

Candidates for endorsement as Nominated Directors



Graham John Smith, G4NMD

Curriculum Vitae: I have been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1974, following earlier years as an SWL and B-Licentee, and remain active in construction, club leadership, and outreach. I am cofounder of SEMARC (G8KVU), a Surrey-based club committed to promoting amateur radio to beginners and experienced operators alike, and to engaging with schools, scouts, and community organisations.

My professional career began as a Royal Navy Engineer Officer specialising in systems and communications, where I gained leadership and management training alongside technical expertise. Following a serious accident, I retrained as an Anglican Priest, serving in parish ministry, chaplaincy to the Royal Navy and emergency services, and later as Director of Training for Portsmouth Diocese. In that role I managed budgets, designed courses, and served on a university academic board.

I subsequently retrained as a Paramedic, becoming an educator in Paramedic Science, an Examiner for the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh), and later a senior officer managing an NHS education department while practising as an Advanced Clinical Practitioner.

Since retiring, I have continued voluntary service, managing parish vacancies locally and acting as a charity trustee, including with AGE UK Surrey. These roles required governance, mediation, and pastoral leadership.

Education summary:

- BSc (Engineering) – Royal Naval Engineering College
- BA (Theology) – Trinity College Bristol
- MA (Mission & Ministry) – University of Nottingham

Postgraduate diplomas in Clinical Education, Advanced Clinical Practice, and Emergency Medical Care.

Personal Statement: I have been a member of the RSGB since 1972 and licensed since 1974. Amateur radio has been a constant thread in my life, and I now wish to give back by serving the Society at Board level.

My career has combined technical, educational, and pastoral leadership. As a Royal Navy Engineer Officer, I developed systems and communications expertise, together with leadership and management skills. As an Anglican Priest and later Diocesan Director of Training, I managed clergy education, budgets, and university partnerships, while serving diverse communities through parish and chaplaincy roles. In healthcare, I retrained as a Paramedic, became an educator and examiner, and held senior NHS management responsibilities for training and clinical practice.

In retirement, I have continued voluntary service, managing parish vacancies and acting as a charity trustee with AGE UK Surrey. These experiences have reinforced my skills in governance, mediation, and charity management, and demonstrate my commitment to service even outside formal employment.

Amateur radio remains central to my life. Through SEMARC (G8KVU), the club I cofounded, I actively promote the hobby to newcomers, schools, scouts, and community groups. I believe strongly in outreach, education, and supporting progression through the licence structure.

I would bring to the RSGB Board a blend of technical knowledge, governance experience, and commitment to the amateur radio community. I am motivated by service and by the opportunity to help the Society thrive and inspire future generations of radio amateurs.



Andrew Patrick Wood, 2EOIFB [known as Patrick]

Curriculum Vitae: A degree qualified design and product development Engineer with extensive leadership, programme and operational delivery experience, over a 38-year career. Almost 30 years of which are in the Space Sector, spanning several large multinational space corporations as well as leading a globally recognised small enterprise. Specific experience with telecommunication satellites.

Currently consultant, advisor and Non-Executive Director and Visiting Professor for Aerospace, Transport and Manufacturing at Cranfield University.

Held senior leadership positions in the Aerospace, Defence and Space sector, including Board of Director, CEO, CTO, Engineering Director, Programme Director including roles at Airbus Defence and Space (Airbus Group Executive, Senior Vice President, Space Systems Executive Management Committee, Head of Manufacturing, AIT, UK Space Systems Business Lead, Airbus UK Leadership Team, Head of Programmes - Navigation, and Product Group Manager), Lockheed Martin Space (International Business Development Director and Head of UK Space), Surrey Satellite and Technology Ltd (SSTL) CEO, and Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group (CTO & Engineering Director).

Experience in space missions, systems engineering, programme management (notably the £3.6Bn Skynet 5 programme as Prime System Integrator Programme Director), product development, functional management, regulatory, processes and standards, quality systems (achieving CE marking, ISO 9000, and TickIT certification), operations, manufacturing, and technology road-mapping. Leadership oversight of over 150 complex satellites for commercial, governmental, and institutional customers, covering navigation, communications, earth observation, science, and launch vehicles.

A Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the IET and RAeS, previous chair of UKSpace trade association.

Personal Statement: From the age of 10, I have been building electronic and software hobby projects. In recent years I have become a more active Radio Amateur, with specific interest in OSCAR satellites. This lifelong passion has shaped my personal and professional journey, fuelling a deep appreciation for creating technical projects, but overtime giving more experience in presenting them especially in the context of STEM talks.

Since retiring I have volunteered at the National Radio Centre, Bletchley Park Museum, this has been one of the most rewarding experiences. Engaging with visitors and fellow enthusiasts has shown me the vital role RSGB plays in promoting amateur radio and preserving its rich heritage. The annual RSGB conference which I have been attending for the last three years has also shown me the great work the society does promoting inclusivity, innovation and lifelong learning.

The RSGB has a unique opportunity to reach all generations and inspire them, and this has inspired me to apply to be a Director of the RSGB. I am eager to help define strategies that will drive the RSGB forward. My goal is to promote the Society, expand its reach, and grow membership by making amateur radio accessible and relevant to new generations. I am committed to fostering a welcoming environment, supporting volunteers, and ensuring RSGB remains at the forefront of technical advancement and community engagement. I believe my passion, experience, and vision align with RSGB's mission, and I am excited by the opportunity to contribute to its continued success.