

2020 IITPSA AGM

Non-Executive Director Nominees – Biographies

2020 Candidates for the IITPSA Board of Directors

Each of the first four candidates below (numbered 1 to 4), a current Non-Executive Director (listed alphabetically by surname) retires, on rotation¹, from the IITPSA Board at the 2020 AGM, in terms of Clause 7.3.1 of the Memorandum of Incorporation.

Each, being eligible, has offered her/himself for re-election.

Five additional nominations from the members have been received, each of them having been formally, correctly and timeously lodged with the Institute. These nominations are recorded below as candidate numbers 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Candidate 1 – Ms. Ulandi Exner



Ulandi Exner has been in the ICT industry for around 20 years. She currently runs her own consulting business and was previously Head of IT at a Financial Services Company. She is also a Director and the immediate past President of the Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa. She has spoken at a number of conferences, including a couple targeted specifically at CIOs.

Ulandi holds a BCom degree in Informatics, is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Director (IoDSA) and is also a Professional Member of IITPSA. She is passionate about technology and professionalism and is dedicated to helping people develop their skills and raise their own professional standards. With an intimate understanding of both business and technology, she is fully aware that the field of ICT has moved beyond “keeping the lights on” and therefore must be regarded as one of the business’s key decision drivers. Ulandi now serves on a number of Boards / Board Committees of various organisations apart from IITPSA.

Ulandi has been actively involved with the IITPSA for a number of years and has served in many roles, including those of Honorary Treasurer, Vice-President and President. She is involved in driving several existing and new projects for the Institute, including the IITPSA bursary scheme and the promotion and driving of Women in IT programmes and initiatives. Ulandi is the current Chapter Chairperson of IITPSA’s Women in IT Chapter.

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¹ Note: Board Member, Ms.Carolynn Chalmers, is also retiring on rotation but is not available for re-election.

Candidate 2 – Mr. Admire Gwanzura



Admire Gwanzura, Diploma in Applied IT, BCom Hons (Business Informatics), CCNA, CISA and an MSc Computer Science candidate, is the current IT Manager of the International School of Cape Town.

Admire has around 20 years' experience in the profession, and has worked in various ICT roles , including Network Administrator, IT Support Manager and IT Manager. Admire has been a member of IITPSA since May 2012 and re-graded to Professional Member (PMIITPSA) in February 2017. He is an active member of the IITPSA Western Cape Chapter Committee and is the current Vice-President of IITPSA.

Admire's strengths lie in his effective analytical, technical and problem-solving skills. He is currently heavily involved in managing business information systems in an education environment.

Candidate 3 – Mr. Rimmon Kisten



Rimmon Kisten is currently the Managing Director of ICON Information Systems (ICONIS) Pty Ltd., an information technology company based with headquarters in Umhlanga, Kwa-Zulu Natal. In his role, he provides leadership for robust, innovative, and secure information technology solutions for clients in Africa and Internationally. His expertise consists of business strategy, corporate governance, compliance, financial management, mentoring, and many more. He holds a

Bachelor of Science IT (Cum Laude), Masters in IT, MBA specializing in Technology Management, numerous certifications in the IT security domain.

Rimmon has more than 20 years of professional experience in the IT sector with compelling skills in planning, developing, and implementing cutting-edge information solutions designed to address multiple business objectives. Before launching ICONIS in 2014, Rimmon held the position of CIO at the Strauss Daly Group. He was instrumental in developing and rolling out one of the most significant IT projects across South Africa. Rimmon is affiliated to numerous IT and computer societies and regarded as an industry leader and expert. He is a full member of the Institute of Directors South Africa and a Professional Member of the Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa.

Rimmon is also a board member with the following organizations; Wildlife Environmental Society South Africa (WESSA), Wildlife Marketing Services Pty Ltd, IITPSA, ICONIS, ICONIS Cybersecurity, Endpoint Secure Pty Ltd, Cyber Analyse Pty Ltd, Academy for Cybersecurity Training, Digital Ads Africa, Enyuka Consulting Pty Ltd, Chatsworth Sporting Cricket Club and JJR Enterprises. He Chairs many IT Steering committees, is a member of many Audit and Risk committees in organisations throughout South Africa.

