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## **Nicola Stacey, ACII**

*CII President nominate*

Nicola Stacey is an Executive Director (SMF23 Role holder) of Chaucer Syndicates Ltd and has been the Group CUO of Chaucer Group since November 2019. She is responsible for Group Underwriting Strategy and Performance.

Chaucer is a specialty underwriting business, providing insurance and reinsurance products to clients, brokers and cover holders. Nicola is responsible for the growth and performance of multiple offices around the world as well as the underwriting across 2 platforms, Lloyd's (Syndicates 1084 & 1176) and Chaucer Insurance Company.

Nicola has over 35 years of Re(Insurance) experience, becoming ACII accredited in 1989. She has held previous senior leadership positions at Swiss Re and GE Insurance solutions. Immediately prior to joining Chaucer she was Head of Global P&C UW Risk Management at Swiss Re. She is currently the Chair of the Chief UW Officer Committee of the LMA.



## **Callum Beaton, FCII Chartered Insurer**

*CII Deputy President nominate*

Callum Beaton's insurance career commenced in 1977 in London and he became a member of the CII on his first day at work. The early years of his career were spent broking, followed by underwriting at Lloyd's. At the beginning of 1986 he moved back to Guernsey, where he grew up, to enter the captive insurance management sector. He spent almost twenty years in the sector, rising to become Chief Executive of a captive management company and Deputy Chief Executive of its parent group. During that time he travelled extensively gaining experience in South Africa, Central and North America, Asia and Australia in addition to the UK and Europe. In 2004 Callum stepped aside from corporate activity and has since practised as an insurance consultant with a critical focus on captive and cell captive techniques.

He has been retained as an expert witness in a number of cases and regularly undertakes peer reviews of insurance and captive insurance programmes. He has written and lectured extensively and presently holds a number of directorships of captive insurance companies.

Callum achieved his ACII in 1982 and his FCII, for which he was awarded the Rutter Medal, in 2007. In 2011 he was awarded the Morgan Owen Medal. In recent years he has served as President of the Insurance Institute of Guernsey, a member of the (CII's) Representative Council, joint chair of the Fellowship Assessment Board, a member of its Education and Learning Committee, and member of its Main Board. He received the President's Award in 2020 and, since 2022, has served as chair of the Local Institute Volunteer Awards Panel.

Callum is married to Sandra and they have two adult sons, one of whom is an ACII qualified underwriter in the City. In his spare time Callum enjoys gardening, boating, DIY and golf.



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**Brian Caruth, Cert PFS**  
*Vice President (Local Institutes)*

Brian Caruth is a partner in Andrews Insurances (Life & Pensions), a Council Member of the Insurance Institute of Northern Ireland (IINI) and the representative for Northern Ireland & Isle of Man on the Local Institute National Forum (LINF). He also serves on the local Personal Finance Society (PFS) committee. His career in Insurance began in 1973 at Friends Provident & Century in Belfast before moving into broking. Brian was President of the IINI in 2018/2019 when the Network Conference was in Belfast.

Brian is keen that Council members, members and non-members become involved in the Charitable/ Social and Education activities and opportunities within the IINI. He also encourages sport as a way for members of the IINI to interact with colleagues in other institutes and links his passions outside of the profession. Brian is President of the IINI Athletics Society.



**Enas Asiri, FCII, Chartered Insurer**  
*Vice President (International)*

Bahrain National Life Assurance, Chief Executive Officer  
Enas is a strategic and analytical Life and Health Insurance professional with 16 years of solid experience in Insurance and Reinsurance. Besides her pricing and underwriting orientation, Enas is specialized in portfolio management, product development, reinsurance solutions and exploring new markets.

Enas has bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy, holds Masters of Business Administration and is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute (FCII).

Enas Asiri currently holds board memberships in Bahrain's Supreme Council of Health, Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance (BIBF), Health360 Ancillary Services WLL, iAssist Middle East, and Bahrain Insurance Association. She is also a member of Finance, Insurance & Tax Committee of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Enas has been recently named by Forbes Middle East as one of the 100 most powerful businesswomen in 2024.



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**Suresh Nair, FCII**  
*Vice President (International)*

Suresh has been in the insurance industry for over three decades. He is currently the Executive Director at Gargash Insurance Services based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Starting off his insurance career at the National Insurance Company in India, Suresh then moved on to work in a senior capacity with Oman National Insurance Company in Muscat before relocating to Dubai.

Suresh is a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute and a Fellow of the Insurance Institute of India. He holds an MBA in Marketing and a Bachelor of Science degree.

He has regularly contributed to thought leadership articles on insurance and risk management in specialized trade press and has presented papers at conferences and seminars in insurance. He has enjoyed his work as a Goodwill Ambassador for the Chartered Insurance Institute during the past few years. Since 2023, he has also had the honour of being nominated as the Vice President – International for the CII.



**Dr Desmond Bermingham**  
*Chair of the Education and Learning Committee*

Dr Desmond Bermingham was appointed as non-executive director and chair of the Education and Learning Committee in June 2024 for a three-year term.

