Candidates and their expression of interests for the executive role – BAFA CG SIG		
Name	**Position**	**Expression of interests**
Shabana Talpur	Workshop Organiser	I am writing to express my interest in the Workshop Organiser position within the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG). As a PhD in Accounting at the University of Otago, I have attended and arranged several successful workshops at the university level. My research on a corporate governance has been published in peer-reviewed journals and I have presented at various international conferences. My professional experience includes leading audits and managing financial reporting for various corporate firms as an audit trainee. Additionally, my role as a lecturer and researcher has honed my skills in organising academic activities, making me well-suited for the collaborative and administrative responsibilities of this position. I have also actively contributed to philanthropic initiatives and have experience in organizing successful seminars, demonstrating my commitment to community engagement and effective event management. My memberships with BAFA and other professional societies further underscore my dedication to the field of corporate governance. Please find attached my curriculum vitae for your kind perusal. Should you need any further information, please feel free to email. Thank you for considering my application.
Kemi Yekini	Chair	As chairperson of the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG) of the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA), I aim to enhance the CG SIG within BAFA through the provision of strategic leadership, member engagement, promoting research and knowledge sharing, through education and professional development, advocacy and influence and through operational excellence. I provide more details below. I will provide strategic leadership by setting objectives and a plan aligned with BAFA's goals, developing policies to promote best practices, and representing the SIG within BAFA and externally. To attract new members, including professionals, academics, and students, I will organise networking events like conferences, seminars, and webinars while maintaining effective communication through newsletters, emails, and social media to keep members informed about activities and developments. I will support research on corporate governance issues, oversee the publication of findings, and promote them through various platforms. To facilitate this, I will lead the organisation of the annual BAFA CG SIG conference, which will feature high-quality presentations, discussions and feedback. In addition, I will develop workshops, training sessions, and professional development opportunities to enhance members' skills while collaborating with academic institutions to help develop mentorship programs for junior and early-career colleagues.

		I will promote corporate governance standards by partnering with professional associations, such as the Chartered Governance Institution (CGI), industry bodies, and regulatory agencies. As a thought leader, I will engage in public discussions, media engagements, and advisory boards. I will ensure compliance with BAFA's governance framework, oversee the SIG's budget and financial activities, and implement performance assessment mechanisms to make continuous improvements, ensuring transparency and accountability in our operations.
Sainey Faye	Chair	May I take this opportunity to express my interest as a potential chairperson following your request for expressions of interest and nominations for executive board roles please. Below is my brief statement as requested: "As a black Associate Professor (recently conferred Professor title by the University) with a disability, my unique perspective will significantly enrich the corporate governance SIG. My experience will broaden the understanding of corporate governance issues, especially around diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), leading to more comprehensive research and discussions. As a researcher with a PhD in corporate governance I can mentor, coach and support underrepresented groups within SIG, advocating for inclusive practices and policies. Furthermore, my research will explore the intersection of corporate governance with race, disability, and other social factors, adding depth to the field. I will influence policy development to promote inclusivity and accessibility with corporate governance frameworks. By leading or participating in collaborative projects, I will highlight overlooked issues, ensuring the SIGs work reflects diverse experiences. Additionally, I will develop educational initiatives that emphasis the importance of diversity in corporate governance, educating future scholars and practitioners. Finally, my contributions will also help shape a more inclusive and equitable future for corporate governance research and practice."
Fadi Alkaraan	Secretary	I am witing to express my interest in the board role: Secretary Please find attached my CV. I am BAFA member since 2004.
Samaneh Elmi	Workshop Organiser and Co-opted Member	I am writing to express my keen interest in the positions of Workshop Organiser and Co-opted Member within the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG). As a dedicated member of both the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA) and the CG SIG, I am eager to contribute meaningfully to the group's initiatives. My current position as a lecturer in the Business School, specialising in Accounting, Finance, and Economics, has equipped me with a strong foundation in organising and delivering educational content. The success of my recent workshop, "Navigating Your Career Path: Building a Powerful

		LinkedIn Profile & Understanding Contract Obligations," demonstrates my ability to create engaging programs tailored to diverse audiences. I am particularly interested in fostering a vibrant community for early-career academics within the CG SIG. By organising workshops and events that bridge the gap between academia and policymaking, I aim to create a platform for knowledge exchange and professional development. This will not only benefit early-career researchers but also enrich the overall discourse on corporate governance. I am confident that my skills and enthusiasm align with the CG SIG's goals. I am eager to contribute to the group's success under your leadership. Thank you for considering my application.
Konstantinos Stathopoulos	Chairperson	I am writing to express my interest in the position of Chairperson for BAFA's Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (SIG). Currently, I serve as Chair of Accounting and Finance at Alliance Manchester Business School, The University of Manchester. Additionally, I hold the position of joint Editor-in-Chief of Corporate Governance: An International Review (CGIR) and am the Vice President-elect of the International Corporate Governance Society (ICGS). With over 25 years of active involvement in corporate governance scholarship, my research has been recognized with several awards, including BAFA's Prize for the Best Paper published in the British Accounting Review in 2020. Throughout my career, I have deeply valued BAFA's contributions at both national and international levels. However, due to my commitments, I have not been able to engage with its activities as much as I would have liked in recent years. As I will be stepping down from my role at CGIR at the end of this year, I am now in a position to dedicate more time and energy to BAFA. I believe that the Chairperson role is an excellent opportunity to further develop the SIG's profile and enhance its activities. Working alongside the executive board and co-opted members, I propose that we establish a three-year strategic plan to increase the SIG's visibility and provide greater benefits to its members. I am enthusiastic about the possibility of contributing more significantly to BAFA and helping to advance the goals of the Corporate Governance SIG.
Xihui (Haviour) Chen	Workshop Organiser (or Co-opted Member if that is not sucessful)	I am writing to express my interest in the position of Workshop Organiser on the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG) executive board. With my extensive background in corporate governance, accounting and finance, environmental management, and academia, I am confident in my ability to organize and deliver impactful workshops that align with the SIG's objectives. Currently serving as an Associate Professor at Keele University, I have co-organised and presented at numerous international conferences, such as the 7th Edition of the Ethical Finance and Sustainability Conference (EFS-2024) at the University of Leeds, UK, and workshops

