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*CPA Regional Representatives terms run for three consecutive Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPCs)/General Assemblies. No CPC/General Assembly held in 2018, 2020 and 2021.

**CPA Officers (CPA Chairperson, Treasurer, CWP Chairperson and CPA Small Branches Chairperson) terms run for three years until the next available CPC/GA.

***CPA Officers (CPA President, CPA Vice-President and CPA Vice-Chairperson) terms run from one CPC to the following CPC.

Recent Commonwealth Parliamentary Conferences (CPC):

- 62nd CPC in London, UK in 2016
- 63rd CPC in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 2017
- 64th CPC in Kampala, Uganda in 2019
- 65th CPC due in Halifax, Canada in 2022
- 66th CPC due in Accra, Ghana in 2023
- 67th CPC - TBC due in 2024



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CPA PRESIDENT
64th CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Anthony Rota, MP



CANADA

Present Role:	Speaker of the House of Commons, Canada Federal
Year of Birth:	1961
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2004
Political Party:	Liberal Party

Career Summary: Elected as the 37th Speaker of the House of Commons for the 43rd Parliament of Canada on 5 December 2019. He is the Member for the electoral district of Nipissing—Timiskaming and served in the 38th Parliament as Chair of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence.

Re-elected in 2006, he served as the Liberal Party caucus chair from 2007 to 2011. During that time, he also served as critic for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario. In 2011, he joined Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario, where he served as Director of Government Relations. He ran for re-election in 2015 and won his seat for the 42nd Parliament. In 2015, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole. In April 2020, he was also appointed Chair of the Special Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic (COVI).

Prior to his election to the House of Commons in 2004, he worked in the field of international technology transfer and in the financial and real estate sector. He was also elected to city council for the City of North Bay.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master of Business Administration. He is fluent in English, French, Italian and Spanish.

CPA positions: Nominated as CPA President in 2019 following the 64th CPC.

CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.

CPA VICE-PRESIDENT
64th CPC to 65th CPC

Rt Hon. Alban Bagbin, MP



GHANA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Parliament
Year of Birth:	1957
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1993
Political Party:	National Democratic Congress

Career Summary: He is the Speaker of the Parliament of Ghana (Speaker of 8th Parliament of the Fourth Republic) since 7 January 2021. He was previously the Second Deputy Speaker of Parliament (2017-2021).

He was elected as the Member of Parliament for Nadowli North Constituency (1993-2005) and subsequently for Nadowli West Constituency (2005-2021). He also held the position of Minister for Health (2012-2013) and Minister for Water Resources, Works and Housing (2010-2012).

Prior to his election, he worked as a lawyer and was the acting Secretary to the Statistical Service Board at the Bureau of Statistics and Statistical Service. He also taught English in Libya.

Education: Bachelor of Arts degree in Law and English at the University of Ghana; Executive Masters in Governance and Leadership from the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA).

Recent CPA activities:

Member of the CPA Executive Committee as *Acting* Regional Representative for the CPA Africa Region (2012-2015).

2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2015: 61st CPA General Assembly and Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2015: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Sabah, Malaysia; 2014: 60th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Yaounde, Cameroon.

**ACTING CPA
CHAIRPERSON**
April 2021 to 65th CPC

Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP



UNITED KINGDOM

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1959
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2001
Political Party:	Conservative Party

Career Summary: He was elected to the UK Parliament at the 2001 General Election for the seat of Bridgwater in Somerset (boundary changes created the new seat of Bridgwater and West Somerset in 2010).

He has been a Member of the International Development Committee since March 2020. He has also served on a number of Parliamentary Committees including Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Speaker's Advisory Committee on Works of Art; Environmental Audit Committee; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee; Scottish Affairs Committee; and Public Administration Committee. He chairs a number of All-Party Parliamentary Groups in the UK Parliament on Energy Studies, Nuclear Energy, Pharmaceuticals, Dyslexia and Tax.

Before entering Parliament, he ran a 250-acre farm in the Scottish Borders before becoming the Managing Director of his family's property management and development company. He was commissioned in the Territorial Army where he was promoted to Major, serving with 6th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He was also elected as a District Councillor on Tynedale District Council in Northumberland.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda. He is also the Chairperson of the CPA UK Branch Executive Committee.

Acting CPA Chairperson since April 2021 – Completing the term started by the late Hon. Emilia Monjowa Lifaka, MP, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Cameroon. Previously Acting Vice-Chairperson in April 2021 and Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region (64th CPC to April 2021).