Desmond is also currently the chair of the Independent Technical Advisory Panel for the Global Partnership for Education at the World Bank and a non-executive director for Greenheart Action Ltd.

Desmond has over thirty years' experience in education and international development. His previous leadership roles have included UK chief executive of the Australian Council for Education Research, from 2018 to 2024; director of programmes for the Varkey Foundation, from 2016 – 2018; director and managing director of the Education Above All Foundation and Educate a Child International (2014 – 2016); global education director for Save the Children International, from 2010 – 2014; head of the World Bank's Education for All Fast Track Initiative (2006 – 2008); and head of the education profession for the UK Department for International Development (DFID) from 2003 – 2006.

Desmond has an Ed D in international education policy from the Institute of Education of the University College of London; an MSc in global development management from the Open University; an MA in education curriculum and evaluation; and a BA in English Language and Literature from St John's College Oxford.



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**Jonathan Graham, BA(Hons), FCA, CIPFA**  
*Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee*

Jon trained as a chartered accountant before moving into professional training where he specialised in audit and financial reporting. He held several leadership roles in training businesses including a successful MBO before being appointed as managing director of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). He is also became a skills advisor to government and sat on the board of the Skills Funding Agency and their audit and risk committee.

After 5 years, Jon left and returned to the education and training sector, and held two further CEO roles at large independent training providers before leaving full time corporate life in 2023.

He now holds several NED roles, including sitting on audit and risk committees, and has a number of advisory positions.



**Roger Jackson APFS, Chartered Financial Planner**

*Engagement Board Member (Financial Planning)*

Roger has been in the financial planning profession for the last 17 years, starting as a trainee straight from 6th form.

He has worked in various roles, administration, paraplanning, management and currently on the board of a financial planning firm looking after a team of 12 financial planners.

He currently holds the designation of APFS, Chartered Financial Planner and also holds a Certified Financial Planner title with the CISI. In addition to this, Roger is a NED for a startup and has worked Chairing a charity board previously.

He has been recognised twice by 'Citywire's Top 35 under 35' as a top financial services professional under the age of 35.



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## **Susan Middleton, FCII, Chartered Insurance Broker**

### ***Engagement Board Member (Personal Lines)***

Suzy is a Chartered Insurance Broker, currently CEO of the Chartered Broker, SEIB Insurance Brokers who also owns Lansdown Insurance Brokers and WRS Insurance Brokers.

She commenced her career in the early 90's. Obtaining her fellowship in 2010. Winner of the inaugural Women in Insurance Awards "Insurance Broker of the Year 2019". Suzy started her career in a high street broker working across all size broking houses including placing global business.

Previously Past President of The Insurance Institute of Chelmsford & South Essex.



## **Ben Rose, ACII**

### ***Engagement Board Member (London Markets)***

Ben Rose is President of Supercede: The Reinsurance Platform and a prominent voice in the London and international (re)insurance markets.

He is recognised not only for his services to reinsurance technology, but also for his enthusiastic platforming of market voices as Chair of the Insurance Institute London's Reinsurance Committee and co-host of The Reinsurance Podcast.

Before co-founding Supercede in 2019, Ben advised leadership teams at many of the world's largest (re)insurers, as part of Aon's management consultancy division, Aon Inpoint. In addition to training as a reinsurance treaty underwriter with a Lloyd's syndicate, his prior experience includes strategy and risk management roles with the Corporation of Lloyd's.

Ben holds an Advanced Diploma in Insurance, a Graduate Diploma in Law, and a First Class degree from the University of Oxford. In recent years, he has been recognised as a 'Rising Star' and a 'Young Meteor' by Intelligent Insurer and The Insurer, respectively.



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**Yassir Albaharna, FCII, Chartered Insurer**  
*Engagement Board Member (International)*

Yassir's successful career in reinsurance spans over 36 years, starting with Arab Insurance Group (ARIG) in 1987, and then becoming its CEO in 2006 until his departure in 2018. He then joined Trust Re (Bahrain) Board as Vice Chairman in 2019 and became its Group CEO & Executive Director in 2021.

He is Past President and current Board member of the Federation of Afro-Asian Insurers and Reinsurers (FAIR) in Cairo, Past President and current Board member of the Association of Insurers and Reinsurers of Developing Countries (AIRDC) in Manila, member of the Executive Council of the International Insurance Society (IIS) in New York, Chairman of the FAIR Non-Life Reinsurance Pool in Istanbul, Board member at Bahrain Institute of Banking & Finance (BIBF) and Board member of Dhofar Insurance Company in Muscat.

Yassir was voted amongst the 'top 40 most influential people' in 2008 by Global Reinsurance magazine and in 2019 received a Laureate Award from the FAIR and subsequently inducted into the FAIR Hall of Fame. He is a regular speaker in many regional and international reinsurance forums.

Yassir graduated in 1986 with a Bachelor's in Engineering (Mechanical) from McGill University in Montreal and then in 1986 obtained a dual Master's in Engineering (Manufacturing) and an MBA (High Honours) from Boston University. He was elected as Fellow and Chartered Insurer of the Chartered Insurance Institute (CII) in 1993 and is a member of its Society of Professional Underwriting Community.