

## The Security Institute Announces New Vice Chairman

Following this year's Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the Security Institute (Syl) were pleased to confirm that Jonathan Schulten FSyl has kindly taken on the additional responsibilities of Syl Vice Chairman. This follows on from his longstanding senior Vice Chairman role within the Institute's voluntary Validation Board (or 'VB') – a group of Syl members who independently benchmark membership applicant's security experience, qualifications, training and professional commitment.

Jonathan's succeeds previous Syl Vice Chairman, Paul Drury FSyl, who stood down from the Board of Directors earlier this year, with the message that he hoped that the next Vice Chairman would "continue to move the Institute onto the next phase of its growth".

His career has spanned through sectors such as Counter Terrorism and major event security for the Olympic and Paralympic Games within the Metropolitan Police, serving as Director, SME & Lead Assessor on the National Counter Terrorism Security Coordinators Course within the National Policing Improvement Agency, and has in more recent years has expanded into Senior Business Resilience roles at Broadgate Estates and British Land.

Dr Alison Wakefield FSyl, Chairman of the Security Institute, said:

"As a longstanding and active member and supporter of the Institute, I was delighted that Jonathan decided to stand for a Directorship this year. I have been very impressed by Jonathan's contributions to the Validation Board and Validation Board Working Group, as well as his profile and high standing among members. It was no surprise to see Jonathan elected, and a great pleasure to welcome him onto the Board.

"Jonathan was an obvious contender for the Vice Chairmanship of the Institute, and I am very pleased that he accepted the position. He brings valued experience and skills to the Institute's leadership team, and also chairs our Risk Committee and will lead on the development of internal policies, supporting the ongoing improvement of our risk management and other procedures within the Institute as we continue to grow and develop as an organisation. I am very much enjoying working with Jonathan, and the fresh perspectives that he is already delivering."

Jonathan returned this sentiment, saying:

"I felt privileged to be elected onto the Security Institute Board of Directors by the members at this year's AGM. To then be asked by our Chairman, Dr Alison Wakefield, to take on the role of Vice Chair was indeed an honour.

I know there are some big shoes to fill in succeeding Paul Drury.

The Institute has gone from strength to strength, in terms of the number and profile of members, their engagement and what is available to support them and enhance their professionalism.

As Vice Chairman I shall endeavour to build on the foundation inherited from my predecessors, supporting Alison and Peter in leading the Board in order to maintain this momentum".

Jonathan will serve for a term of three years on the Syl Board, alongside 14 other voluntary Directors, who each work on a portfolio surrounding various aspects of Syl growth and development. Alongside his Vice Chairman duties, he also Chairs the Institute's Risk Committee and oversees internal policy development as part of his portfolio.



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