

Marine Elections 2026

Following our nomination request in January, we are proceeding to hold an election for the LMA and IUA joint marine committees listed below, as well as the LMA Marine Committee.

To assist with voting, please find a summary of each candidate's qualifications for the role on the bookmarked links below.

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Joint Cargo Committee		
Scott Sykes	Amphitrite	Scott has worked in the Lloyd's Cargo market for almost 40 years, 15 of those were spent in Lloyd's Asia (Singapore) where he was the CEO of Argenta Underwriting Asia Pte Ltd as well as the being head of Cargo Underwriting. He brings a wealth of experience and a specialism of the Asian markets in particular. Now as Head of Cargo for Amphitrite (a Lloyd's backed MGA) his experience and knowledge would benefit the committee.
Andy Bridgwood	Antares	Andy brings 16 years of experience in the marine insurance sector, with a strong focus on London market Cargo. His background also includes underwriting Freight Liability and Subsea insurance, giving him a broad and well-rounded technical foundation. Throughout his time at Antares as Class Underwriter for Cargo, Andy has demonstrated exceptional knowledge, expertise, and enthusiasm. He will bring that same strength and commitment to this new role
Ciara Sheikh	Apollo	Ciara has over 10 years' experience in the marine insurance market, with underwriting roles across Cargo, Hull, Yachts and Specie. She brings deep technical capability alongside a broad international and cross-class perspective. She is currently the Cargo Class Leader at Apollo, leading the syndicate's cargo portfolio with a focus on data and technology-led underwriting. Ciara has served on the Joint Hull Committee and the Joint Navigation Sub-Committee, contributing to market guidance and technical initiatives. She offers a constructive, future-focused voice, with a particular interest in innovation, efficiency and emerging cargo risk trends, adding diversity of thought and practical value to the Committee's work.
Annika Rule	Ark	Nearly 20 years of experience in the Lloyd's Cargo Market, with the last 6 years in a Senior role and currently responsible for running the Cargo & Specie account in Syndicate 4020. Technical understanding of a broad range of Cargo Market products, wordings, and interests, including more niche risks like Satellite Pre-launch. Strong analytical, negotiation, and decision-making abilities. Strong, established broker and client relationships within the market as well as within her peer group of London Market Underwriters. Strong relationships with available in-house resources who can assist in Regulatory & Compliance issues, Legal matters and Claims handling. Professional qualifications include the ACII & Law Degree. A new voice with new opinions who is keen to contribute and draw on her experiences to discuss issues and raise concerns within the Cargo Market.
Ben Garner	Assicurazioni Generali	After starting his career in the claims department at RSA in 2002, Ben moved into Cargo Underwriting at Aviva in 2011, before moving to Chubb and now Generali. Ben has written a wide range of interests in this time, with a particular specialism in pharmaceuticals/life sciences, steel and soft commodities. Ben has traded on the company floor of Lloyd's and written business from around the world on both a direct and reinsurance basis, including the creation and ongoing servicing of complex multinational programmes, often supported by the purchase of quota share reinsurance. Ben is a well-rounded individual and has spent a significant amount of time travelling to visit Clients to

