**Trustee re-election statements 2024**

**Stuart Donald QPM**

It has been a privilege to be a trustee since 2019 and Chair of IAM RoadSmart for the last 4 years. I was delighted to be elected by Trustees to lead our charity through what have been challenging times- COVID was a challenge for volunteers and for our Charity but we emerged stronger. Changes to the team and the development of a business plan to support our strategy have clarified our future. We also have a talented Board and Executive team. I am proud to have been part of this journey following my 34 years as an IAM member. Our achievements during these challenging financial times, including navigating through the pandemic and strengthening our charity, are a testament to our resilience and commitment.

I have chosen to retire from the IAM Board, and when a suitable Chair is identified, handover. My choice is based on my belief that I have done my part, established strong footings, plans and team, and will pass on an innovative, inclusive and modern charity whose values make us the road safety charity motorists want to be associated with. As a member and trustee, I am proud to wear the IAM badge, recognise the standards we have achieved- and have a sense of community to help others by providing a motoring skill for life.

The conditions around the re-election of existing trustees are contained in the charity articles – it requires 1/3 of existing trustees to retire based on the ‘oldest’ first (oldest being those who last retired the longest ago). I last put myself up for election two years ago- so the rules say I must retire and seek re-election if I want to remain a trustee. My decision to retire and the appointment of a new Chair timing means I will not stand down as Chair at the AGM as I had planned- but now seek re-election as a trustee so I can remain Chair until our new Chair is appointed. Continuity of leadership is important and I want to ensure our charity identifies the right person to take the charity forward and make us even stronger.

I recognise what a difference our volunteers and trustees are making to equip IAM RoadSmart for the changes in mobility over future years and remain committed to our charity33 mission.

I seek re-election as a trustee, and I commit to continuing to lead IAM RoadSmart with strong direction and accountability during my remaining time on the Board.

**Nick Stein**

I've had the privilege of serving as a Trustee for the past five years, and now I’m asking for your vote to take on one final term. Since COVID-19, IAM RoadSmart has made significant progress in developing a strategy for a sustainable future, and we’re starting to see the fruits of our labour. My goal is to ensure that IAM RoadSmart remains at the forefront of driver training and road safety, even as we face new and ongoing challenges.

Beyond my roles as a Car Masters Mentor and National Observer, I’ve recently reignited my passion for biking after a 30-year hiatus, earning a Masters in the process. This journey has given me fresh insights into our organization. Coupled with my previous experience as a Group Chair and Chief Observer, I endeavour to bring a practical, grassroots perspective to our Board discussions and decision-making.

Working alongside fellow trustees and our management team, I’m keen to expand our appeal to new segments of the driving public who may not have engaged with us before, while continuing to deliver value and opportunities to our loyal members.

With our roads becoming busier and new technologies like autonomous cars emerging, the need for appropriate training has never been more critical. My lifelong career in aviation has equipped me with an understanding of these areas, which I believe will benefit IAM RoadSmart’s governance and strategic planning into the future.

**Mark Armitage**

“Mark left school at 16 into an apprenticeship as an auto electrician. He progressed to a national diagnostic troubleshooter role, before moving into training and development roles for the Automotive sector, where he has spent the last 20+ years. Following management roles at The RAC and Ford Motor Company, he became a director of an apprenticeship training company, in 2015 Mark joined The Institute of the Motor Industry (The IMI), initially leading the UK business development team, before moving roles in 2017 to lead the external quality and assessment department.

Mark’s personal development has seen him achieve a Post Graduate in Strategic Management from Loughborough University, he became a qualified personal and business coach during the pandemic, and continues to invest time on personal and professional development.

He is now the Chief Revenue Officer for Autotech Group, a specialised group of companies providing global employers in the automotive sector with talent and technology solutions, including recruitment, internships, training and technology solutions.

Mark specialises in strategy and leadership through collaboration, whilst driving innovative digital solutions to increase operational activities and provide accessible learning and development, all key areas that align to our strategy and could really support the future direction of IAM RoadSmart, our groups, volunteers and members.”

**Mark Powell**

It was a privilege last year to be elected as a Trustee of IAM RoadSmart. (IAMRS). I set out on my IAM journey to become a safer and better motorcyclist and now, as an IAMRS Motorcycle National Observer, I coach others to achieve the IAMRS standard.  Last year, as part of my own development, I took my IAMRS Car Driver Assessment and passed with a F1rst.

I have extensive experience of membership organisations, having spent twelve years as a Director of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) and worked with the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) for over ten years, five years as an independent advisor and five years as a Trustee/Council member. I have a passionate belief in the benefits of education and training in developing individuals, organisations and society.  My corporate leadership roles included IT, finance, education and training including full responsibility for setting up and running the global education and training arm of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

My non-executive experience includes CSTT, an organisation which supported young people from disadvantaged backgrounds into construction and real estate, Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) a £30m charity and professional body guiding many on their first steps into accountancy, and Chair / Trustee of our local scout group.

The role of the Trustee is balanced between governance and strategy, and I contributed to both with AAT as a Council member, Vice Chair of the Management Board and as a member of the Remuneration Board.  Over the last year I have been an active member of IAMRS Board of Trustees and a member of the IAMRS Remuneration Committee.

Three years ago I took early retirement from the corporate world to focus on voluntary roles where I can give something back and am very happy to commit whatever time is needed to IAMRS as a Trustee.

I am keen to continue to offer my skills and experience to help IAMRS build and grow and would welcome the opportunity be re-elected as a Trustee.