



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

Candidate for Election to the Executive Council of the World Bridge Federation November 2020

Paul Porteous - Ireland



Personal/Professional brief:

Aged 69 – Married to Maureen, 2 Sons
Trained as Chartered Accountant in Price Waterhouse Coopers
Worked in a voluntary capacity for Bridge in Ireland from 1970 – 92
1991- 1992 Hon Treasurer - Contract Bridge Association of Ireland
1992 – present - Chief Executive of Contract Bridge Association of Ireland
& Public Relations Officer for Irish Bridge Union

Functions within European Bridge League

2015 – appointed Hon Secretary of the EBL

Currently Chairman of Finance Committee, Hall of Fame Committee
Member of Management Committee, Credentials Committee, Seminars
Committee, with oversight responsibility for Website content

Previously Chairman of the NBO Liaison Committee – to organise 2 NBO Seminars, in Rome & personal contribution to Belfast edition.

Part of Committee that restructured the EBL Statutes, By Laws, Disciplinary Code and Eligibility Code.

Privileged to act as Master of Ceremonies for all major Championships' Opening, Prizegiving and Closing Ceremonies since first elected.



Bridge Activities:

Playing – represented Ireland in

Junior European Championships in Lund in Sweden;

EC Championships in Vittel

Mixed Championships in Aachen, Bellaria & Ostend

Senior Teams in Ostend Open Championships in 2013

NPC – Junior European Championships in Kfar Hamaccabiah 1980

NPC – Irish Womens' Team in European Championship - Opatija 2014

NPC – Irish Womens' Team in World Bridge Games – Wroclaw 2016

NPC – Irish Mixed Teams in European Mixed Teams Championships – Lisbon 2019

Administration: Attended 6 NBO Administrators' Seminars / Courses as participant

PROJECTS - EUROPEAN

1991 European Teams Championships, Killarney – playing room Manager

1996 European Junior Championships Cardiff – Main Office Manager

2012 European Teams Championship, Dublin – on-site organizer – in 4 months.

PROJECTS – UK & Ireland

1998 – present – Organiser & Match Manager for annual “Home International” matches between England, Scotland, Wales, N Ireland & Republic of Ireland – Camrose, Lady Milne, Under 20s & Under 25s, Senior Camrose.

PROJECTS – World

2006 Organiser of inaugural Warren Buffett Trophy between Europe and USA replicating Ryder Cup of Golf

2010 Assisted with Cardiff staging of Warren Buffett Trophy repeat

2012 Appointed NPC of Europe team at Omaha staging of Warren Buffett Trophy

For the Future

I want to contribute my efforts on behalf of NBOs and bridge players within the WBF structure over the coming years, with particular emphasis on reducing costs involved for NBOs in hosting major Championships.