		understand their operations and insurance needs. Ben is ACII qualified and a Chartered Insurer.
Doug Ruggles	Aviva	Doug Ruggles has over 15 years cargo UW experience in the London market. He currently is the Class Manager for Aviva (company and syndicate), running a cargo book of around GBP50m and a team of 6 underwriters. He is a lead underwriter for a significant proportion of the book, and has a number of lead specialism areas particularly in the wine and spirits sector. He is highly technically proficient, qualified, and well known and liked in the market.
Matthew Pullen	AXA XL	With 28+ years of London market experience, Matthew currently serves as Head of Cargo UK & Lloyd's (AXA XL Syndicate 2003). He oversees a substantial London Cargo (Syndicate and Company platform) portfolio, forming part of AXA XL's USD 750m+ Cargo/USD 1bn+ Marine portfolio. His role involves close engagement with AXA XL's global Marine leadership, contributing insight on market developments and emerging risks. London is a key influencer across the wider AXA XL Marine portfolio, and Matthew plays an active part in shaping that dialogue. He brings a deep technical understanding of cargo risk, collaboration, and a commitment to advancing standards across the market.
Louise Crockford	Brit	Louise is the Cargo Class Underwriter at Brit. She has been in the Cargo market for more than 30 years and has extensive experience leading major market programmes. She is a great advocate for diversity and acts a role model for promoting women in the market. She has successfully combined her career with being a mum to two daughters. In her capacity as programme leader of the World Food Program, Louise has previously represented the Cargo market at the United Nations.
Sarah Moses	CNA Hardy	Underwriting Manager for Cargo Company London. 18 years Marine Cargo experience spread across London and Africa with UW experience across various sectors and territories. I would bring CNA view/appetite to committee which includes representation from our Global Head in the US and specialist offices in EU and UK regions
Ian Milne	Convex	Ian has 20 years of experience in Marine insurance, specialising in Cargo. He has worked in Dublin, Singapore and London and has built profitable portfolios throughout his career in Lead positions.
Richard Golder	HCC	Very experienced Marine Cargo underwriter who is ACII qualified and currently Head of Marine Cargo at HCC Underwriting Agency.
Paul Power	MS Amlin	Paul is a knowledgeable leader in the Cargo market and has a very technical approach to the plethora of risks that the market covers. He started his career in Claims and then morphed across to Underwriting some 16 years ago. His knowledge of the wine market is excellent.

Joint Excess of Loss Committee		
Ryan Eckhard	Antares	Ryan has over 13 years' experience in the Marine Specialty Reinsurance market, with a strong broking background spanning both technical analysis and market placement. Now working on the underwriting side as a Class Underwriter, he oversees a diverse portfolio across International, London market, and Terrorism risks. This breadth of experience gives him a well-rounded perspective across products and geographies.
Stephanie Hunt	Blenheim	Stephanie has 20 years of (Re)insurance experience, and 16 in the London Market. Having started her career at Willis Re Ipswich in 2005, she joined the London Marine & Energy team in 2010. Stephanie began underwriting in 2012 with Specialty Reinsurance MGA Tamesis, and has been a Specialty Underwriter at Blenheim since 2017. She has extensive experience in all elements of Specialty Reinsurance with a particular focus on Marine and Energy. Having gained a blend of technical, broking and underwriting experience throughout her career, Stephanie brings the experience necessary to be a strong addition to the committee.
Ben Pinnington	Canopus	In his current role of Head of Marine & Energy Treaty, Ben is responsible for the performance and development of this long-standing portfolio. With underwriting experience across a diversified business mix spanning LMX, FMX, Pro-Rata & Retro; and with Canopus' lead position on a number of current market placements, I feel Ben is well placed to contribute and represent members' interests. He would bring strong technical knowledge, an analytical perspective, a disciplined focus on exposure management best practices, and a high work ethic; all of which can support the committee's role in ensuring the continued robustness of the XoL market.
Chris Golder	Hamilton	Head of Marine and Energy Treaty and Specialty treaty. Extensive experience and recognised market lead. Dynamic and collaborative forward looking leader with a passion for his field and the London market.
Alex Gregory	IQUW	Alex is a Senior Underwriter in Specialty Reinsurance at IQUW and plays a pivotal role within one of Syndicate 1856's cornerstone portfolios. He leads the MET Treaty workflow from submission through to bind, providing end-to-end insight into the Lloyd's reinsurance market and supporting the development of clear, effective wordings and essential coverages for clients. With 15 years' experience across both broking and underwriting, Alex brings a broad and balanced understanding of the class and market environment. His ability to navigate client needs, market dynamics and Lloyd's requirements makes him a potentially key contributor to the LMA.
Erik Winkler	Liberty	Erik has joined our London Market Risk team in Cologne/Germany in October 2022 and was soon confronted with a significant challenge when two senior colleagues in our M&E subclass left LM Re. He worked tirelessly to absorb their technical knowledge and has shown remarkable progress over the past three years, ensuring continuity in client service across the M&E Reinsurance and Retro portfolio. Since his promotion to Underwriter in October 2024, Erik has demonstrated strong underwriting judgement, combining analytical rigour with balanced risk assessment and proactively addressing evolving exposures and new loss scenarios. He has established a respected network