Candidate 4 – Mr Karel Matthee



Karel Matthee is a Principal Scientist at the CSIR in the Data Science Research Group.

With more than 30 years of experience in the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Industry, his passion is conceptualising new innovations, developing technology demonstrators and implementing full scale R&D deployments. He also has experience consulting to government and industry.

He has consulted to the Department of Home Affairs during the appointment of a service provider and implementation of a new integrated Automated Biometric Identification System (ABIS) to replace the old HANIS Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS).

His team ran the DSIDE Programme, sponsored by the Department of Science and Innovation, to provide graduate and post-graduate students with exposure to real-world data science projects during academic vacation periods over the last 5 years.

He was part of the Eskom team that designed and deployed a national pre-paid electricity sales system and created the global standard for pre-paid electricity meters.

Karel holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Numerical Mathematics and a B. Com degree in Accounting and Information Systems. He is a professional Natural Scientist registered with SACNASP as a Mathematical Scientist. He is also a Professional Member and Fellow of the Institute of IT Professionals South Africa (IITPSA) and currently serves as a non-executive director on the Board of Directors of the IITPSA. He is also the current Audit and Risk Committee Chairperson for the IITPSA.

New Nominations

Candidate 5 – Mr. Kudzayi Chipidza



Kudzayi is a 34-year old network engineer originally from Harare, Zimbabwe and residing in Cape Town, South Africa, going on 11 years experience in the industry now. He currently holds the position of Cloud Support Engineer with Amazon Web Services (AWS) in Cape Town.

Kudzayi has a Bachelor's degree in Technology Management and Computing from the University of Portsmouth, UK, and is a Certified Cisco Network Professional, as well as a Level one Linux Professional. He recently completed his Masters in Business Administration (MBA), majoring in Information Communication Technology with the University of Catolica, Murcia, Spain. Kudzayi is currently undertaking the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) certification in pursuit of enhancing my understanding of service provision best-practices in the IT industry.

He has led and organized IT engineering projects during his stint with Zimbabwe Online (ZOL) and Liquid Telecoms, Zimbabwe. He has explored enterprise cloud infrastructure and technologies, their value-proposition and utility for the modern IT-centric organisations. Kudzayi has attained a

certification in cloud solution concepts and design with AWS. He has often contributed in an advisory capacity to start-ups and small tech companies looking to leverage ICTs in their processes.

I am passionate about technology and automation as well as the sport of cricket. I have been involved with the International Cricket Council (ICC) as a freelance digital content manager and continue to contribute to various cricket editorial teams such as Wisden (Cricket Properties Pvt. Ltd) in the UK. I coordinated the digital content campaign during the cricket qualifying tournament that the ICC held in Harare, Zimbabwe in 2018 (ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifiers).

I am a dedicated father of 2 children, a husband and devoted Christian whose principles and ethics are guided by honesty, integrity and commitment.

Candidate 6 – Ms. Senele Goba



(Director) 4IR Innovations (Pty) Ltd, (Founder) Ososayensi Education Advancement NPC.

Senele is a 37-year-old woman running a newly founded company, 4IR Innovations, specialising in Industrial Automation, IT services and solutions as well as Educational Technology and Computer Science education.

She holds a BSc in Computer Science (having specialised in Computer Engineering), as well as an Honours degree in Computer Science from UCT. She has worked in the Food and Beverage industry for 14 years as a Graduate Trainee, Control and Automation Engineer, Process Control Manager and subsequently Manufacturing Systems Manager. Through professional development she completed a Management Development Program at SABMiller and led a successful Business Improvement Program to reduce losses and improve efficiencies in several business units at SAB around the country. She believes in unassuming and compassionate leadership as a tool to bring out the best in people we interact with.

Senele has completed a certificate in Strategic Implementation of ICT Integration in education and has followed this passion into the entrepreneurial space. She also founded an organisation called Ososayensi Education Advancement, a community development NPC which is aimed at exposing young learners to STEM and the beneficial use of Science, Technology and Innovation in order to increase their chances of successfully pursuing technology-related careers and therefore have relevant skills into the future, thereby reducing poverty and unemployment.

