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President of the Fellows Community

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About me

A Member of the PSA since 2003 and Fellow since 2011, I was awarded the PSAE in 2017.

In my spare time I specialise in helping clients to build, nurture and leverage professional relationships.

In my spare spare time I am a keen sports fan, albeit an absolutely useless participant. I hike, love the arts, have tremendous musical taste, read a lot, cook wonderful food and consistently complain about the state of modern life on Facebook.

My role in the PSA

In October 2018 I was elected as the first President of the Fellows Community. The role entails bringing our esteemed Fellows together for regular, stimulating Forums where we can provoke, challenge and learn from each other. I work closely with the PSA Operations team on all things Fellow related including new applications, queries on applications and I am the link between Fellows and the Board of the PSA.

I have also instigated a review into the meaning of the Fellow designation and the criteria surrounding it; looking at how it can be as relevant and as clear as possible to the PSA today while keeping in line with similar CSP designations globally.

Projects I've worked on in 2018/19

- **Establishing the role of Fellows President:** This is a brand new role and a key part of that has been establishing its relevance to our community and ensuring clear and regular communication.
- **Regular Fellows Forums:** Starting with a successful Forum at the PSA Scotland Burns weekend in January, the Forum at Inspire 2019 will be the fourth of 2019. Each has had a varied and very interactive agenda with a guest panel of senior L&D professionals, masterminding, best practice sharing and more. The aim is to publicise all dates for 2020 well in advance.
- **Fellows Working Group:** Mark Lee FPSA appointed and briefed to lead a review of Fellow criteria and meaning.

- **Co-opted to PSA UKI Board:** Invited to attend Board meetings on behalf of the Fellow Community. Role to be formalised with the agreement of the AGM at Inspire 2019.
- **PSA Fellows Facebook Group:** Set up by Steve Bustin just before the new role was created, I have moderated the group and worked to make it as active and engaging as possible as well as a key communication tool to Fellows of the PSA.