

MARIA CHAPMAN-BEER (FINANCE COMMITTEE NOMINATION)

I have been involved in the GCCF since starting to show cats in 1984, holding roles with several Club Committees, Chair of several BACs, a Show Manager and judging for 26 years.

I feel I can make a practical and constructive contribution to the Finance Committee due to my varied experience within the Cat Fancy, and the business and financial experience I have gained in my working life.

My work career has included being Managing Director of a large retail franchise with shops in London and France, followed by owning my own franchise for 12 years. I then moved into the "not-for-profit" sector of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) working as a Project Manager and later as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Operations of the Croydon BID.

Presently I work with a consultancy that assists existing BIDs and those areas who wish to consider becoming a BID. During the pandemic and after, we provided vital information and data on town centres and BIDs to enable various forms of assistance that were made available to those areas.