

List of candidates for election and brief biography

David Rowan – Managing Director of EPIC International

As Managing Director of EPIC International for 16 years and more than 30 years at the SNS 'coal face' for major companies, it is time to bring this knowledge and sharp end experience of running an SME to the EEEGR Board.

By numerous successful contracts in commissioning, maintenance and decommissioning in the North Sea, SNS and internationally, I have strong industry relationships.

I am passionate about keeping services and skills in the East of England, especially Great Yarmouth, to maintain its envied reputation as the SNS oil & gas centre, which brings innovative solutions to the table to deliver projects differently within ever-tightening budgets.

We must fight for Great Yarmouth to become the centre for SNS decommissioning to by working together and investigating new approaches to benefit our region's supply chain and skills.

A problem solver who focuses on solutions, I am keen to participate in steering EEEGR into the future by identifying and creating opportunities for members.



Kevin Magee – Managing Director of Proeon Systems Ltd

Looking to contribute to EEEGR as part of a vital East Anglian industry, I have skills in business development with nearly thirty years' experience in the development of control and safety systems for the oil and gas and renewables industry.

I have served as Managing Director of Proeon Systems for 12 years and led the business through times of significant growth and industry change. I have a particular interest in extending membership of EEEGR and the Workgroups.

A Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and a chartered engineer, I currently have no other restrictions or arrangements that might impact on this role.



Martin Dronfield – Business Development Director of James Fisher & Sons PLC

I firmly believe that having a strong regional voice for both the EEEGR member companies and also the industries represented by the member companies is essential for the East of England to continue to realise its potential at the heart of the UK's energy industry. As a result I want to lend my support to the efforts of the EEEGR board in representing its members.

I want to bring my experience to its decision making process and I firmly believe that I can add considerably to its efforts to set effective future strategy and in doing so help ensure that the East of England continues to be heard for the benefit of the entire EEEGR membership.



Mikkel Gleerup - Director, Sales and Commercial of Global Marine Systems Ltd

I am a quality-focused person with a passion for continuous improvement and development. With my ambitious and dynamic approach, I believe I can add to the current capability pool within EEEGR, and thereby further develop the organisation. I have previous experience from similar bodies in Denmark, Germany and APAC, which will enable me to contribute with an alternative viewpoint to the benefit of EEEGR members and the organisation as a whole.

From my extensive experience within both the shipping and energy industries in Europe and Asia (including Siemens Energy, SBSS in Asia and now Global Marine), I have a wide active network of international professionals from both maritime, offshore and energy industries that I can exploit to create value within the EEEGR membership community.

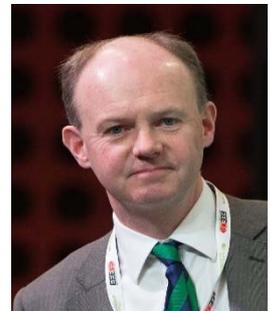
I wish to stand for knowledge sharing and partnering, altogether maximising the positive financial and capability impact of energy development within UK, and in particular East of England, based companies.



Patrick Phelan – Managing Director of Energy Business Catalyst

I am deeply committed to the success and growth of EEEGR and have extensive experience in the sector EEEGR represents. I have served on the board of EEEGR since 2013 and believe I can continue to bring my knowledge and expertise to the Board to the benefit of EEEGR and its members.

I am a business leader with over 20 years' experience at Managing Director level. I have led SMEs in the Oil & Gas and Offshore Wind sectors from £5m to £100m revenue, operating in worldwide markets. I am an entrepreneurial engineer who understands the financial management required to grow successful businesses.



Philip Watkins – Director of Eastern Edge Ltd

I am an experienced executive and Director of Eastern Edge Ltd, and am well known as a strong advocate promoting East of England Energy Coast opportunities in the UK, Europe and China.

I currently commit my time to EEEGR, chairing the EEEGR Events and Marketing Workgroup and am also a member of the Membership and Core Sponsorship Workgroup. I was closely involved with developing the business case that secured EEEGR's Platinum Sponsor. I also previously served in the United Nations, OSCE and the British Army and was awarded an MBE for humanitarian services during the war in Bosnia.

I am a Director of Norfolk and Waveney Enterprise Services and Nwes Property Services Ltd, as well as an Suffolk Inward Investment Ambassador (energy) and a Governor at Colchester Royal Grammar School, Essex.

I was EEEGR 'Member of the Year' in 2015.



Stuart Thornton – Business Development Manager of Fred. Olsen Windcarrier

I have more than 10 years' experience working in the renewable and conventional energy industries. As a former employee of EEEGR (Operations Manager 2008 – 2011) I have a very deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities within EEEGR's sphere of influence.

I also represent three international EEEGR members under the Fred. Olsen banner: Fred. Olsen Windcarrier, Global Wind Service, and Universal Foundation. I have been highly instrumental in establishing a support mechanism for EEEGR through the Local Supply Chain Planning process which forms an integral part of the CfD funding regime for Offshore Wind. This mechanism is designed to maximise the use of and directly benefit the activities of EEEGR and its members in the event of a major contract award in the UK.

I also sit on the Events and Marketing Workgroup and actively participate in a number of additional board activities including the ongoing staff recruitment process.

