

Worshipful Company of Engineers - Junior Warden

Commodore Barry Brooks Royal Navy

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Barry Brooks read Electrical Engineering at Imperial College, sponsored by the Royal Navy, with whom he had a successful and varied career – submarine electrical and nuclear propulsion engineer, R&D projects, Whitehall (MOD strategy, resources and long-term planning, and Cabinet Office), pan-MOD organisational change, and, unusually for an engineer, an accountancy role.

As Commodore (Royal Navy), working with industry, he helped to design and improve MOD's organisation for procurement, through-life support and project management.

Since 2002, he has worked for IBM, Hitachi and his own company, Wychcote Ltd, through which he provides director-level support for, and assurance of, complex, high-risk, high-value engineering, procurement and change programmes in the public sector.

Since 2001, his voluntary contribution to the IET's activities has grown from IET Connect (Benevolent Fund) Local Representative, chairing a Local Network committee, a member of Council, a Vice-President and Trustee, chairman of various boards and Audit Committee, Deputy President, and, as President for 2013-14, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. The latter appointment involved a considerable number of public speaking engagements and meeting students, engineers, and senior figures in industry, academia and governments around the world.

He was a member of IET Nominations & Succession, IET's Transport Sector Executive and IET's Fellowship Policy Committees until Sep 2017. He also makes time for fundraising for the IET's Horizon Bursaries scheme and supporting the First Lego League 2017 Open Championship in Bath. He continues as an IET Professional Registration (CEng and IEng) and Fellowship Assessor / Interviewer.

Other voluntary activities include: Trustee of Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST); City & Guilds College Association (Imperial College's engineering alumni) (President 2004-6); organiser of Fellowship of City & Guilds of London Institute (FCGI) annual lecture-lunch at Imperial College; member of Bath University's EEE Department's Industry Advisory Board.

Barry joined the Worshipful Company of Engineers in 2004 and was elected Court Assistant in 2008. He has served on Finance & General Policy, Programmes and Membership Committees (Secretary of Membership Committee in 2015-16). He was the Co-ordinator for the £5,000 Hawley Award (Engineering Innovation that benefits the Environment) from 2008-16. Elected Junior Warden in 2016, he chaired the Programme Committee. Elected Middle Warden in 2017, he chairs the Membership Committee.

Barry and Linda live in a village near Bradford-on-Avon and have three sons and two grandchildren.