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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, subsequently changed to Fellows Community Director on joining the Board.

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

- **Regular Fellows Forums:** We had established very popular quarterly meetings which were getting great attendance and very positive feedback. It's a shame that we've had to move online since the pandemic but that has allowed some of our further flung Fellows in North America and New Zealand to attend. The plan in the longer-term will be to include at least one and possibly two virtual Fellows Forums every year to keep this international accessibility alongside the in person events for UK and Ireland based Fellows.
- **Fellows Working Group:** Mark Lee FPSA has led a review of Fellow criteria which

is coming to a conclusion. It is our intention to propose a new approach to the Fellowship before the end of 2020.

- Represented PSA UK&I alongside Mark Lee on an international panel to look at whether to bring the various CSP and Fellow Designations in line with each other. It was agreed that PSA UK&I would step back from the review pending the conclusion of our own review as there were differences in approaches and priorities.