

### **Peter Chivers**

Peter has been passionate about aerospace and Concorde since 002 overflew his home in London when he was nine. He came to Bristol as a BAC apprentice in the late '70's and briefly worked on Concorde 216 in the Brabazon hanger as she neared completion. He has had a long career in Aerospace, holding senior engineering positions for a number of UK firms before coming back to Airbus at Filton in 2001, and going on to become CEO of the South Gloucestershire based National Composites Centre in 2010. Peter retired from full time employment in 2018, but has continued to volunteer in various positions, most notably as a Trustee of the Engineering Development Trust (EDT), a charity whose aims are to inspire young people into STEM (Science Technology, Engineering & Maths) careers. Peter is a chartered engineer and a Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Peter is inspired to work with Aerospace Bristol to help preserve the extraordinary Aerospace legacy in Bristol, to help people realise that it is still an active sector in the region, and to help encourage young people into STEM career paths.

### **Robert Yeandle**

Robert James Yeandle is currently the Chairman of John Perkins Construction Limited. He has been Chairman for the past three years and prior to this was their Managing Director for twenty-eight years. In his role as Chairman he has focused on the long term resilience and well-being of the Business, working to ensure that they are strategic in their planning, open and collaborative in the way they work, and seeking to explore new ways to work smarter and continually improve.

Robert is a family man who has lived and worked in North Bristol all his life.

The opportunity to become a trustee at this time, with the potential for expansion of Aerospace Bristol to match and work with the development of the immediate surrounding areas, really excites him. Rob trusts and expects that his extensive knowledge of the Construction Industry, built up over the past forty years, will be of great benefit to Aerospace Bristol in the coming years as it continues to develop.