

The Institute of Brewing & Distilling Reinforces its Board with Two Trustees and a new Treasurer

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[The Institute of Brewing & Distilling \(IBD\)](#) is pleased to announce changes to its Board of Trustees following the 18th Annual General Meeting held recently. This complements the IBD's desire to create a more diverse and global team with the skills to drive its strategic priorities.

IBD members have voted overwhelmingly in favour of electing **Raphaël Grisoni** and **David Cook** as new Trustees, and **Will Calvert** as **Honorary Treasurer**, taking over from Nigel Fitch who has overseen the IBD's financial responsibilities since 2016.

These changes also come with the re-election of **Bhavya Mandanna** as President of the IBD for her second year and **Megan Sheehy** as Deputy President for her first term, after holding this role temporarily.

The Board of Trustees collectively encompass a wealth of knowledge and specialisation in both technical and commercial facets of the industry and demonstrates the global reach of the IBD.

From Australia, Megan Sheehy, General Manager – Classification at Grains Australia, brings expertise in malting and brewing, and leadership experience in running charitable organisations.

Raphaël Grisoni, newly appointed General Manager for Remy Cointreau Canada, has commercial experience in Scotch whisky and champagne and led Mount Gay Distillery in Barbados for 14 years as the Managing Director.

This industry experience is complemented by the technical and academic knowledge of David Cook, AB InBev Professor of Brewing Science at the University of Nottingham and liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Brewers. David has been involved in the IBD examinations program since 2007. He provides expertise on modern educational standards that will enable the IBD to develop its value proposition and support the IBD Chartership endeavours.

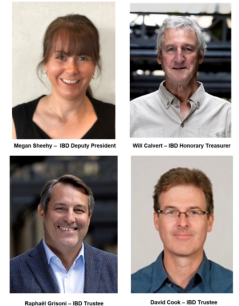
Will Calvert, Managing Director, and co-founder of Windsor & Eton Brewery is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. He combines a technical brewing background and network across the mainstream and craft sectors with broader senior financial and operations management experience.

The other Trustees on the IBD Board are Steve Price, Honorary Associate Professor at University of Nottingham, Sandra Stelma, Process Capacity Agility and Futures Manager at Diageo, and David Smith, Brewing Consultant.

"This is an exciting period of change for the IBD, and it is a privilege to be a part of it. Whilst we respect and learn from our heritage and traditions, we endeavour to stay relevant in an ever-changing and competitive world. With a Board bringing in strong skills, industry-wide experience at a global scale and diversity of thought we are energised to achieve industry leadership and action on our strategic ambitions. I would like to thank past Trustees for their time and commitment to the IBD, and welcome new Trustees to join us in the pursuit of our charitable purpose of excellence in professional education and development", said **Bhavya Mandanna, President of the IBD**.

"In an ever-changing world, the IBD Board of Trustees' priority is to deliver our strategic vision of providing the gold standard in technical education to professionals in brewing, distilling and related industries. With a clear focus on delivering high-performance outcomes for both professionals and their businesses, our Trustees are committed to continually elevating our high standards in education and development, while engaging and connecting professionals and organisations to share experiences and respond to global industry challenges collectively, and effectively", said **Douglas Murray, Interim Chief Executive Officer of the IBD**.

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