**ACTING CPA VICE-
CHAIRPERSON**
April 2021 to 65th CPC

Hon. Osei Kyei Mensah Bonsu, MP



GHANA

Present Portfolio or Office:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1957
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1997
Political Party:	New Patriotic Party

Career Summary: He is a Ghanaian urban planner and politician. He is currently the majority leader in the Ghanaian Parliament and also the Minister Designate for Parliamentary Affairs in Ghana.

He is the Chairperson for the Special Budget, House, and Business Committees. He is also a member of the Finance, Mines and Energy, Standing Orders, and Selection Committees.

He graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Acting CPA Vice-Chairperson since August 2021 – Completing the term started by Hon. John Ajaka, MLC, President of the Legislative Council of New South Wales and Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP.

Also: Executive Committee Regional Representative for CPA Africa Region (64th CPC to 67th CPC).

CPA TREASURER
64th CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Datuk Shamsul Iskandar Md. Akin, MP



MALAYSIA

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1974

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2013

Political Party: People's Justice Party

Career Summary: He served as the Deputy Minister of Primary Industries in the Pakatan Harapan (PH) administration from July 2018 to February 2020. He has served as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Hang Tuah Jaya since May 2018 and Bukit Katil from May 2013 to May 2018. He is a member, spokesperson and was Vice-President of the People's Justice Party (PKR), a component party of the PH opposition coalition.

At the international level, he is also a Board Member of The Parliamentary Network on the World Bank & International Monetary Fund.

Education: LLB, International Islamic University, Malaysia.

Recent CPA activities:

CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Interests: Badminton and mountain climbing.

CWP CHAIRPERSON
64th CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Shandana Gulzar Khan, MNA



PAKISTAN

Present Role: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Commerce

Year of Birth:

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2018

Political Party: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

Career Summary: Hon. Shandana Gulzar Khan, MNA is a Member of National Assembly of Pakistan. A qualified legal professional with extensive knowledge and experience in international trade and economic law advocacy and an articulate communicator, fluent in three languages, she was elected to the National Assembly in August 2018. As an activist, she has worked on economic rehabilitation of abandoned post-incarceration females and providing opportunities for their families; developing training and legislation for female lawyers; as well as advising NGOs to better understand societal problems. She has authored various articles on a number of issues, including the creation of Pakistan's first IP strategic framework, the industrial policy vacuum and has conducted many training seminars on various aspects of international trade policy and development.

Education: Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Peshawar and she also received the Lady Noon scholarship from the University of Cambridge and studied International Trade and International Economic Laws at postgraduate level.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.



AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Present Role: Speaker of the Legislative Assembly

Year of Birth:

Year First Elected to Parliament: 2008

Political Party: Australian Labor Party

Career Summary:

Joy Burch was first elected in 2008 as the Member for Brindabella and has served on a number of Committees including Administration and Procedure; Health, Ageing, Community and Social Services; and Justice and Community; and has held several Ministerial positions. She served as Deputy Speaker becoming Speaker of the Legislative Assembly for the Australian Capital Territory in October 2016.

Recent CPA activities:

Joy Burch assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson in February 2021 upon the resignation of the previous CPA Small Branches Chairperson, Hon. Niki Rattle (Cook Islands). Hon. Joy Burch was at the time the Vice-Chairperson of the CPA Small Branches Steering Committee and so assumed the role of Acting CPA Small Branches Chairperson until the next CPA Small Branches Conference.

2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: CPA Small Branches Sustainable Economies Workshop, Malta; 2017: CPA Small Branches Strategic Planning Meeting, Malta.

Acting Chairperson since February 2021 – Completing the term started by Hon. Niki Rattle, Speaker of the Parliament of the Cook Islands.

Executive Committee: Regional Representatives



SOUTH AFRICA

Present Role:	Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Parliament of South Africa
Year of Birth:	
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1994
Political Party:	African National Congress (ANC)

Career Summary: Hon. Lechesa Tsenoli was re-elected as the Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly in the 6th Parliament of the Republic of South Africa in 2019, his second term as Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly. He has more than 25 years as a public representative, including roles in both Legislative sector and the Executive.

He is the founding National Deputy President and later President of the South African National Civics Organisation (SANCO). He is a member of the ANC and a member of the Central Committee of the South African Communist Party (SACP) following his re-election in its 14th congress in 2017.

