TRUSTEE BOARD ELECTION – 2020

Deputy President / President 2021-2022

L Jane Cutler FIChemE

Executive Summary

Jane is deeply involved in our IChemE community, currently Vice-Chair of Congress and the IChemE Energy Centre. She has over thirty years of board and senior executive experience across public, commercial and not-for-profit sectors with particular experience in the resources, oil and gas, financial services, maritime, environment and technology industries.

Biographical details

Jane has over thirty years of board and senior executive experience across public, commercial and not-for-profit sectors with particular experience in resource, oil and gas, financial services, maritime, environment and technology industries. She has actively served as a member and Chair on a diverse range of board subcommittees.

Jane is currently a non-executive director of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), Southern Ports Authority and member of the West Australian Division Council of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD).

Previous roles include CEO of the National Offshore Petroleum Safety Authority (NOPSEMA) and Vice President / senior executive in corporate entities in the resources sector including Woodside, BHP and Esso. She developed a strong customer service ethos as CEO of two superannuation providers. Jane helps businesses achieve maturity of operation, through ethical leadership, transparent engagement with diverse stakeholders and ensuring rigorous business management systems.

Jane has succeeded in making the industries in which she is operating more sustainable, credible and socially acceptable.

She holds a Bachelor of Chemical and Materials Engineering (University of Auckland), Master of Environmental Studies (University of Tasmania) and Master of Business Administration (Heriot-Watt). Jane is a Fellow of AICD, and graduate of the Company Directors Course.

Election statement

I am a deeply involved member of our IChemE community, currently Vice-Chair of Congress and the IChemE Energy Centre. I, along with many members, want our Institution to be vibrant, support members and contribute to society.
IChemE would benefit from a fresh face at the Board of Trustees. We must fully complete the work already started to reform and modernise IChemE faster than the current timelines. To achieve this transformation, we need to have good business, and financial management practices in place with the resources to effectively and ethically handle them. We need services to members to be handled well and be relevant to the rapidly evolving workplaces where many members find themselves.

IChemE leadership must also be outward-looking, helping governments and communities address challenges where Chemical Engineers are well equipped to contribute. Leadership alone is insufficient. IChemE should increase support for members in priority areas, including major accident prevention and limiting the speed and extent of human-caused climate degradation.

A dynamic professional is needed to lead IChemE towards its centenary. My experience as a Company Director and CEO across diverse industry sectors complements my professional experience, energy and time availability to ideally position me to take on this role.