

Election to BCS Council (2025-28) – Nomination Statement



Peter Aldcoft-Colling CITP MBCS

Supporters: Wendy Goucher CITP FBCS
Marc Goblot MBCS

Statement:

I believe I could make a real contribution to BCS Council, representing Working Groups, being well qualified and broadly experience in the technology sector.

I work for Sellafield as the Lead Technical Auditor Cyber Security & Information Assurance. I've an MSc in Software Engineering from Kellogg Oxford and am MBCS CITP (2008) and MIET CEng. (2012).

Since 2022, I have been the BCS NeurodiversIT SG's Learning and Development Officer and am a in Various Infosec related SGs. Inclusion and Diversity are my core principles & I believe in the important of these for the industry.

I was diagnosed with ADHD in 2001 NHS gave no NHS recognition to ADHD in adults. I am the founder and Co-Chair of the 'Sellafield ADDers', an 85 strong employee support network for those with ADHD. I work with other ADHD groups outside of work including the ADHD Foundation. I plan to coach ADHD sufferers' post-retirement.

I am a Co-Author of a book detailing my own experience of having ADHD and have spoken about Neurodiversity and its interaction with intelligence at the BMAG (MENSA-2022) and at round table events.

I co-created an article in ITNow (10/2024) on "NeurodiverselT" SG's response to the Buckland Report on Autism" (Many issues reflected across neurodiversity). Much must be done to aid those who think differently.

The BCS's is key to enabling many neurodiverse individuals, who are not well served by both education and the IT. Technology is an enabler, with good governance and support, those who "Think Differently" can take their place alongside their neurotypical cohort We are a tapestry of our parentage, background, and many other factors. In a world of diminishing and ageing population, we need input from as a coalition of diverse intellects to achieve the future we all desire, technology can achieve this.

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Basil Bekdash MBCS

Supporters: Mark Bailey MBCS
Jan Hoogeworf AdvFEDIP MBCS

Statement:

As a paediatric surgeon and CSO for a holistic specialist children's and young people's (CYP) provider (including acute, mental health, community, transport), I will bring a silo challenging and different approach to the development and implementation of effective digitally enabled health and care. In the policy domain, I strongly advocate for the specific interests and under represented needs of CYP, who have individual needs that are in fact foundational and universal for all. I will bring a fresh perspective to broader population needs, informed by the common principles that apply to this group and independent of sector, specialism or technology.

I have a wide range of experience (clinical, operational and academic) and current frontline implementation and engagement work, all with a diverse group of professionals, disciplines and data sources. I bring a credible evaluation of the landscape "as is" and reflections on the essential prioritisation of needs in terms of digital development, design and outputs.

With council, I will seek to answer the question of why health and care are different in terms of digital delivery. We will need to grasp the nettle of inconsistent (but definite) progress over decades of expert and dedicated effort to address whole population needs at individual level through digital technology.

We will need to be prepared to question but also champion what works and what doesn't in order to have not just one plan, but parallel strategies that cater to immediate needs as well as long term ideals.

We must do both to fulfil the potential of computing technology to deliver real results and innovation while avoiding the pitfalls that may have unfortunately hampered past efforts. This BCS council is central to addressing the non-technical challenges in the development of progressive policy and strategy to fulfil our common goal to deliver benefits for all.

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Claire Buchner FBCS

Supporters: Dawn Dowding FBCS
Frances Beadle MBCS FEDIPAdvPra

Statement:

We all know that health and care services will face radical changes in the next years with increasing expectations and population needs, while the availability of necessary resources and personnel are being reduced. Increasingly people demand services of high quality, more autonomy, participation, and access to health and social care information.

Digital health has the potential for improved, more accessible and effective care with innovative technologies helping to provide people and their families a greater degree of security and independence. As a nurse I believe we must seize these opportunities and influence developments in the desired direction.

I am standing for election to BCS Council because I am passionate about advancing professional development and digitally enabled services in health and care. By ensuring members have access to resources to grow their skills that will enable them to work safely and effectively, I believe we can safeguard that our professions remain relevant, ethical, and inclusive in an ever-changing digital world.

With over 12 years' experience in digital health, specifically nursing, I bring a wealth of knowledge and practical insight to the challenges and opportunities facing our current health and social care sectors. My background includes clinical, managerial, research and education experience, which has positioned me in my current regional strategic role leading digital transformation and innovation across health and social care in Northern Ireland.