A Member of Parliament since 1994, Mr. Tsenoli served on many Parliamentary Committees and he also served as Minister for Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs; Deputy Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. He was also a Member of Executive Council of the Free State Provincial Government.

Recent CPA activities: 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; CPA Masterclass video interview on 'male champions' for equality.

Interests: Mr Tsenoli has a long history of political activism in communities, youth and civic organisations. He has spoken at many conferences and written for a number of publications.

Completing the term started by Hon. Bernard Songa Siblatani, MP, Vice Chairperson of the National Council of Namibia.



ZAMBIA

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1966
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2003
Political Party:	Patriotic Front

Career Summary:

By profession, Hon. Lazarous Bwalya Chungu is an Accountant. He was elected to Parliament in 2011 and 2016. During this time he has held the following positions: Deputy Minister - Office of the Vice President (Jan 2015) and Committee Member of the Legal Affairs, Governance, Human Rights, Gender Matters and Child Affairs Committee since Oct 2016.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Interests: Dancing, listening to music, making friends and travelling.



KENYA

Present Portfolio or Office:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1965
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2013
Political Party:	WDM-K

Career Summary:

March 2013 to date: Member of the Kenya National Assembly, Kitui Central Constituency:

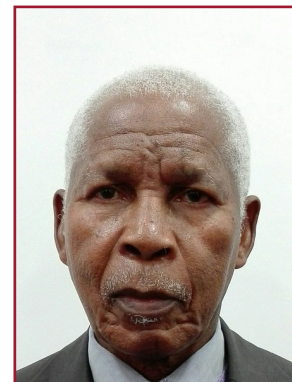
- Member of House Business Committee.
- Parliamentary Committee on Budget & Appropriations.
- Parliamentary Committee on Administration & National Security

2007 to date: self-employed as Independent Consultant (Monitoring & Evaluation, General Programme/Project Management); 2004-2007: Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, Governance, Justice, Law and Order Reform Programme (GJLOS), Kenya; 1997-2004: Programme Officer: Monitoring and Evaluation, Community Development Trust Fund (CDTF), Kenya; 1991-1997: Economist/Statistician, Ministry of Finance and Planning.

Education: PhD in Economics, Kenyatta University, Kenya (2015); MA in Economics, University of Nairobi, 1992; BA in Economics (1st class), University of Nairobi, 1990.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK. 2016 to date: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Africa Region, Finance, Planning and Budget Committee Member.

Interests: Reading, travelling, political discussions, socializing, listening to gospel music.



LESOTHO

Present Role:	Speaker of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1939
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1965
Political Party:	Lesotho Congress for Democracy

Career Summary: Designated Speaker on 6th June 2012 following the formation of a coalition government after the May 2012 election. Throughout his remarkable political career, he has been a Member of Parliament for Maliba-Matso constituency since the first democratic elections in 1965, an achievement he attained at the tender age of 24.

He was headteacher at Maliba-Matso Constituency 1961-1964 before becoming Member of Parliament for the Maliba-Matso Constituency between 1965-1970. He then returned to become headteacher at Likhakeng Primary School from 1973-1978, before he then went to be a mineworker in the Republic of South Africa from 1979 to 1991. Prior to his return into the country, he went back to education again where he was a teacher at Hlotse L.E.C. Primary School in 1992 and he then returned as a Member of Parliament for the Maliba-Matso Constituency in 1993, then was appointed Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs 1996-1998; Minister in the Prime Minister's Office from 1994-1996 and again from 1999-2000; Minister of Tourism from 2000-2002; Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly from 2003 -2012.

Education: Diploma in Industrial Relations and Teaching Certificate.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Interests: Athletics, reading, music.



GHANA

Present Portfolio or Office: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1957

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1997

Political Party: New Patriotic Party

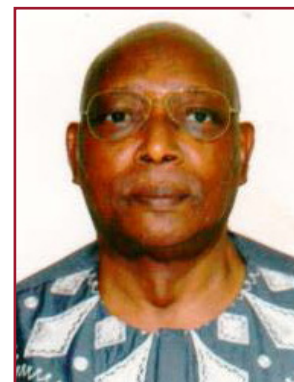
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He is the Chairperson for the Special Budget, House, and Business Committees. He is also a member of the Finance, Mines and Energy, Standing Orders, and Selection Committees.

