

UK Council Nominees 2026

Process

As part of the Institution's Council election process, members are invited to select up to five candidates.

The following pages provide a short précis for each of the nine candidates, outlining their experience and areas of contribution to the Institution and profession. These statements are intended to support members in making an informed selection.

Candidates are listed in first name alphabetical order and statements have been provided directly by the candidates.

Voting will close at 19:00 BST Tuesday 12th May, and each UK member is entitled to vote once via the button in the email.

Candidate Statements

Alan J Murphy, BEng, PhD, FRINA, FHEA, CEng

Professor in Maritime Engineering

Head of the Maritime Engineering Group

University of Southampton, UK

My motivation to contribute service to RINA on Council comes as a natural extension to a long service record to RINA and I have several characteristics that I believe allow me to bring value to the role with credibility.

These include:

- Active participation at RINA HQ over many years – including Membership, Environment and Publications Committees, and I currently serve as the Editor for RINA's academic journal, The International Journal of Maritime Engineering (since 2023).
- I have had a long and active track record with local branch affairs including in the North East Coast Joint Branch where I variously served as member, vice chair, chair and secretary on the branch committee.
- As a past head of the Maritime Group in Newcastle University (including leadership roles at the university's Singapore Campus) and now current head of the Maritime Group at the University of Southampton, I am well placed to represent a number of different and important constituencies for RINA, including Researchers, Educators and Students.

- I have a diversity of perspectives across the industry, having a rare combination of a sea-going background complimenting the academic phase of my career.
- I have influence and networks beyond RINA e.g. Committees and working groups at SMI, UKCS, DfT, Academic Chair for MarRI-UK, Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, and others, which can bring benefits, intelligence and influence at a governance level to RINA.
- I champion equality and diversity in a variety of ways, including leading maritime outreach and diversity initiatives at School-pupil level.

RINA has been central and influential throughout my maritime career, and indeed supported me in my Undergraduate Degree with a scholarship and through my PhD studies, awarding me the Froude Scholarship. In return, I have been a long-term proactive volunteer with RINA, giving me good insight into many aspects of RINA's activities which I can represent on Council. Also, service on Council is another way for me to continue to give a little back.

Andy King

I am a Naval Architect who has been working in the industry for almost twenty years. I have worked in the defence, consultancy and classification industries and my specialism and interest is in the large yacht industry. I am writing to submit my personal summary to be considered for a role on the RINA UK Council.

I have previously served on the UK Council for several years (2010-2019 approx.), only leaving when my eligible term came to an end. During this time, I also served as a member of the RINA Board of Trustees from its formation. At this time, I was at an earlier stage of my career and was able to actively contribute to discussions as a younger Naval Architect. Now that I am further along in my career and with leadership and management experience, I would like to contribute again and be an active member in institution discussions.

I am an active member of RINA and I support the institution throughout the year. I regularly attend or present at local branch meetings (most recently in March 2026), I am a member of the Membership Committee and I am also actively undergoing training to become a RINA PRI interviewer. In the last 12 months, I have also been a panel member at the inaugural Naval Architect conference and attended the RINA Annual Dinner. I am also very interested in promoting and developing younger Naval Architects and mentoring them on career paths.

I am very proud to call myself a Naval Architect to represent such a historic institution. I look forward to being able to return to the UK Council and to contribute to the future success and development of the profession.

Anna Evangelidis

I would be excited to serve on the RINA Council and contribute meaningfully to the continued development and relevance of the Institution within a rapidly evolving maritime sector.

Having previously served on the Council (as Chair of the Young Members Group in the late 1990's (!) and at various points throughout my career), I have a strong appreciation of its role in guiding the Institution and representing its membership.

I am particularly excited by RINA's new strategic vision and the direction it sets for the profession. I would welcome the opportunity to support its delivery and contribute to ensuring that the Institution remains a leading, inclusive, and forward-looking professional body.

I would bring a combination of professional insight, enthusiasm, and a collaborative approach to the role. With over 20 years of experience in a number of technical and strategic roles, I am well placed to offer support on the challenges facing the profession today including areas such as sustainability, innovation, and skills development. I am especially interested in supporting initiatives that strengthen engagement across the membership and encourage knowledge sharing.

I would approach Council responsibilities with a commitment to constructive contribution, active listening, and representing the interests of members, while upholding high professional standards and effective governance.

Serving on the Council would be an exciting opportunity to contribute to RINA as it continues its evolution.

