

## **VOTING BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

**Term: July 2021-June 2024**

*“Being part of IMPI has been a pleasure over the last several years both with my current employer and my past employer. This has allowed me the opportunity to gain additional knowledge discussing with other IMPI colleagues where the microwave industry has been and where it is going. Whether that be via change in technology from magnetron-based systems to solid state or continuing to expand the presence of microwave technology through additional applications such as shelf life extension. Becoming a voting board member will allow me along with my fellow IMPI colleagues to steer the organization so that it best fits the future of microwave technology. Thank you for this great opportunity.”*

- Brian L. Blackwell, Senior Sales Executive, Odyssey Technical Solutions

*“Being part of IMPI provides invaluable engagement with the wider microwave and RF application community. It has been my honour and pleasure to be the technical programme committee chair for the past five IMPI Symposia and a member of the Board of Governors for several years. The symposia are wonderful opportunities to learn from others and be inspired by so many very innovative people and exhibitors. Innovation needs to have practical application, which I try to keep at the core of my research efforts at The University of Melbourne, Australia, where I am an Associate Professor. Becoming a voting member of the Board of Governors will allow me to serve the organisation that has provided me with so many good ideas and connections and help steer it into a viable future.”*

- Graham Brodie, Associate Professor, University of Melbourne

*“I am grateful to be part of IMPI and to have the opportunity to meet and connect with professionals in the microwave field. During my involvement with IMPI over the last several years it has been fascinating to learn about the many diverse applications of microwave power. I am excited to see how microwave technology continues to expand into emerging applications. As a voting board member my hope is to help advance IMPI’s mission by growing its international network of industry and academic leaders in the microwave technology field.”*

- Candice Ellison, Research Engineer, National Energy Technology Laboratory

*“I have been a member of IMPI for several years now, both as a corporate and professional member. I’ve held numerous positions including member, voting member, Secretary, and my current position as Vice President. I am also one of the founding members of the SSRFE section. My career of over 30 years has been devoted to microwave technology. I am a passionate member of IMPI and my goals are to preserve and expand the organization while promoting microwave technology, its research, and applications with like-minded enthusiasts.”*

- John Mastela, Vice President Sales & Marketing, Elite RF

*“During my 54 years of membership in IMPI, I have served in the roles of Secretary, President, Chairman, Technical Program Chairman, Member of the Editorial Board of the JMP. I have also served, for over 35 years, as a member of the Board of Governors. My goals through all these years has been the growth and health of IMPI, and, if reelected, shall continue these endeavors.”*

- Bob Schiffmann, President, R.F. Schiffmann Associates Inc.

*“Being a member of IMPI for more than two decades, I have always enjoyed and valued a unique interdisciplinary nature of this professional society, its special mixture of academic and industrial activities. As a Board member, I'll do what I can to support and further develop this feature of IMPI and help the members of the IMPI community to truly benefit from it.”*

- Vadim Yakovlev, Professor, Worcester Polytechnic Institute