		of broker and client relationships, with several of our business partners expressing their willingness to nominate him to the JELC for broader market representation.
Maya Lampard	QBE	Maya is a highly capable and experienced Underwriter with broad expertise across marine, energy, terrorism, and aviation lines, supported by disciplined technical judgement and strong broker relationships. She has also gained valuable market insight and underwriting depth through her previous roles at Hamilton Syndicate and MS Amlin Syndicate, bringing a well-rounded Lloyd's market perspective. Her leadership in enhancing terrorism and Marine RDS processes further demonstrates her ability to drive operational efficiency and strengthen QBE Re's market position. Maya would add real value to the committee's work.

Joint Hull Committee		
Charles Jenkins	AEGIS	I have been in the Lloyd's market for 13 years and in that time, I have worked in both broking and Underwriting roles. Over that time I have worked with a breadth of Shipowners which has allowed me to develop a robust understanding of the Global Shipping Industry and the risks both current and emerging. I feel that my learned industry experience along with a rational approach to problem solving will help the JHC to explore key issues surrounding risk, the suitability of our contract wording(s) and how we might better develop them for use within the market.
Jonny Moss	Ai Marine	With a decade of hull and war underwriting experience, across a Lloyd's syndicate, a Scandinavian mutual, and now an MGA, I bring a broad and balanced market perspective. Five years spent as a naval architect provide me with a strong technical foundation and deep understanding of vessel design and operations, enhancing my underwriting insight. This combination of technical expertise and diverse market experience positions me to contribute meaningfully to the Joint Hull Committee's work, alongside market peers, promoting practical and forward-thinking solutions for the marine insurance industry.
Paul Newton	Antares	Paul has been involved in Marine Hull & War Underwriting for circa 35 years, and served previously on the Joint Committees and as prior-Chair for Joint Hull. Prior to underwriting Paul started working in Marine Claims for 3 years starting in 1988, this gave practical experience of the subject matter and solving policy and insurance issues. Prior to Marine Insurance he was involved in building small ships and boats serving his apprenticeship in Southampton. I believe that Paul has a wealth of subject matter experience, and is driven by results and reality.
Charlotte Brotherton-Farrell	Ascot	Charlotte has over ten years' experience in the market and has been very impressive with her knowledge since she joined us a year ago. She has a very broad experience of geographies and tonnage ranges within the class which makes her well suited to offer opinion across the spectrum. She is very eloquent and is not afraid of offering her view.
Matthew Gysbers	AXA XL	Matt been working in the Hull and War Market for 26 years. Starting his career as a box assistant in March 2000 at Brockbank syndicate. In the subsequent years he has been promoted through all possible levels to be Head of Marine Hull and War, UK & Lloyd's for AXA XL today. During that time he has developed an expert knowledge in all segments of Hull and War insurance. Blue, Green and Brown Water, Builders Risk and War. He has established excellent long term relationships with the broking community, the underwriting community and most importantly, with clients.
James Irvine	Chaucer	James has more than two decades of underwriting experience across the London and Middle East marine markets and leads Chaucer's multi-disciplinary hulls portfolio across a number of offices, backed by strong long-term client and broker relationships with a notable focus on utilising data strategy to orientate pricing,