My priorities as a Council member would include:

- Advancing professional development and career pathways
- Championing diversity and inclusion
- Enhancing member engagement and opportunities for professional networking and sharing expertise
- Influencing practice and driving standards

As a council member I will bring an enthusiastic and creative mindset to the "table" while being committed to BCS values and aspirations. I would be honoured to have your support and welcome the opportunity to represent your views on the Council.

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Wael Elrifai FBCS

Supporters: Adam Fowler MBCS
Johny Morris MBCS

Statement:

As a Fellow of the British Computer Society and a recognised technology leader, I am excited to put forward my candidacy for the BCS Council.

With graduate degrees in Electrical Engineering (MSc EE), Economics (MSc Economics), and Business (MBA) and over two decades of experience spanning technical leadership, academia, and industry thought leadership, I believe I can bring valuable perspective and contributions to the BCS's mission.

In my role as CTO, I've led digital transformation initiatives and shaped technology strategy at scale. My experience has given me firsthand insight into the challenges and opportunities facing IT leaders today, from managing emerging technologies to navigating organizational change.

My governance experience includes serving as Treasurer on the Executive Board of the Alliance for IoT & Edge Computing Innovation, where I was twice elected by my peers. This role enhanced my understanding of how professional bodies can effectively drive industry advancement through collaborative leadership, as well as exposing me to the inner workings of the European Commission. As an author of a published book on IoT and an Associate Fellow at the University of Oxford, I am deeply committed to knowledge sharing and professional development.

My expertise in emerging technologies has been recognized by major media outlets, including the BBC, where I've been quoted as a technology leader and featured in television interviews discussing robotics and AI developments.

My international experience and work across various sectors have taught me the importance of fostering collaborative communities where IT leaders can exchange ideas, share best practices, and collectively address industry challenges.

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Julian Fletcher CITP CEng FBCS

Supporters: James Davenport CITP HonFBCS
Adam Leon Smith DEng CITP FBCS

Statement:

I have 30 years experience working in the digital sector, and have been a member of the BCS for over 20 of those. I gained CITP status in 2009, CEng status in 2010 and was made a Fellow of the BCS since 2017.

My professional career has encompassed software and website development, learning technology management, business analysis and I currently work as a Business Architect within the UK Civil Service. I have worked in both permanent and freelance roles (both inside and outside IR35) and in the latter capacity gained 10 years experience as a limited company director.

A year ago I helped to found and have since Co-Chaired the BCS Specialist Group in Quantum Computing and would like to stand for one of the 2 Specialist Group Vacancies in the upcoming BCS Council Elections.

If successful in gaining election to the BCS Council, I would like to accomplish the following:

- to represent the interests of the Quantum Computing Community within the BCS to the decision makers within the BCS management team so that the Institution plays a full part in supporting its current and potential membership for careers in this sector.
- a related aspiration I have is to promote debate within the heart of the BCS about how to incorporate sufficient quantum physics and technology knowledge in the undergraduate computer science and engineering curricula accredited by the BCS.
- to help influence and increase in relevance to its membership. the range of services the BCS offers.

As a member progresses through the grades of the institution, from Associate through to Fellow, the membership fees increase significantly and the return for that increase needs to be made more evident. Events such as an annual Fellows dinner and 'kite marking' IT Recruiters for quality control are examples that may help this.

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Mayank Jindal MBCS

Supporters: Daljit R Banger FBCS
Paul Burton CITP FBCS

Statement:

I am passionate about leveraging technology to foster innovation, inclusivity and societal advancement as a professional member of BCS and a software engineer specializing in artificial intelligence, cloud computing and distributed systems.

I hold a Master's degree in Computer Science from the University of Chicago. My commitment to BCS is reflected in my role as a member of the USA International Section Committee where I look forward to actively contributing to initiatives that enhance the global presence and impact of BCS.

In my professional journey, I have developed AI powered software systems on one of the world's largest online platforms significantly improving efficiency and scalability. My work in distributed computing including contributions to the open-source framework has been recognized internationally.

Beyond my technical achievements, I serve as an Industry Advisory Board member at the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) where I help align academic programs with industry needs and emerging trends. Through platforms like CodePath and Technovation Girls, I have mentored underrepresented students, fostering diversity in IT.

Additionally, I have supported the next generation of innovators by judging global hackathons hosted by prestigious institutions such as MIT, UC Berkeley and Columbia University. As a speaker at international tech conferences and a reviewer for prestigious AI conferences like ICLR, I actively contribute to knowledge sharing and upholding high standards in the IT profession.

If elected, I will focus on empowering Specialist Groups to drive member engagement, promote innovation and expand global outreach. I am committed to ensuring BCS continues to lead in making IT good for society while supporting members' growth and professional excellence.

