

UAC board nominee profiles 2018

The following people have offered themselves for election or re-election as UAC board members. Each has supplied a brief biography. Those marked with an asterisk (*) are current directors offering themselves for re-election. Nominees' positions on this document and the proxy form were decided by ballot.

Simon Lightbody*



Simon is CEO for Steadfast Underwriting Agencies Holdings Pty Ltd and based in Sydney. Steadfast Underwriting Agencies was formed following the Steadfast Group IPO in August 2013. It has shareholdings in 26 underwriting agencies in Australia covering multiple product classes and with a GWP of \$914 million.

Simon started his insurance career with CT Bowring in London as an international liability broker in the Lloyd's market in 1990. In 1995, Simon moved to the underwriting side of the insurance business as a liability underwriter for various entities in the London and Lloyd's market, including Eagle Star Re, Lloyd's Syndicates at Amlin and Denham, and XL Insurance, specialising in underwriting liability programs in various territories, including South Africa, Canada, Australia and Israel.

XL Insurance led Simon to Australia where he worked for three years as liability manager in the new XL operation. In 2005 he started Miramar Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, which in 2013 sold into the Steadfast IPO. Simon is still CEO of Miramar. In December 2016, Simon was elected to the UAC board of directors.

Heath Amber*



Heath Amber is seeking re-election to the UAC board. He has served the UAC board for 10 years on various sub-committees and, most recently, as immediate past chair.

As a re-elected board member, Heath can continue supporting UAC with a solid level of insurance industry knowledge, insight and innovation connecting underwriting agencies, insurance security, business services and broker networks. Heath is based in South Australia and champions national UAC representation and membership.

In 1995 Heath started work in the insurance industry. Since then, he has worked in broking, general insurance, international markets and currently underwriting agencies.

Heath has wide board experience as a current director of several leading underwriting agencies including Managing Director of Millennium Underwriting Agencies.

Millennium specialises in agri, retail and commercial lines providing insurance products and services to broker networks across Australia.

Heath looks forward to working with UAC and its members.

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Emily Walker*



From broking in country Victoria straight out of high school in 1997 to being National Development Manager for Axis Underwriting today, Emily has always had a passion for the insurance industry and its people.

Emily started with Axis in Melbourne in 2011 and spent 3-1/2 years in Sydney establishing and running the Axis office there. She is now back in Melbourne for her national role. Axis is a leading Lloyd's coverholder in Australia and very proud of its continued success in a very challenging market.

Emily said: "I really love the camaraderie with our board members and the sense of community shared with the wider UAC family. I look forward to us working together and continuing to contribute to UAC's future success."

Suzie White



Suzie has more than 18 years' experience in the insurance industry and chose her career path in insurance as an underwriter after leaving WorkCover Qld and joining Booker International as an assistant underwriter for the accident & health division.

She is Head of Accident & Health at Woodina Underwriting and based back in Brisbane. Before joining Woodina, Suzie ran Beazley Australia and was in charge of broker and coverholder business while managing and leading a team. Suzie was actively involved in on-boarding new Australian coverholders to the Lloyd's market and growing Beazley's presence in Australia. She loves making a difference and her role allows her to challenge existing thinking in the market and provide solutions. Being recognised by her industry peers as a trusted adviser is the highlight of her insurance career and Suzie is passionate about mentoring within the industry.

Gida Irving



Gida Irving is Director and CEO of Amazon Underwriting, an independently owned underwriting agency specialising in childcare, home-based businesses and PA. Amazon Underwriting's name is inspired by the 'Women Warriors' of Greek mythology – strong and brave, the Amazons were a force to be reckoned with.

Gida has more than 19 years' insurance experience, 12 years of which was managing the insurance program for a national not-for-profit (NFP) childcare organisation, which included being the driving force for the organisation to gain its own general insurance broking licence. Gida then entered the mainstream insurance industry as an Underwriting Manager for Australis (now Pen Underwriting) and then Epsilon before starting Amazon Underwriting in 2016. Having worked for a NFP for many years, Gida has in-depth knowledge of the role of industry peak bodies and the importance of focusing on "making membership meaningful" and lobbying and advocacy so the organisation remains relevant at all times to its members. That knowledge, together with her knowledge and experience in insurance, makes Gida an ideal candidate for the UAC board.

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Trent Brown



I am a director and part owner of Allstate Underwriting, a member of UAC. I started selling Insurance out of rural merchandise stores in the late '90s while employed by AXA Insurance. Like many, I was thrown in at the deep end. I was employed to handle specialist claims in the sports industry. NRL and NBL teams were a few of the customers we worked for.

Before starting Allstate, I was a director and General Manager of Ausure Insurance Brokers which was launched due to the introduction of the Financial Services Reform Act. The business started with one Authorised Representative in Tamworth and has grown to 145 locations and \$250 million in base premium. I was involved in mergers and acquisitions during that period and was responsible for growth of the network.

I am a Certified Insurance Professional and Senior Associate of ANZIIF and a QPIB through NIBA. I have a Diploma in Insurance Broking and a Bachelor degree in Health and Human Movement from the Australian College of Physical Education. I am also an Affiliate of the Australasian Institute of Chartered Loss Adjusters.

I was a non-executive board member of Australian Racing Team, a thoroughbred syndication business, for two separate terms. I am on the board of Ballygrove Stud, a thoroughbred breeding and cattle farm operation in the Hunter Valley, NSW. Ballygrove Stud is a family business and my wife is heavily involved in managing and running the farm. We decided as a family that although we are very busy with three kids at school and sports, we felt it was important to keep the farm in the family and teach our kids how rewarding and enjoyable working on the land can be.

Sarogini Millott



Sarogini is the Senior Underwriter at Community Underwriting Agency, a specialist underwriting agency that only insures not-for-profit clients and has a unique business model giving back 75% of its surplus to the not-for-profit sector.

Sarogini underwrites across a range of products, from property through to general liability, casualty, financial lines and motor.

Sarogini has more than 20 years' insurance experience, most of which has been in the broking sector with suburban and international companies (Aon, Austcover and Heath Lambert). In 2013 she decided to try underwriting and began as a BDM with CGU before joining Community Underwriting in 2014 as an underwriter and then working her way up to Senior Underwriter in 2016.

She is an ANZIIF Senior Associate and has a Diploma of Financial Services and is the responsible officer for Community Underwriting.

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