		risk selection and portfolio optimisation in cyclical markets. In particular James is interested in supporting the committee on shaping the continued future relevance and opportunities of the London market as well as technically opining on the direction of prevalent emerging risks that will impact the industry
Alex Lynch	Convex	Alex has 10 years of experience in the Hull market. He has successfully built portfolios of profitable business across the various Hull interests whilst working at Lloyds and in the Company market.
Ben Ewen	Everest	Ben started his insurance career in 2008 working for Underwriting Risk Services as a client service technician where he assisted the Yacht and Marine Trades underwriters. In 2010 he moved into an underwriting technician role at Talbot Underwriting for the Cargo & Specie team. In 2012 he joined the Marine Hull & War team as an underwriting assistant and progressed into a Class Underwriter. Ben joined Everest in October 2022 as a Senior Underwriter and became Head of Marine Hull & War in September 2025. He has obtained his ACII and completed the LMA Academy syndicate business plan programme. He was an U35's representative on the Joint Hull Committee in 2020/21 and formed part of the subcommittee groups discussing tank coating claims and alternative fuels. During that period, he completed the Lloyd's Maritime Academy certificate in alternative fuels course.
Simon Lovell	Liberty	An experience marine insurance professional working as underwriting manager for Hull & War at Liberty Specialty Markets, the candidate has over 25 years' experience in the marine insurance market, predominantly focused on Hull & Machinery underwriting. Over the course of his career, they have underwritten complex and diverse marine risks and developed a deep technical expertise in hull underwriting, market standards, and risk evolution across international portfolios. They have a strong commitment and desire to serve the wider marine insurance marketplace. We believe them to be well placed to provide considered and balanced input to the join Hull Committee.
Ben Jacob	Managing Agency Partners	28 years' experience in underwriting and leading all marine classes, principally Hull and Offshore energy although currently mostly Hull. Long term experience and battle hardened from the vagaries of the insurance cycle across classes with a very strong discipline for correct technical pricing and risk identification. Not afraid to price up unusual risks that fall outside of plain vanilla business and will bring a fresh perspective from a truly independent and private Lloyd's syndicate.
Danny Bell	MS Amlin	Danny started his life as an average adjuster at RHL & then joined the RSA. He has been underwriting for over 10 years now since joining Amlin and has an unsurprisingly very strong technical knowledge when claims are unfolding and in post event analysis. He is the senior Hull/War and Construction underwriter & garners a strong following especially of the Builders book.
Alex Becker	Skuld	Alex started his career with Amlin in 2008, working in London, but also periods seconded and managing their Hull account in both Singapore and Dubai. In 2020, Alex joined Liberty, rising to 'Head of Hull' managing both their company and Lloyd's Syndicate books. In Feb 2024, Alex joined Skuld as SVP Underwriting for London Hull. Alex shows a keen interest to join both JHC and IUMI in due course.