He graduated from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Also: Acting CPA Vice-Chairperson from August 2021 to 65th CPC.



SIERRA LEONE

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1948

Year First Elected to Parliament: 1982

Career Summary: Dr Abass Bundu has held numerous positions including as a Law Tutor in Cambridge University; Assistant Director of International Affairs and Consultant in Constitutional Law at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London from 1975–82; Executive Secretary of Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 1989–1993; Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation (1993–1995); Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources 1982–85; Member of Parliament, 1982–1992; and Presidential candidate in the 1996 Presidential election in Sierra Leone. He was elected as Speaker of Parliament on 25th April, 2018.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the Australian National University (ANU) and both a Master of Laws and a PhD in International Law from the University of Cambridge, England. He is also a Barrister-at-Law.

CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.



PAKISTAN

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1956
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1997
Political Party:	Pakistan People's Party

Career Summary: Dr Fehmida Mirza has been elected as a Member of the National Assembly for the five consecutive terms 1997, 2002, 2008, 2013 and 2018. She also had the distinction of being the first ever woman Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan as well as the entire Muslim World. She is also the Patron of the Women Parliamentary Caucus in the National Assembly of Pakistan and as such have remained engaged in ensuring gender equality by empowering and emancipating the women in Pakistan.

Dr Fehmida Mirza was named as Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination in August 2018.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK; 2016: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2008: 54th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Interests: Gender equality, maternal and neo-natal health and education.



SINDH

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1969
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Pakistan People's Party

Career Summary:
2007 to date: Elected as MPA.

Member: Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, Standing Committee on Services, General Administration & Coordination Department (Services, GA, I&C & IPC Wings), Public Accounts Committee, Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs.

Education: MBBS (Doctor).

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Interests: Sports, politics.



SRI LANKA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Parliament
Year of Birth:	1945
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1983
Political Party:	Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)

Career Summary: Following a successful career in public service, he joined the United National Party Youth Front as a Central Committee Member (1974-1977) and was also elected the Chairman of the National Management Assistant Association of Sri Lanka (1974-1976).

He made his political debut in 1983 when he was elected as a Member of Parliament from the United National Party in the by-election held for the Hakmana electorate in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka, serving until 1987.

He then joined the Democratic United National Front, a breakaway group of the then ruling United National Party. He became Chairman of the Southern Provincial Council in 1993 and became the Chief Minister of the Southern Province (1994-1999). Subsequently, he re-entered Parliament in 2000 until 2004. In 2004, he was appointed the Deputy Minister of Health and Nutrition, then Cabinet Minister of Cultural affairs & National Heritage, Minister of Agriculture, and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

Having been elected as a Member of Parliament in the 2020 General Election, he was elected as the 11th Speaker of the 9th Parliament on 20th August 2020.

Education: University of Colombo in 1965 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1968.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting.

Completing the term started by Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, MP, Sri Lanka.



NEW SOUTH WALES

Present Role:	Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly
Year of Birth:	1966
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	The Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary: Hon. Jonathan O'Dea MP was elected as Speaker of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly on 7 May 2019. During his time as Speaker, he has introduced a number of changes during his speakership to improve and modernise the Parliament.

He was elected as the Member for Davidson in 2007 from a career in the private sector. He holds Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law, Master degrees in Law and Business Administration, and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Before entering politics, he previously served as a non-executive board director of a major health insurer, HCF, as well as on the Boards of education, government and charity organisations. His previous parliamentary roles include Chair of the NSW Public Accounts Committee, Parliamentary Secretary for Major Events and Tourism, Trade and Investment and Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier and Treasurer.

Recent CPA activities:

Presiding Officers and Clerks Conference 2019 Brisbane; CPA Webinar for Speakers and Presiding Officers: COVID-19 and Independent Parliaments, 28 October 2020; CPA NSW Branch Executive Meetings 2019-2021; CPA Australia Region Management Committee Meetings 2019-2021.

Interests: Sport, Travel and International Engagement.

Completing the term started by Hon. John Ajaka, MLC, President of the Legislative Council of New South Wales.



VICTORIA

Present Role:	Member of the Legislative Council
Year of Birth:	1953
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1992
Political Party:	Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary: Elected to the Victoria Legislative Council as the Member for Koonung Province (1992-2006) and then re-elected for Eastern Metropolitan (since 2006). He was the President of the Legislative Council from 2010 to 2018 and previously, Deputy President of the Legislative Council from 2006 to 2010. He is a Member of the Legislative Council Committee on Privileges.

