

**Election Address for Non-Executive Director**

Candidate: Julie Denning

It has been a pleasure to serve as a Non-Executive Director for the past year and I look forward to continuing in this role for a further period if that be Council's will.

I set out my chess background in detail last year, so will only comment now on activities since the last AGM. A year ago I expressed a particular interest in seeing what would be in the report from the Independent Constitutional and Governance Review Team. Following the last AGM the Governance Committee was in some disarray for a while and it was recognised that making progress on the Review's recommendations would require significant direct input from Directors. I was appointed to chair a committee to take this work forward and believe we have made good progress, as evidenced in particular by various motions passed by Council at this year's Finance Council and the elections that are scheduled for this AGM.

In addition to this committee task, I have attended all Board meetings and participated in various ad hoc tasks that have arisen. As a Board, we haven't always approached a topic with a common point of view, but have not been subject to inter-personal difficulties that appeared to have afflicted the immediate past Board. Matters have been discussed and decisions reached. There have been a small number of issues on which I have taken a firm stand, as I see being appropriate for an effective NED, and I anticipate this continuing to be the case in the future.