Joint Liability Committee		
Edward Abbott	AdA	Ed is a market leader in the marine and energy liability market with twenty years of experience in Lloyds. He is a strong advocate of the certainty and flexibility that the London insurance market delivers for clients and brokers. He brings clarity of thought to his negotiations whilst being respectful and engaging in his interactions with others. This skill set coupled with his diligence and good humour makes him an ideal candidate for the committee.
Inga Brand	Argenta	Inga brings 25 years of Marine and Energy Liability underwriting experience, making her highly qualified to serve on the JLC. As Argenta's Unit Head of Energy Liability, she leads the portfolio while driving strategic growth, strengthening stakeholder relationships, and mentoring emerging underwriting talent. Her career includes senior roles at White Bear Managers, where she founded its Energy Liability product, and Liberty Specialty Markets, where she progressed to Head of Energy, Construction, and Marine Liability. With technical expertise, proven leadership, and strong communication skills, Inga will contribute balanced judgment, valuable insight, and sector knowledge to the JLC.
Alex Waite	Brit	Alex has been a highly successful underwriter in the liability sector. He has 20 years of experience and, in recent years, has transformed an underperforming portfolio into a top quartile liability syndicate. His product and technical knowledge are first rate as demonstrated by his increased leadership position in the sector.
Sophie Russell	HCC	Senior Marine and Energy Liability Underwriter with continuous London Market experience since 2007 across both Lloyd's and company markets. Currently in a senior underwriting role at TMHCC, a global specialty insurer with established and dedicated roots in the London Market. Brings deep technical expertise in marine and energy liability risks, portfolio management, pricing and governance, supported by a strong understanding of subscription market dynamics and regulatory frameworks. Actively engaged in market development through prior service on the Under 35s Committee and more recently the JNRC Sustainability Subcommittee. Well placed to contribute strategic insight, commercial leadership and collaborative representation to the LMA Joint Liability Committee.
James Daykin	Hiscox	Market leader for 10 years plus, leads around 50% of business written, Expert on coverage and wordings/clauses - has contributed to clauses that have been adopted by the market. Would bring some needed Energy expertise to a heavy marine focus, Also US and International exposures/business
Rhys O'Neill	Markel	Rhys brings extensive experience across the insurance market. Having begun his career in P&I before moving into Marine Liability, he offers a strong blend of technical insight and practical market knowledge. His background in contractual and wording reviews will add real value to the JLC. Markel is a recognised leader in the Marine liability space, leading a number of market covers and a leadership role on 25% of the IGA P&I Club

		renewals. Rhys's involvement will not only strengthen market engagement but also ensure Market has a meaningful presence at the table.
Sophie Seeley	QBE	Sophie Seeley leads QBE's Marine Liabilities portfolio, guiding the team with a strong market position and wide broker respect. Sophie is known for her technical capability, clarity of thought and willingness to challenge constructively. As a driven, enthusiastic and well-regarded practitioner, she would bring valuable and fresh perspectives. She brings JLC experience, having previously served on the committee and contributed to a wording-revision subgroup (U35 nominated representative). Her motivation and advocacy for practical and consistent market application, make her a strong contributor to the future direction of the committee.
Alex Maclellan	Talbot	Alex started his career in 2010 at Talbot syndicate 1183. Having worked at Talbot for 16 years Alex now holds the position of UK Head of Marine and Energy Liability across both Talbot and AIG UK, accountable for one of the largest COBs at the syndicate. The contrast in practices and experience of being owned by a company market gives Alex a unique insight into market dynamics from both sides of the regulatory framework. In 2022 he was asked to participate in JLC Energy Liability research group to share his technical and market knowledge, a stepping stone towards an opportunity for a JLC position. Alex continues to specialise in Energy Liability which would bring an alternative skill set to a committee which historically has had a strong marine representation.

