# Candidate Information – Steve Sopp





# Non-Independent Director / Vice Chairman - Standing for Re-election

## Other Directorships held (note this part must be completed in full)

N/A

### General Information (e.g. background, career, involvement in sport, interests)

I am a retired engineer previously working in the design and management of large building services projects. I am the present Chairman of the Waterski Committee and have served on the Board for many years.

I have skied and been a member of the Federation for over 50 years. Former Chair of the Greater London & South East Region and the current Chair of the Wiremill Water Ski Club. Those of you who know me, know that I am not afraid to speak my mind but also very prepared to listen. I enjoy being part of such a successful sport and also part of its management team. I am still as passionate about our sport today as I was when I started and feel that I have more to offer. I would very much like to continue serving your interests.

#### Key relevant skills – what skills can you bring to the organisation?

Having been a member of the Federation for over 50 years and on committees for the majority of that time, I have watched the Federation grow and learnt a lot from those around me and the organisation itself. I believe I have the knowledge and the experience to continue to still help it grow, with a very exciting future ahead.

I understand the workings of our National Governing Body very well and of course its relationship with the clubs of Great Britain as I am on the committee of one myself, together with a working knowledge of most of the disciplines.

#### Key relevant business experience / career experience – what can you contribute?

I am now retired from the design and management of large commercial projects in the building services construction industry.

My work involved planning, programming, budgeting, specification writing with analysis and presentations, together with hands on design and project construction management of very large and busy projects. I believe many aspects of my previous work give me the skills and experience to be of value to our organisation.