

8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Special Annual Meeting Nomination for Institute Vice President

At the last AGM, members kindly voted to accept the Chairman's motion to extend my tenure as your President for six months until 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The time has now come to elect a new Vice President who will then succeed me as President when I complete my extended term.

At the AGM and subsequently to our branches, I called for nominations to be considered for Vice President. It has been tradition for the President to nominate their Vice President, however I want our Institute to be more inclusive, open and to ensure that the net is cast appropriately widely, so I asked the Institute to invite nominations for the position of Vice President.

There was great interest in the position and I was delighted at the response. Nominations were submitted from branches, individual members and a non-member. All nominations were of the highest calibre and I spoke with each to ensure they understood the role and obligations of the position and to get to know them and their vision for the Institute. It was an incredibly difficult decision, principally because of how the role has changed recently. The Institute needs a President who can work with the Senior Officers and contribute to the Institute and the business in a way that has not been necessary previously. It is this hands-on requirement that guided the search for the right person. Due to their standing and high profile within the industry it is not appropriate to name them but I have thanked them all warmly for their time and interest in the position.

After much deliberation I nominate Kevin Shakesheff FICS as Vice President of the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers. Kevin has a great knowledge of the Institute and has extensive business experience. Many of you will know Kevin already as he has been a member since 1974, Institute Chairman 2007-09 and has been active within the North East of England and South Wales and the West branches for many years as well as being on Federation Council. Kevin is Chairman and former Managing Director of Casper Shipping, a leading UK port agency, logistics and marine services business. He is also Co-Founder and former Chairman of the High Tide Foundation - an independent charitable foundation that delivers life changing career experiences for young people and increases awareness and engagement within the shipping sector and its supply chain. Kevin is currently Vice Chairman of the Mission To Seamans (North Tees and Hartlepool). He has an unwavering passion for education, supporting young people and for the Institute.

I have no doubt that Kevin Shakesheff will admirably fulfil the role of Vice President and that of President. He brings a wealth of relative skills and attributes that will help guide the Institute forward and I therefore have no hesitation in nominating Kevin Shakesheff to you as Vice President.

Yours sincerely, Jeffrey Mountevans FICS (Hon) President Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers

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