I will work diligently to serve as an effective link between Specialist Groups and the Council, ensuring their voices are represented. I would be honored to bring my expertise and dedication to this role.

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Sobath Premaratne MBCS

Supporters: Bernard Fernando MBCS
Elisavet Andrikopoulou MBCS

Statement:

I am a Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon at Bart's Health NHS Trust in London, and a respected member of the British Computer Society (BCS) Faculty of Health and Care group.

Within BCS, I have been instrumental in organizing webinars in Health Informatics and served on the inaugural Health and Care Conference organizing committee. I have been a council member of the Faculty of Clinical Informatics (FCI), where I organized webinars and conferences in health informatics.

My passion lies in enhancing the quality and efficiency of healthcare delivery through innovative solutions such as clinical process re-engineering, electronic health record systems, and artificial intelligence-enabled products. I hold a specialist registration from the General Medical Council (UK), having completed my FRCS in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at The Royal College of Surgeons of England.

My academic achievements include an MBCS in Software Engineering from the British Computer Society, which recognized my distinction with the Farrant Award. I also hold an MSc in Advanced Surgical Practice from Cardiff University, a Machine Learning Specialization from Stanford University, and an MACS in Computer Systems Analysis, Database Management, and Data Communication from the Australian Computer Society.

With experience designing and developing Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems, I am proficient in using medical ontologies. I am an active member of the NHS AI Virtual Hub, NHS Python community, and NHS Digital Developer Hub. My technical skills extend to designing and developing cloud-based applications.

My current interests in Health Informatics include Natural Language Processing (NLP), digital transformation in healthcare and the ethical use of AI in healthcare. I am keen to improve the education of informatics within the UK. My ultimate goal is to leverage my unique blend of clinical and informatics expertise to create innovative and impactful solutions that enhance patient outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, and optimize workflows.

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Tsz Fei Lee MBCS

Supporters: Chan Wing Ho CITP MBCS
Man Fung Lo CITP CEng FEDIPSnrPra FBCS

Statement:

During my post in MTR Corporation Limited, I lead the design of innovative technology projects within the railway sector, ensuring strict adherence to cybersecurity protocols as well as implementing critical cybersecurity measures, including network segmentation, encryption protocols, and continuous monitoring of telecom and IoT systems.

Previously, as a Telecommunications Engineer with the Hong Kong Police Force, I managed maritime systems projects that integrated advanced surveillance technologies to enhance situational awareness.

My work ensured the secure transmission of sensitive information, supporting covert operations and law enforcement activities. In addition to my professional roles, I have been actively involved with the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) since 2009.

Starting as a helper for YMS events, I progressed to coordinating technical visits and joint institution workshops. I was elected Chairman of the Younger Members Section (YMS) for the 2015-2016 session, leading the 25th anniversary organizing committee and successfully hosting major events.

I was appointed as executive member of IET Multimedia Communications Network and Professional Registration Assessor to serve the Institution and the industries.

If elected to the BCS Council, I will advocate for advanced cybersecurity measures, support innovation in technology, and provide opportunities for continuous learning and professional growth.

I am committed to advancing the mission of BCS and ensuring our community remains at the forefront of technological and cybersecurity advancements. I humbly ask for your support in this election.

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Herbert Kin Fan Leung CITP MBCS

Supporters: Yat Ming Tom Chung CITP CEng MBCS
Reggie Chi Keung Wong CITP FBCS

Statement:

Dear all,

I am Herbert Leung CITP MBCS from Hong Kong Section, and I sincerely wish to join the Council in the Specialist Group Constituency to continue serving our member group, society, and the IT industry.

Currently, I have been a member of Community Board Finance Committee (CBFC) since 2024.

I became part of the family of BCS in 2010, through the mentorship program in local session, and have since held several positions within the Hong Kong Section, including Honorary Treasurer (2020-2021), Honorary Secretary (2017-2020, 2023-2024), and Vice Chairman (2021-2022).

I currently work as the IT Manager at the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong, where I manage key projects, IT operation for the IT infrastructure area.

Previously I was the Head of Infrastructure in a bank in Hong Kong and also worked in different leadership roles in Global 500 companies and financial companies, specializing in cloud billing analysis, cost optimization, IT infrastructure operations & management. I am a CISA, CISM and master degree holder, and also serve as a committee member for the local groups of IET and ISACA.

I believe my election to the Council will bring diverse perspectives from across the IT industry, enabling us to make a positive impact on society. I am committed to contributing my expertise in infrastructure and system management to benefit our members and the broader community. Thank you!