Charlotte Dodge

I am a Chartered Naval Architect (CEng, MRINA) currently working at ABL as a marine warranty surveyor on transport and installation projects in both oil & gas and renewables. I have previously held strategic roles within ABL, supporting regional business development, sustainability, and energy transition initiatives, and participated as a member of the ABL team on the Royal Academy of Engineering's Inclusive Leadership Programme, gaining insights into how to create inclusive teams and workplaces. I am an active STEM ambassador and a member of RINA's Developing Careers Committee and the STEM Working Group, hoping to increase the awareness of Naval Architecture as a career, and ensuring that it is an exciting and inclusive industry to work in.

I have previously sat as the Early Careers' Representative on the Southern Joint Branch Council whilst studying/working in Southampton, and more recently as a member of the London Branch Council helping to organise the annual lecture programme.

Having sat on local Branch Councils, I feel I could bring these insights to the RINA Council, and I am keen to represent early career professionals within the industry, and to continue to promote the importance of increasing the visibility of naval architecture as a career. I am eager to be a part of the Council to continue to progress the work currently being done, having seen some exciting new initiatives started in the last couple of years (e.g. the Developing Careers Committee), and to encourage engagement of more professionals within our industry with the Institution. I feel I would bring an enthusiasm and commitment to a position on the Council and hope to build on the involvement I have had with RINA to date.

Dean Goves

I am standing for election to the Council because I believe the Royal Institution of Naval Architects has a vital role to play in steering the profession through a period of rapid technical, regulatory and societal change, while remaining firmly grounded in sound engineering judgement.

I am a Chartered Engineer and Member of RINA, currently working as Global Director of Ship Design, with responsibility for multidisciplinary teams delivering vessel designs across offshore, energy transition, defence and specialist commercial sectors. I am also Vice Chair of the RINA Maritime Innovation Committee. These roles give me daily exposure to the practical challenges faced by naval architects: balancing established design solutions and practices with innovation, safety, regulation, cost, buildability and operational reality. I also get the opportunity to work with naval architects and engineers at all stages of their professional development, giving me valuable insight into how they are prepared for the current and future state of our profession.

If elected, I would contribute to Council through three main areas. First, by contributing my experience of the realities of modern engineering practice, particularly in areas such as vessel design, alternative fuels and engineering governance. Second, by supporting the development and engagement of early- and mid career engineers, ensuring RINA continues to attract, retain and represent the next generation of naval architects, together with helping to inform and shape their education and training. Third, by helping RINA maintain its position as an independent, authoritative voice that is respected across industry, regulators and academia alike.

I would approach the role with commitment, openness and collaboratively, and I would value the opportunity to contribute to the strategic direction of the Institution at this key time.

James Gladman

I am seeking election to Council to support the Royal Institution of Naval Architects in maintaining its position as a respected, independent, and authoritative voice at a time of significant change for the maritime sector.

The challenges facing the industry, particularly global political & economic shifts, increasing system complexity, and the emergence of autonomous and semi-autonomous systems, require practical, technically robust responses. These are areas where the Institution is well placed to provide leadership. Through my experience acting as a technical authority across complex programmes, and my involvement in advancing Human Autonomy Teaming within maritime design, I bring a current, applied perspective grounded in deliverable outcomes. I will support the Institution in strengthening its contribution to industry guidance, knowledge-sharing, and the promotion of sound engineering practice in these evolving areas.

My involvement with the Developing Careers Working Group has reinforced the importance of sustaining a strong professional pipeline. Ensuring that naval architecture remains relevant and accessible to the next generation is essential as the skills required by industry continue to evolve, particularly in areas such as systems integration, human factors, and digital engineering. I will support initiatives that strengthen the link between academia and practice, enhance professional development pathways, and improve engagement with early-career members.

I also see opportunity to further enhance the Institution's visibility and engagement across industry, government, and international partners. My experience working across the full engineering lifecycle, and with a broad range of stakeholders, enables me to contribute constructively to this area.

I will bring a considered, collaborative approach to Council, alongside a clear focus on delivery and impact.

I am a Chief Engineer at Expleo UK Limited, serving as the independent technical authority across a ~£70 million portfolio spanning design, naval architecture, structures and materials, marine engineering and manufacturing capability groups. As a member of the senior leadership team, I provide technical governance and assurance, and shape capability development and client solutions across complex defence and commercial maritime programmes.

A proportion of my career within the maritime sector has been spent at Babcock International Group and the UK Ministry of Defence within the submarine enterprise, progressing from Naval Architect to Principal Naval Architect to Senior Engineering Manager. Across these roles, I broadened my technical expertise from structural design, materials analysis and corrosion mechanics to hydrostatics, hydrodynamics, and manoeuvring and control of nuclear submarines, while taking

on increasing responsibility for programme delivery, capability leadership, and financial performance.

My expertise now spans naval and commercial ship design, stability and weights engineering, hydrodynamics and seakeeping, human factors engineering, sustainment and decarbonisation. I have extensive experience across the full engineering lifecycle, from concept and requirements definition through to in-service support and disposal, underpinned by a strong application of engineering principles across naval architecture and marine engineering disciplines.