Joint Natural Resources Committee		
Richard Palengat	AEGIS	40 years of underwriting experience in the M&E sector and over 30 years as a member of one or more Joint Committees.
Elliot Burton	Ark	<p>-16 years underwriting experience within the natural resources sector.</p> <p>-JNRC committee member for 4 years.</p> <p>-Member of the JNRC wordings sub-committee for 6 years. Contributed to best practice approaches across wording topics including Decommissioning, Machinery Breakdown, War & Terror, Communicable Disease, DTEP, OEE re-draft.</p> <p>-Participated as speaker at JNRC forums on technical issues facing the market.</p> <p>-Willing and enthusiastic to share ideas and promote knowledge sharing during committee meetings.</p>
Balal Khan	Liberty	<p>Balal is a well-established and extensively recognised market leader for the Upstream Energy class in the Lloyd's and London market. He has many years of experience in this specialist field, and his successful track record at developing profitable underwriting portfolios speaks for itself. Key to his success has been Balal's focus on underwriting discipline that is achieved through the use of sophisticated underwriting tools, to support underwriting intuition and experience.</p> <p>Balal is Head of Upstream Energy at Liberty and joined the company in the summer of 2024.</p> <p>His experience spans across both broking and underwriting during his 15 year career.</p> <p>Having spent the majority of his underwriting career at Lead syndicate Brit he is now building out a lead portfolio at Liberty. He would be able to lend his knowledge to discuss common issues and promote best practices.</p> <p>Balal is keen on policy wordings and would be able to contribute in this area of work on behalf of the committee.</p>
Philip Earle	MS Amlin	<p>Phil Earle is a senior underwriter with eight years' experience across a broad Upstream portfolio.</p> <p>Phil holds a degree in Geology and is a Fellow of the Geological Society. He brings professional curiosity and an analytical approach to his underwriting, applying critical thinking to negotiate problematic wordings and challenging risk scenarios. His communication style is clear and calm. He is collaborative, approachable and reliable, with good listening skills and contributes meaningfully to any debate.</p> <p>Phil would be an asset to the JNRC, particularly in discussions on technological evolution and the adequacy of current wordings and clauses.</p>
Michael Poulteney	Westfield	<p>I have worked in the Offshore Energy market for 18 years. Starting as Underwriting Assistant at QBE, with two years in the Singapore market before moving to Arch Insurance.</p> <p>I left Arch as Head of Offshore Energy before taking a role as Class Underwriter for Westfield Specialty International.</p> <p>My experience in the Offshore market is widespread having led global programmes in different territories. I am confident in all sub-sectors of the Offshore market and their distinctive issues. I can offer knowledge across the board and also with regards to the Energy Transition.</p> <p>ACII qualified.</p>

Joint Specie Committee		
Henry Watts	AEGIS	Henry has worked in the Specie market since 2012 – first as a broker at Marsh and then profitably underwriting the class for AEGIS. He has experience across the Specie sub-classes, now enhanced by having a broader role shaping AEGIS London's approach to Portfolio Solutions. This cross-class experience, enhancing over a decade of Specie market experience, would be valuable to the JSC as the changing market dynamics are navigated. He is a professional operator who cares about the integrity and the success of Lloyd's as a marketplace.
James Croome	Arch	Fine Art & Specie underwriter with over 20 years of Lloyd's market experience. 12 years at Arch with first 7 as the Head of Fine Art & Specie and the last 5 as the Active Underwriter of Syndicate 2012. Recognised market leader of speciality GS business such as digital asset custody, investor compensation risks, data centre hardware.
Kate Petterson	Ark	With 20+ years of underwriting experience in both company and Lloyd's markets, affords a consistent and technical approach to the assessment, pricing and management of risk across the four Specie classes. Successfully balances technical expertise with commerciality, negotiating wordings and claims scenarios within varied market conditions. Understand the complexities of the market and the requirement for analysing emerging trends. Has strong negotiation skills to debate the pertinent issues of the JSC and is committed to upholding Lloyds protocols. Would be an active contributor to the committee through the development of clear market standards, wordings and future initiatives.
Paul Wootten	Ascot	Paul has been with the Specie team at Ascot for over 15 years having worked his way up from an assistant role to the Class Underwriter leading the team. The portfolio at Ascot has a large leadership profile and this means Paul is at the forefront of negotiations of pricing and conditions. Given his longstanding experience he has worked in this leading team and has gained a wide and varied experience. I believe his input in this complex class at the market level would be very beneficial for the Specie panel.
Richard Ansted	AXIS	Richard has 19 years' experience underwriting Specie risks, encompassing some of the largest Specie portfolios in the market. He is a recognised leader across all 4 of the Specie risk codes utilising influential line sizes. He is particularly interested in the development of new and emerging risks and products. Richard would collaborate well with his peers to contribute towards positive outcomes for the Specie market.
Jamie Lawrence	Chubb	<p>This is Jamie's 17th year in insurance (with over 11 years in The Specie Market), the majority of which being at Willis. She joined Chubb in 2024 and is involved in all aspects of the portfolio. We believe her passion about making a positive impact and her enthusiasm will help drive the committee's success, particularly as a representative of a global market leader.</p> <p>She has a strong analytical mindset, enabling her to contribute thoughtful insights and solutions to challenges that the committee / specie market may face.</p> <p>We feel that she would make a compelling contribution to the JSC, bringing fresh ideas, particularly from the perspective of a newer (but market experienced) underwriter.</p>