He has held various roles including Shadow Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises; Shadow Minister for Work Cover; and Shadow Minister for Sport and Recreation.

Prior to his election, he was a journalist and Public Relations Officer.

Education: Mitcham HS. Journalism Cadetship Leader Newspapers.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



AUSTRALIA FEDERAL

Present Role:	President of the Senate
Year of Birth:	1973
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Liberal Party of Australia

Career Summary:

First elected to the Senate of Australia for Victoria in 2007, he was re-elected in 2013 and 2016. He was elected as President of the Senate on 2017.

He has held various Ministerial appointments including: Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Education and Training; Assistant Cabinet Secretary; Minister for Vocational Education and Skills; Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cabinet.

He is the Chair of the Standing Committee on Appropriations, Staffing and Security and the Deputy Chair of Joint Committee on the Broadcasting of Parliamentary Proceedings.

Qualifications and occupation before entering Federal Parliament: BA (Hons) (University of Melbourne); Tutor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Melbourne; Speechwriter, Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources; Office of the Leader of the Opposition (Vic.); GlaxoSmithKline Australia; Consultant; Research Fellow at the Institute of Public Affairs.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

CPA BRITISH
ISLANDS AND
MEDITERRANEAN
REGION

62nd CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Stuart McMillan, MSP



SCOTLAND

Present Role:	Member of the Scottish Parliament
Year of Birth:	1972
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Scottish National Party

Career Summary:

Member of the Scottish Parliament (MSP) since his election in 2007. Re-elected in 2016. Member of the following Committees: Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee (Member); Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee (Deputy Convener).

2016: Chair of the Cross Party Group on Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism.

1998-2000: Supply Analyst-IBM UK Ltd; 2000-2003: Researcher: SNP Whips Office, Westminster; 2003-2007: Office Manager for Bruce McFee MSP.

Education: University of Abertay, Dundee, BA (Hons) European Business Management with Languages; University of Abertay, Dundee, MBA (European).

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Interests: Football, music (he plays the bagpipes), travel and reading.

Alternate Member for the CPA Northern Ireland Branch.

CPA BRITISH
ISLANDS AND
MEDITERRANEAN
REGION

63rd CPC to 66th CPC

Hon. Leona Roberts, MLA



FALKLAND ISLANDS

Present Role:	Member of the Assembly
Year of Birth:	1972
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2017
Political Party:	Independent

Career Summary:

She has lead portfolio responsibility for Environment and Public Protection, Policy and Public Relations and secondary portfolio responsibility for Education and Community.

Previous career: Director of the Falkland Islands national museum for 14 years.

Education: Chartered Management Institute - Diploma in Management (L5).

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Interests: Family Time, History, Politics, Current Affairs, Reading, Music.

CPA BRITISH
ISLANDS AND
MEDITERRANEAN
REGION

64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Julie Elliott, MP



UNITED KINGDOM

Present Role: Member of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1963

Year First Elected
to Parliament: 2010

Political Party: Labour Party

Career Summary:

In 2010, Julie Elliott was elected as a Member of the UK Parliament to represent the constituency of Sunderland Central.

Prior to her election, she was regional organiser for the Labour Party before working for the National Asthma Campaign and then as a regional organiser for the GMB Trade Union.

In the UK Parliament, she is a Member of the Panel of Chairs; the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Sub-committee on Online Harms and Disinformation; and the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee. She was also previously a Shadow Minister (Energy and Climate Change).

Recent CPA activities: Julie is a Member of the CPA UK Branch Executive Committee, where she is also the Treasurer. Member of CPA UK delegation to Sri Lanka (2016); Hosted the Women's Parliamentary Caucus of Pakistan at the UK Parliament.

Interests: Live music, baking, walking along the constituency's coastline and watching International Rugby Union.

Completing the term started by Hon. Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP (United Kingdom).

CPA CANADA
REGION
62nd CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Maryse Gaudreault, MNA



QUÉBEC

Present Role: Vice-President of the National Assembly

Year of Birth: 1959

Year First Elected
to Parliament: 2008

Political Party: Québec Liberal Party

Career Summary:

Hon. Maryse Gaudreault, MNA is the Third Vice-President (Deputy Speaker) of the National Assembly of Québec. She is the Member for Hull and was re-elected in the general election held on 1 October 2018.