Senele is a wife, a daughter, a mother to 2 boys, a sister to 10 siblings and an aunt to many! She is a soccer mom, volunteering as a Public Relations Officer at the local football club and she enjoys solving puzzles, singing and witnessing dreams becoming reality.

<http://www.4irinnovations.co.za>

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Candidate 7 – Mr. Llewellyn Kearns



Llewellyn Kearns is a Systems Analyst doing IT system support. He is currently employed by the Group IT division of Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd where he specialises in Systems Application support for the Distribution division.

He started his “working life” as a technical assistant at a Galvanising company in Cape Town where he learned how some of the gears work in a private sector company.

During the early nineties until early 2006, Llewellyn progressed from Apprentice to Technician to System Administrator in the non-voice (data) telecommunications sector where he was employed at Telkom SA.

Llewellyn is passionate about user/customer training as he has an excellent ability to nurture people to understand how IT systems support/marry the business processes. He is currently working with experts on Enterprise Mobility solutions (including Android platforms) which will further enhance the Power Utility’s Enterprise Asset management systems.

Llewellyn holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Information Technology degree, together with diplomas in Electrical Engineering and Project Management. He also holds a certificate in Leadership and Management and is a certified IBM MAXIMO facilitator.

Llewellyn is an active member of the IITPSA Western Cape Chapter where he served as regional treasurer until the end of 2019. He is also a Professional Member of the IITPSA.

Candidate 8 – Mr. Howard Makan



Howard Makan is an Officer Data Processing at Eskom Distribution Western Cape Operating unit. He holds a B.Com. (Hons) Information Systems (UWC – 2009), B.Com. Information Systems (UWC – 2005) and a Higher Diploma Education (Commerce) (Peninsula Technikon – 1988)

Work Experience:

Officer Data Processing – Eskom since 2008

Project Services Officer – Eskom 2007 to 2008

Senior Teacher – Florida High School 2001 to 2007

Teacher Secondary – George High School 1989 to 2001

Howard has 12 years’ experience in a Data environment. He has a good understanding of the different software systems currently in use in Eskom and their integration with each other. As an Officer Data processing, his main responsibility is to ensure data quality of Customer and Engineering Data. This entails monitoring via KPI reports, Data Analysis, Data correction, training, coaching and data awareness campaigns. Howard is constantly looking to develop tools and techniques to improve Data

Quality. In this regard, he is exploring alternative data sources and tools such as open source software such as QGIS.

As a Project Services officer, Howard developed a good understanding of project management methodology as utilised in Eskom. Project services provide a service to the Project Management Department in terms of Project Management, Project Monitoring, Project Finance, Forecasting and Reporting.

Howard has been a passionate Educator for 18 years and he has good experience in Teaching and Learning Methodologies, Administration, Tools and Techniques. This experience has been very helpful and he is putting it to good use as he is an accredited trainer for the Customer Care and Billing System in Eskom.

Candidate 9 – Mr. John Singh



John Singh is a senior systems analyst with 25 years of experience in the ICT industry. In his career he has progressed from a junior programming role to a senior software architecture role and has adapted well to various organizational and technological shifts. He brings passion, integrity and a commitment to excellence to any organization that he works for.

John is passionate about using new technology to increase business productivity and to reduce the total cost of ownership of software assets. In the last 10 years he has been involved in a modernization project at the SPAR Group LTD and has become skilled in several modern technology platforms at a rapid rate. The experience has also given him invaluable knowledge of corporate strategy and the skills needed to successfully interact with senior executives.

His current role is in the SAP landscape where is responsible for the design and implementation of custom integration solutions into SAP. Even though his role is technical, it still requires interaction with many other teams, which has enabled him to develop strong communication skills. In addition to being a senior systems analyst, John enjoys researching and speaking about Blockchain related technologies. He has been a speaker at IITPSA KZN chapter events and was also invited to be a keynote speaker at the Richfield academic conference in 2018 and 2020.

John holds a BSc degree in Computer Science, a diploma in Project Management, has successfully completed the Agile Project Management Foundations and is a SAP Certified ABAP Developer Associate.

John is career focused but also enjoys spending time with family, exercising regularly and learning new songs on the guitar.