Giles Coghlin	Everest	Having spent 30 years in the market, initially as a broker before transitioning to underwriting 15 years ago, Giles has extensive knowledge and experience of this niche area that has helped him become an integral part of the JSC since being voted in almost 10 years ago. Since then he has spent time as both Deputy Chair and Chair of the whole committee whilst also chairing certain working parties such as the Jewellers Block WP and hosting the annual JSC Education Forum. He was also instrumental in co-creating the LIBA Broker equivalent of the JSC and is committed to ensuring cooperation between the two leads to a more mutually beneficial symbiosis
James Garthwaite	Liberty	I am an experienced Fine Art and Specie Underwriter having spent over 12 years in the London Market at two different reputable syndicates. I have a track record of having worked with the JSC having been co-opted on the '2Rs' working party in late 2024 culminating in two new clauses being published in January 2026. I also moderated a panel discussion at the Specie Market Education Forum in November 2025 addressing the January Los Angeles wildfires and their impact on the Fine Art & Specie Market.
Alexia De Lecaros Hemmons	Munich Re	Alexia has over 20 years' experience in the Fine Art & Specie market. Having worked on both the underwriting and broking side, inside and outside of Lloyd's, Alexia has a unique perspective that would be a great asset to the JSC. Alexia was previously an active member of this committee but reluctantly stepped down due to her manager at the time also being on the committee. As this is no longer the case, and with Alexia stepping up into the Group Head role, it is an opportune time for her to apply for re-election.
Ann-Louise Seago	SCOR	Ann-Louise brings more than thirty years of international experience in Fine Art & Specie insurance, gained across multiple market cycles and geographies. She consistently demonstrates meticulous attention to detail, strong technical underwriting judgement, and a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach to problem-solving. Her leadership has been instrumental in the successful re-writing of her Line of Business Underwriting Guidelines and in driving overall operational excellence. Ann-Louise exemplifies professionalism, integrity, and constructive engagement. Her deep industry expertise, disciplined operational mindset, and ability to work effectively with a wide range of stakeholders make her an exceptional asset to the committee and a highly deserving nominee.
Mark Benbow	Westfield	As a long-term member and former Chair, Mark Benbow has been a strong contributor to the committee and currently sits on no less than 5 JSC working parties. He has more than 36 years market experience which includes time in all Marine classes as well as in Financial Institutions which is invaluable in accessing various risks that straddle these classes. Having operated as both Insurer and Broker, including working as an overseas retail broker, Mark fully understands the challenges all parties face and uses these unique skills to benefit of the committee and broader Specie market.

