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My Lords, Ladies and Fellow Carmen,

The Carmen Company has embraced me and provided me with fantastic opportunities for new friendships and giving something back to the industry I love, and I would like to join the Court to support others enjoy their membership of the Company as much as I do.

A chartered engineer, I have worked in and around transport for 25 years with experience stretching from production at Lotus Cars, through providing software systems for traffic management and intelligent road infrastructure in the private sector, to being the Intelligent Transport Systems Director for Transport for New South Wales.

Most recently, I have been involved in representing the industry and professionals within it globally, at the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, and the European Logistics Association and in initiatives to develop competences and improve diversity in the public transport sector through the Bus Centre of Excellence and the Women in Bus and Coach initiative and encourage young people to consider working in the profession with the Generation Logistics campaign.

I find being a Carman personally very rewarding and hugely enjoy the fellowship opportunities available through the variety of events and experiences offered. So much so, that I was part of the team who organised last year's Master's Special at Middle Temple and am managing this year's "Nautical but Nice" event, which I can promise will be spectacular!

You may also have seen me in hi-vis outside Guildhall managing the Cart Marking volunteers or on social media promoting membership and our events as part of my role on the membership committee, most recently through the #WhyILoveBeingACarman video campaign and I am keen that new Carmen feel welcome and have plenty of opportunities to get involved.

I have recently joined the Carmen Benevolent Trust as a Trustee and have been developing approaches to encourage charitable giving. The first of these has been the launch of a Crowd Funder campaign to raise funding for a hoist for Treloar's and making fundraising tangible and easy to do through by introducing online portals, contactless donating at events and social media campaigns. Charitable giving may not be possible for everyone, but I hope that through these campaigns, that the opportunity to give small and one-off amounts will enable everyone to give when they can.

I look forward to being able to use my energy and enthusiasm to serve the Company fully and ensure that future generations of Carmen can enjoy the friendship and joy in the Company that I do.