She is also the Vice-Chair of the Québec Branch of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Francophonie and Chair of the Network of Parliamentary Women of the Francophonie since 6 July 2019. She is a Member of the Committee on the National Assembly and a Member of the Subcommittee on Parliamentary Reform since 27 November 2018.

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada.

Completing the term started by Northwest Territories and Québec (Hon. François Paradis, MNA).



SASKATCHEWAN

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year of Birth:	1956
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1999
Political Party:	Saskatchewan Party

Career Summary:

Randy Weekes is the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan for the constituency of Biggar-Sask Valley, after first being elected in 1999.

When the Saskatchewan Party won the 2007 election, he was appointed as the Government Whip and he went on to serve in several other positions throughout the 26th, 27th, and 28th Legislatures, including in Cabinet from 2012 to 2014.

He has served as Deputy Chair of the Legislature's Standing Committee on the Economy and as a Member on the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies, Standing Committee on House Services, Standing Committee on Agriculture, and the Standing Committee on Non-controversial Bills and the Private Bills Committee. He also served as a Member of the Public Accounts Committee, and the Board of Internal Economy. He has held the positions of Deputy House Leader, Government Caucus Chair and he has served as the Minister responsible for Rural and Remote Health. Following the 2020 general election, he was elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

Completing the term started by Hon. Kevin Murphy (Nova Scotia).



CANADA FEDERAL

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	
Year First Elected to Parliament:	
Political Party:	

Career Summary:

Recent CPA activities: 2021:

Interests:

Completing the term started by Hon. Yasmin Ratansi, MP (Canada Federal).

CPA CARIBBEAN,
AMERICAS AND
ATLANTIC REGION
63rd CPC to 66th CPC

Hon. Arthur Holder, MP



BARBADOS

Present Role:	Speaker of the House of Assembly
Year of Birth:	
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Barbados Labour Party

Career Summary:

He is a Barbadian lawyer and politician.

He has been the designated Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados since 2018. He successfully contested the St. Michael Central seat for the Barbados Labour Party (BLP) in the 2018 general election.

He is a Senior Attorney at Holder and Company, he is the former Principal of the Urban Adult College, Manager of Administration at the Barbados Child Care Board and Programme Officer with the National Council on Substance Abuse.

A graduate of University of the West Indies and post-graduate of Barry University, Miami.

Interests: An avid reader, cricket enthusiast and a competitive dominoes player.

Completing the term started by CPA Trinidad and Tobago Branch.

CPA CARIBBEAN,
AMERICAS AND
ATLANTIC REGION
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Claudius J. Francis, MP



ST LUCIA

Present Role:	Speaker of the House of Assembly
Year of Birth:	1959
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2012
Political Party:	Saint Lucia Labour Party

Career Summary:

He is a politician and the current Speaker of the House of Assembly of Saint Lucia since 2021.

He was previously President of the Senate between 2012 and 2016. He is also the former Chairperson of the Saint Lucia Labour Party.

He is a Saint Lucian television talk show host and politician, who is the host of Straight Up with Claudius Francis on HTS Channel 4.

Completing the term started by Hon. Andy Glenn Daniel, MP (St Lucia)

**CPA CARIBBEAN,
AMERICAS AND
ATLANTIC REGION**
64th CPC to 67th CPC

Hon. Gordon J. Burton, MHA



TURKS AND CAICOS

Present Portfolio or Office:	Speaker of the House of Representatives
Year of Birth:	
Year First Elected to Parliament:	
Political Party:	Progressive National Party (PNP)

Career Summary: Gordon Burton was appointed as Speaker of the House of Assembly in the Turks and Caicos Islands and was sworn in on 5 March 2021. In this role, he chairs the House, Standing Orders and Privileges Committees of Parliament.

He has considerable experience in leadership roles in the public sector having served as Chair of the National Insurance Board, the Turks and Caicos Islands Community College Board and the Turks and Caicos Islands Airports Authority. He is a past Vice Chairman of The Turks and Caicos National Trust and he has also served on the boards of several social organisations including Crime Stoppers Turks & Caicos and the Kiwanis Club of Providenciales.

He has a bachelor's degree in Accounting from St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida and an MBA with a concentration in finance from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, Florida. He also has a diploma in International Trust Management from the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in the United Kingdom. He has served as President of the Association of Company Managers and Agents; a member of the Company Law Advisory Committee of the Financial Services Commission of the Turks & Caicos Islands and Chairman of the Investment Committee of the National Insurance Board of the Turks & Caicos Islands.