Joint War Committee		
Jonny Moss	Ai Marine	With a decade of hull and war underwriting experience, across a Lloyd's syndicate, a Scandinavian mutual, and now an MGA, I bring a broad and balanced market perspective. Five years spent as a naval architect provide me with a strong technical foundation and deep understanding of vessel design and operations, enhancing my underwriting insight. This combination of technical expertise and diverse market experience positions me to contribute meaningfully to the Joint Hull Committee's work, alongside market peers, promoting practical and forward-thinking solutions for the marine insurance industry.
Benjamin Jones	Amphitrite	Ben has 15 years of experience in the Hull and War market. Starting at Starstone, moving to Gard and now 5 years writing the Marine war book at Amphitrite. Ben has a particular interest in the wordings and is hopeful to be of some use to the committee in this regard.
Paul Newton	Antares	Paul has been involved in Marine Hull & War Underwriting for circa 35 years, and served previously on the Joint Committees and as prior-Chair for Joint Hull. Prior to underwriting Paul started working in Marine Claims for 3 years starting in 1988, this gave practical experience of the subject matter and solving policy and insurance issues. Prior to Marine Insurance he was involved in building small ships and boats serving his apprenticeship in Southampton. I believe that Paul has a wealth of subject matter experience, and is driven by results and reality.
Dan Clark	AXIS	Dan would be an ideal candidate for the Joint War Committee. He leads a substantial portfolio of war business, including responsibility for the largest lineslip placed by the markets leading war broker by GWP. With more than a decade of dedicated war underwriting experience, he combines technical expertise with practical awareness of geopolitical risks. He is a clear communicator who can articulate complex risk considerations succinctly, and he has the confidence and independence of judgement required to contribute constructively to committee deliberations.
Trevor Cogman	Chaucer	Trevor has nearly twenty-five years of marine underwriting experience across the hull, liability and war disciplines and is a Senior Class Underwriter at Chaucer with strong client and broker relationships in London, Europe and the Far East. He is keen to bring the insight, technical qualities and experience derived from his network and the diverse international marine war portfolio at Chaucer to support the committee's significant work in what are considerably variable and challenging times.
Ben Underwood	Chubb	With over eight years of experience spanning ship operations, broking, and underwriting, Ben brings substantial expertise in managing complex war risk scenarios. His demonstrated leadership in war business, combined with practical technical skills, will support the committee in making effective and balanced decisions. Throughout his career, Ben has actively engaged with shipowners and risk managers, cultivating strong industry relationships and a practical understanding of maritime risk. Ben would actively participate and proactively contribute to the committee.
George Barker	Lancashire	George's experience establishing and growing a war portfolio at Aspen and now developing the long-standing Lancashire war account as an Underwriter, make him a strong candidate for the

		JWC. He has a sustained interest in geopolitics, ACII qualification and an in-depth technical expertise, all aiding Lancashire navigate a period of heightened global conflict and war market volatility. He has acted as a lead on notable war claims activity, providing practical insight into the wider market implications of conflict events. He understands the strategic importance of the JWC and is committed to contributing constructively while representing Lancashire's interests effectively.
Luke Ogilvie	Liberty	They are an experienced member of the Marine War market with over 13 years of experience. They write a broad portfolio with a focus on leading risks. He has built strong relationship with key with international markets. They are keen to actively get involved on market issues, such as exploring the "Held Cover" provisions, also exploring the relationship between annual and breach only policies and where coverage starts and ends. They have been active in market forums previously, with a 5-year appointment to the Marine U35's committee where he had a leadership role, interacting with members and industry bodies.
Danny Bell	MS Amlin	Danny is a seasoned War underwriter in the current fluid geopolitical climate, with extensive understanding of the repair & recovery aspect following a War peril. His time as an Average Adjuster has prepared him incredibly well to be a strong leader when there are problems.
Matthew Mitchell	QBE	As QBE's Portfolio Manager for Syndicate Hull, War and British Marine Hull, Matthew would bring 18 years of technical expertise, market insights and a proven capability to underwrite and lead Marine Hull & War risks to the JWC. As a current Joint Hull member and Chair of the JH143 Construction Sub-Committee, Matthew already plays an active and constructive role in market development, contributing to key discussions and technical frameworks. Matthew would relish the opportunity to support the valuable work of the JWC.
Annabel Brydon	Sompo	Annabel has worked at Sompo for 16 years and heads up Marine Hull and War. She is an experienced Class Underwriter managing a profitable and well-balanced book. She has significant interaction with the Crisis Management team within Sompo. Having studied Politics at University, Annabel has a keen interest in Geopolitical risks and how they affect the Marine Insurance market, making her a strong candidate to join the Joint War Committee. Annabel thoroughly enjoyed sitting with the JHC for 12 months as a member of the U35s, and is dedicated, hard working and would relish the opportunity to join the JWC.