

I am 61, bowled for 50 years and been an umpire since 1984. I have been very lucky to have a supportive family to enable me to bowl competitively for my county of Somerset as well as Marking and Umpiring at all levels. I started international Umpiring in 1996 and have continued to do so with Commonwealth Games and World Championships as an International Technical Official.

I recently retired and wanted to put something back into the association, putting my senior management and people skills to good use. I was nominated when the post became vacant, but the nomination deadline had passed, hence after the 2020 AGM I was co-opted as Chair by the Executive Committee.

As Chair, I was keen to use the knowledge of our Members during lockdown to form a sub-committee to look at bringing our Constitution up to date and in line with current legislation. This has been completed and the final draft now available for acceptance by the AGM. I have steered the committee towards opening safely, training and development courses to encourage members and new recruits back into the game post lockdown, in uncertain, worrying times. I have started to build relationships and work with Bowls Development Alliance and Coach bowls, in line with the EBA Strategy.

We have a dedicated team on our Executive Committee and I would like to continue to work with them to further drive our association forward.