Completing the term started by started by Hon. Dwayne Taylor, MHA, CPA Turks and Caicos Branch.

CPA INDIA REGION
62nd CPC to 65th CPC

Shri Premchand Aggarwal, MLA



UTTARAKHAND, INDIA

Present Role:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year of Birth:	1960
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2007
Political Party:	Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP)

Career Summary:

Member of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly from the Rishikesh constituency in Dehradun district. He is originally from Doiwala. He has been MLA for Rishikesh consecutively in three terms since the 2007 election. Since March 2017, he has been the current Speaker of the Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly and he was elected unopposed by the newly elected Members.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK.

Completing the term started by CPA Jammu and Kashmir Branch (2016-July 2018).



ASSAM, INDIA

Present Portfolio or Office:	Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Year of Birth:	1971
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2001
Political Party:	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary:

Currently the Speaker of Assam Legislative Assembly since 21 May 2021.

Shri Biswajit Daimary was a Members of the Legislative Assembly of Assam from 2001-2006 where he was also a Members of the Public Accounts Committee. Between 2006 and 2008, he was Chairman of the Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation for the Government of Assam (with the status of Cabinet Minister).

In May 2008, he was elected the Rajya Sabha (the Upper House of the Parliament of India) until May 2021. His parliamentary roles included: Select Committees on Transport, Tourism and Culture; Subordinate Legislation; Ministry of Railways; Chemicals and Fertilisers.

Interests: Football, volleyball, drama, music and arranging folk dance programmes.

Completing the term started by Shri Hitendra Goswami, MLA (Assam).



INDIA UNION

Present Role:	Member of Lok Sabha
Year of Birth:	1964
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2019
Political Party:	Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Career Summary:

Elected to 17th Lok Sabha for the constituency of Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh) in 2019.

He is a Member of the Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forests; the Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare; and the Consultative Committee at the Ministry of Rural Development.

Education: B.Com. (Hons), M.Com., OPM Programme at Hislop College, Nagpur, Bundelkhand University, U.P. and Harvard Business School, Harvard University

Recent CPA activities:

2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Interests: Reading books, travelling, promotion of health & fitness, promotion of sports (Hockey)

Hon. Gerry Brownlee, MP



NEW ZEALAND

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1956
Year First Elected to Parliament:	1996
Political Party:	New Zealand National Party

Career Summary: He has been a Member of Parliament in New Zealand since 1996. He has served as Deputy Leader of the National Party, Shadow Leader of the House, and a Senior Cabinet Minister in the roles of Energy and Resources, Economic Development, Christchurch Earthquake Recovery, Transport, Defence and Foreign Affairs.

Currently, he is the Opposition Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs, and the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Select Committee.

He is also the CPA New Zealand Branch's Chairperson and their representative to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

Education: St Bede's College, Christchurch, New Zealand; Christchurch College of Education; Christchurch Polytechnic.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting.

Completing the term started by Hon. Clayton Mitchell, MP, New Zealand (2016-2020).

Hon. Therese Kaetavara, MHR



BOUGAINVILLE

Present Role:	Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives
Year of Birth:	
Year First Elected to Parliament:	
Political Party:	Non-partisan

Career Summary: She was elected to represent the electorate of South - Women's Regional (Province: AROB).

Prior to her election, she had a number of different roles including: Department Steno-Secretary, University of Papua New Guinea; Steno-Secretary, Office of the Premier, North Solomons Provincial Government; Executive Secretary, Bougainville Copper Limited; Regional Manageress, DHL International Worldwide Express, Bougainville Agency; Regional Women's Coordinator, Missions and SME Development, South Seas Evangelical Church: New Guinea Islands Region, Highlands Region and Southern Region; Administrative Secretary, Christian Leaders Training College; (Retired) Community Volunteer and Nazareth Center for Rehabilitation Representative, Bana District; Ward Chair, Sove Ward, Baba Constituency, Bana District, AROB.

Education: Business Administration and Stenography, Rabaul Secretarial College; Diploma in Theology, Christian Leaders Training College.