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Sharon Levy LFEDIP FBCS

Supporters: Wendy Dearing LFEDIP FBCS
Katie Maclure FEDIPLeadPract

Statement:

I am a registered nurse with over 25 years of experience in health informatics, where I led and supported local, national and international projects and collaborations.

My active research and versatile publication portfolio demonstrate my innovative approach to advancing specialist knowledge and practice. I have worked in various roles in the Scottish NHS and the third sector, focusing on developing and delivering technology-enabled health and care.

My current position at the Usher, the University of Edinburgh, is developing and promoting Continuing Professional Development (CPD), focusing on data science.

I am a fellow of the BCS and have been an active member for many years, serving in various voluntary roles including as Chair and Treasurer of the Health and Care Scotland group. I fully prescribe to the motto of 'making IT good for society' and propel such a vision through my roles as an educator, researcher and clinician.

I now wish to do even more within the organisation and its governance structure and contribute to upholding the integrity of the digital health and care profession.

I feel that my unique perspective as a member of a minority group, my experience in health informatics and the values I hold as a professional care provider will serve me well in fulfilling the role of a Council member. I believe this opportunity will also support the fledgeling faculty of health and care, which I will promote as a core entity within the UK-wide organisation.

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Jo Stansfield MBCS

Supporters: Andrea Palmer FBCS
Charlie Houston-Brown CEng MBCS

Statement:

I am standing for my second term on BCS Council. My first term has been a rewarding experience, and I believe I have made tangible contributions to the direction of BCS, particularly regarding diversity, equity and inclusion.

I have more to contribute, and, as I have become more deeply involved across the BCS over the past 3 years, I believe I can increase my impact during a second term. I often describe myself as an engineer turned business psychologist.

I spent 20 years leading development of enterprise software for global industry, before pivoting my focus to the human side of tech and engineering. I retrained with an MSc in Business Psychology, and now run Inclusioneering, a social enterprise offering consultancy to organisations to drive responsible and inclusive innovation, and to foster fair and equitable outcomes across their products – particularly AI systems that impact outcomes affecting people.

I use data for evidence-led policy and strategy development, and to embed inclusive practice into governance structures and decision-making processes. I have worked with organisations from tech startups to global enterprises to research consortia, often working at the intersection of innovation, digitisation, sustainability and inclusive, ethical practices.

I believe my varied background gives me a unique perspective to support BCS's mission. I hold a number of voluntary positions. With BCS I am a Council elected Trustee, co-chair of BCS Women, a member of the advisory council for the new BCS Convene conference, and sit on the advisory board of Tech Up bootcamps.

I am also a member of the board and Fellow of AI ethics charity, ForHumanity, and a certified AI auditor. It has been fantastic to support BCS's commitment to making IT good for society through my role on Council, and I am committed to continue this important work.

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Meng Wu MBCS

Supporters: Neil Gordon
Iraah Wehner MBCS

Statement:

I am a CDT SuMMeR postgraduate researcher based at Orkney Campus, Heriot-Watt University. I graduated from Bachelor of Science with Honours in Computer Science with Artificial Intelligence in the First Class from The University of Nottingham and Master of Science in Data Science for Cultural Heritage with Merit from University College London.

I am a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Scientific Instrument Makers, a Freeman Citizen of Glasgow, a member of City Livery Club, a Data Science Professional awarded by The Alliance for Data Science Professionals, a member of the IET (MIET), a Professional Member of the British Computer Society, a Full Member of the Institution of Analysts and Programmers, a Professional Member of the Marine Biological Association, an Associate Fellow of Advance HE, an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Educational Assessors and a Certified Data Management Professional (CDMP).

I completed the IT Quality Management Certification from BCS Quality SG and Quality Management Institute. I am also a non-solicitor member of the Marine Law Sub-committee of The Law Society of Scotland, the Early Career Advocate and a Committee Member of the BCS Open Source SG, the Early Career Advocate and a Committee Member of the BCS ICT Ethics SG, a Committee Member of the IET Scotland North Network, a member of PhD & ECR Committee, Scottish Universities Life Science Alliance, and a QEPrize Ambassador. I was a trustee and the voluntary webmaster of The John Rae Society, I am now a trustee of Orkney Zerowaste.

I have a passion of volunteering for the professional committee, and my passion has driven me to stand in the BCS Council Election for Specialist Group Consistency. My previous volunteering and governance experience demonstrates that I am qualified as a BCS Council Member for Specialist Group Consistency.