Election to BCS Council (2020-2023) – Nomination Statement

Lee Parry MBCS

Supporters:
Paul Rattray MBCS CITP
Margus Lind MBCS

Statement:
I am an active volunteer for both BCS Council and the Edinburgh Branch as a member of Committee, where I hold a seat on Committee.

I am a strong advocate of the goals of the Institute and I would like the opportunity to continue to support the BCS through my re-election to Council. Utilising both my experience and energy to continue to support the BCS and assist in resolving the challenges that, together, we face such as a reducing membership, supporting improvements within curriculum to develop an effective workforce of the future and embedding ethics at the heart of our profession.

I am currently representing the Young Professionals Group on Council, as the sole remaining member of the YPG executive team. I actively supported the cessation of the YPG and the creation of its successor the Early Career Executive.

I am a highly experienced strategically focused leader with significant exposure to the full lifecycle of ICT services. By way of career history, I commenced my professional career through a CMA supported apprenticeship scheme with Ericsson, working with mobile network technologies. My apprenticeship provided an effective foundation to develop my technical expertise in a growth area, mobile technologies, before moving into the ICT sector. I have had a varied and successful career, including positions within IT organisations including Project Manager, PMO Manager, Commercial and Contracts Manager which has ultimately allowed me to progress to the role I currently undertake as a Category Manager covering ICT, Utilities Logistics and Security categories.

Through my current role I have direct experience of several topics which the Institute is engaging upon for instance Artificial Intelligence; the displacement of the traditional workforce which technological developments create; citizen privacy and delivering positive outcomes, in relation to health and wellbeing, through the effective use of technology.
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Yuri Vershinin MBCS

Supporters:
John Rendall CEng MBCS CITP
Adrian Pauling CEng FBCS CITP

Statement:
I have considerable Industrial experience gained from working full-time in the Industrial Railway Locomotive Manufacturing Company. While gaining my experience, I was required to have knowledge and skills which overlapped several areas in the engineering and computer science fields. In particular, good knowledge and skills in computer science, software design, electronics and areas of the company's specialization, for example in the automotive engineering field.

Nowadays, the main cost of a modern car is the cost of the software, programming of ECUs, navigation and related top-tech systems. More advanced vehicles are equipped with Driver Assistant Systems, which are based on the tight integration of the hardware and software. It is not possible to imagine further developments of autonomous vehicles without imbedded Artificial Intelligent systems. In order to achieve this aim, academic organizations should establish close connections with industry in order to capture their requirements for both academically and professionally qualified staff.

As a member of the Coventry and Warwickshire BCS branch committee, and a lecturer at Coventry University I am very happy with the range of activities which we provide to both universities in our area, and the larger community in this region, both BCS members and the general public. Perhaps, we are lucky in the sense that there are big industrial organizations in the Midlands and Warwickshire areas, and both universities maintain good links with local school teachers through the CAS hub enabled by BCS Coventry branch. While I will continue to work on organizing closer collaborations, more presentations and Guest Lectures by professional engineers to students and other members of the community, if elected I will bring my considerable experience of both the industrial and academic fields to help shape the future of the profession, helping to support IT professionalism and the role of technology in society.