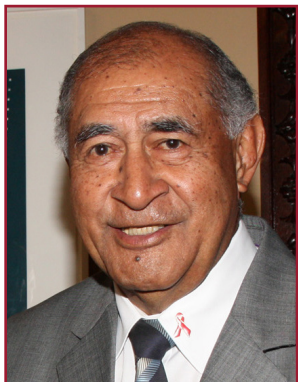
Interests: Music, Church Mission, Volunteerism, Sports

Recent CPA activities: 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019.

Completing the term started by Hon. Simon Petanu, MHR, Bougainville; and Hon. Francesca Semoso, MHR, Bougainville.

**CPA PACIFIC
REGION**
64th CPC to 67th CPC

H. E. Hon. Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, MP



FIJI

Present Role: Speaker of Parliament

Year of Birth: 1941

Year First Elected
to Parliament: 2001

Political Party: Independent

Career Summary: He was elected as the new Speaker of the Fijian Parliament in February 2019. He was previously the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 2001

to 2006 under the bi-cameral legislative system. Prior to his appointment as Speaker, he served as Fiji's President for six years from 2009 to 2015. He also served as Vice President of Fiji in 2009 and was appointed Chancellor of the University of Fiji.

His career began in 1962 when he joined the then Royal Fiji Military Forces and he then served as aide-de-camp to four Governors of Fiji from 1965 to 1969. He served as Second Secretary to the Fiji High Commission in Canberra (1970-1972) and then to the Fiji Mission to the United Nations in New York (1972-1974). He rejoined the military in Fiji between 1975 and 1987 rising to the rank of Commander and Brigadier-General as well as serving with the UN Peacekeepers.

In 1988, he served eight years as Fiji's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom (and non-resident Ambassador to Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Israel and the Holy See). He then took up the post of Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs and External Trade in 1999. He served as the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Fijian Affairs in the interim Government from June 2000 to March 2001. In 2005, he was appointed the UN AIDS Special Representative for the Pacific and was also appointed as Fiji's representative for HIV/AIDS in 2007 in recognition of his campaign work.

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda; 2019: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Ottawa, Canada; 2018: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Mauritius; 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

**CPA SOUTH-EAST
ASIA REGION**
62nd CPC to 65th CPC

Hon. Suhaizan Kayat, MLA



JOHOR

Present Role: Speaker of the State
Legislative Assembly

Year of Birth: 1973

Year First Elected
to Parliament:

Political Party:

Career Summary:

He became the Speaker of the Johor State Legislative Assembly in June 2018.

His current parliamentary roles include Chair of Standing Rules And Orders Committee; and Chair of Right And Freedoms Committee.

He is also a Member of the National Trust Party Leadership Committee and the Vice Chairman of the Johor State National Trust Party.

Education: Msc Software Engineering, University Technology of Malaysia

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Kampala, Uganda.

Completing the term started by CPA Malacca Branch.



SINGAPORE

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1963
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2006
Political Party:	People's Action Party

Career Summary: Hon. Dr Lim Biow Chuan, MP is the current Member of Parliament for Mountbatten SMC since 7 May 2011 and previously for the Mountbatten ward under the Marine Parade GRC from 5 May 2006 to 6 May 2011. He served as Deputy Speaker of the 13th Parliament of Singapore from January 2016 to 23 June 2020.

He is a lawyer and has been in legal practice since 1989 and a senior partner in Derrick Wong & Lim BC LLP.

Recent CPA activities: He was previously the CPA South East Asia Regional Representative on the CPA Executive Committee from 2014 to 2017.

2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh; 2017: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Darwin, Northern Territory; 2016: 62nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, London, UK; 2016: Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2015: 61st CPA General Assembly and Executive Committee Meeting, London, UK; 2014: 60th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Yaounde, Cameroon; 2014: CPA Executive Committee Meeting, London.

Completing the term started by Hon. Zainal Sapari, MP, Singapore.



MALAYSIA

Present Role:	Member of Parliament
Year of Birth:	1956
Year First Elected to Parliament:	2008
Political Party:	Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS) then National Trust Party

Career Summary:

Elected as a Member of the Parliament of Malaysia for Lumut since May 2018 and previously for Kuala Krai from March 2008 to May 2018.

He served as the Deputy Minister of Entrepreneur Development in the Pakatan Harapan (PH) administration from July 2018 to February 2020.

He is a member and Secretary-General of the National Trust Party (AMANAH), a component party of the opposition coalition, and was a Member, Treasurer, Elections Director and Central Committee Member of the Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS).

Recent CPA activities: 2021: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2020: Virtual Executive Committee Meeting; 2019: 2017: 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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