I have been actively involved in advancing Human Autonomy Teaming (HAT) within maritime platform design, recognising its significance in enabling the safe and effective integration of autonomous and semi-autonomous systems. This includes shaping design considerations that balance human factors, platform capability, and operational effectiveness, and contributing to the evolving understanding of how naval architecture must adapt to support increasingly autonomous vessels and complex system integration.

I have also held delegated Technical Authority roles for Defence Safety Authority key hazard areas, accountable for safety assurance and regulatory compliance across UK naval platforms.

I maintain broad engagement across shipowners, operators, design and build organisations, classification societies, and government stakeholders, and contribute actively to the profession through:

- The Royal Institution of Naval Architects, including as Vice Chair of the Developing Careers Working Group.
- Maritime UK, including as an Industry Ambassador and Maritime Masters lecturer.
- STEM Learning outreach, I have been a STEM Ambassador for over 15 years promoting learning opportunities to the engineers of tomorrow.

Keith Lilley

I am applying to be a member of the RINA Council as I believe I would be able to contribute to the Institution's strategic goals utilizing my experience from Industry and my involvement through various RINA Committees and Branch activities.

My professional career included work in a shipyard involved in the design of all types of craft up to 120m and then Classification with ABS. At the shipyard I held various positions and ultimately progressed to Chief Designer/Draughtsman when the yard closed in 1995. At ABS I held various positions including Director of Engineering for all the Ship and Offshore Classification approval activity and ultimately Special Projects including Rule Development, Technical Committees, Service Delivery, Engineering Planning and Scholarships.

A Chartered Engineer since 1987, I hold an M.Sc. in Ship Technology from Newcastle University and since 2008 have been a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects.

I have been a member of RINA since 1975 and joined the RINA London Branch Committee in 2004. I subsequently served as the Technical Secretary and Honorary Secretary and for the last fifteen years have been the President of the London Branch. This position has involved great exposure to members and valuable feedback regarding member experience and expectations.

At RINA, I was a member of the Safety Committee from 2007 to 2015, and I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Membership Committee and a member of the IMO Committee.

Santiago Zuniga: Naval Architect (C.Eng)

I have been actively involved with the Royal Institution of Naval Architects throughout my entire professional journey, beginning as a university student member and continuing through to achieving registration as a Chartered Engineer. This long standing engagement has given me a deep appreciation of the Institution's strengths as well as a clear perspective on areas where member experience, professional development, and industry relevance can be further enhanced.

As an active participant in both my local branch and RINA's international training and conference programmes, I have consistently taken part in knowledge exchange, professional networking, and the promotion of naval architecture across global sectors. My career as a naval architect specialising in offshore energy places me within one of the world's key centres of expertise for complex offshore projects. This provides me with unique exposure to emerging technologies, integrity challenges, and cross disciplinary collaboration - insights I am committed to bringing into the Institution to support its continued development and strategic direction.

I believe my combination of long term institutional involvement, experience in member focused improvement, and specialist offshore industry knowledge positions me to make a meaningful contribution to the Council and to the future of the Institution.

Susie Webber: Principal Naval Architect and Capability Lead – BMT Specialist Craft Design

Susie is a Principal Naval Architect and Capability Lead within BMT's Specialist Craft Design Team. She is a Chartered Naval Architect with extensive postgraduate

experience across the marine industry, covering a diverse range of vessel types including Search and Rescue craft, military vessels, luxury yachts, firefighting vessels and FPSOs. Her technical expertise spans concept and detailed structural design, manufacture, repair and maintenance, sea trials, vessel and equipment assessments, data analysis, and technical authority roles involving task and project leadership, as well as small craft surveying.

For Susie, serving on the RINA Engineering Council is an opportunity to work alongside fellow professionals to help shape the future of naval architecture and maritime engineering at an international level. She is strongly motivated by RINA's mission to advance the art and science of ship design, uphold professional standards, and provide a global forum linking industry, academia and regulators.

Susie sees Council membership as a platform to apply experience gained from complex, real world engineering challenges to support RINA in maintaining high standards of professional competence, technical rigour and ethical practice, ensuring these remain relevant and aligned with the evolving needs of the global maritime sector.

The role also provides a means to influence how the profession responds to key industry transitions, including decarbonisation, digitalisation, autonomy and emerging regulatory frameworks. With direct experience of innovation driven projects, Susie is keen to be an active council contributor and is particularly passionate about future STEM activities, supporting and inspiring the next generation of engineers.

From a personal perspective, serving on the Engineering Council offers a meaningful way to give back through mentoring, professional development, document review, and helping champion the importance of naval architecture within the global maritime engineering community.