		funded by prestigious institutions like the British Academy. My experience in coordinating events, combined with my strong network in academic and professional communities, positions me well to contribute effectively as a Workshop Organiser. Additionally, my track record of securing special issues, such as those in European Financial Management (2024) and Technovation (2025), will help attract more applications and participants to our workshops. If my application for the Workshop Organiser role is unsuccessful, I would be honoured to serve as a Co-opted Member. I am looking forward to actively support the SIG's activities and collaborate closely with the executive board to further the group's mission.
Hanh (Blue) Nguyen	Workshop Organiser	I am writing to express my interest in becoming a Workshop Organiser for the CG SIG. As a researcher in corporate governance (CG), I believe workshops are vital for fostering dialogue, sharing research, and enhancing collaboration. As a lecturer at the University of Southampton, I gained significant experience in organising academic events, including workshops and seminars. I am currently organising a workshop for my Corporate Board Diversity Index project, funded by the British Academy. These experiences have allowed me to develop strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and the ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously, equipping me with a solid foundation in event coordination, as well as an understanding of the logistical and academic requirements necessary for successful workshops. I am particularly drawn to the CG SIG because of its commitment to advancing CG research and practice. I am eager to contribute to the group by helping to organise events that bring together scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to discuss and address key issues in the field. I am confident that my experience and passion for CG will enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the team.
Marian Chijoke-Mgbame	Treasurer	I wish to apply for the position of treasurer for the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CGSIG). My research interest is on corporate governance and I have published articles in peer review journals such as, Accounting Forum, Corporate Governance, Business Strategy and the Environment amongst others (see attached CV). Given my expertise in corporate governance research, educational qualifications and experience. I am confident that I can contribute to the growth and development of the Corporate Governance Special

		Interest group as the treasurer. I am aware of the responsibilities of the treasurer and I am ready to commit my time to serve in this capacity. As treasurer, I will prioritize maintaining clear and transparent financial records, ensuring all transactions are properly documented and aligned with the group's objectives. I am eager to support the group's research initiatives by providing accurate financial oversight and strategic budget planning. Since joining BAFA in 2015, I have been a member of the CGSIG and I have been actively involved in the conferences including serving as a chair of the corporate governance track. Besides BAFA, I was the deputy director of the centre for Research on Accountability, Governance and Sustainability at De Montfort University. As the deputy director, I was responsible for organising research seminars and workshops and worked with the director to ensure the effective functioning of the centre. I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the growth and success of CGSIG of BAFA and hope that my application is considered.
Vu Trinh	Chairperson	I am writing to express my great interest in the role of Chairperson of the CG SIG. I am a researcher with a strong foundation in corporate governance, bolstered by significant achievements and experience (profile). If selected for this position, I am committed to advancing the group's objectives, promoting its mission, enhancing its visibility and impact, fostering collaboration, and driving meaningful research, impacts and discussions in the field of corporate governance (see appendix below for my short narrative CV). As Chairperson, my strategy will involve developing and implementing a strategic plan that aligns with the CG SIG's mission, with an emphasis on research dissemination, member engagement, and fostering international collaborations. I will ensure effective governance and maintain transparency by conducting regular executive committee meetings to assess progress, establish priorities, and tackle challenges. Additionally, I will spearhead the development of inclusive and relevant policies and guidelines to govern the SIG's activities. I will also focus on building a vibrant community of scholars and

		practitioners by organising networking events, conferences, workshops, and roundtable discussions. These initiatives will provide strong platforms for members to share research, exchange ideas, and establish collaborative partnerships. Through these initiatives, I aim to raise the CG SIG's profile, support our members' professional development, and propel the field of corporate governance forward. I am dedicated to driving excellence and nurturing a community of passionate and engaged scholars and practitioners.
Xuejun Jiang	Workshop Organiser	I am writing to express my keen interest in applying for the Workshop Organiser role for The Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG). Throughout my academic career, I have actively organized workshops and seminars that foster collaboration and the exchange of ideas—skills that I believe are crucial for this position. While at the Australian National University, I coordinated research meetings and managed a mentoring program, helping junior postgraduate students during the challenging Covid period by arranging weekly discussions. These sessions provided a supportive space for brainstorming, sharing research insights, and tackling challenges together. At Newcastle University, as the Coordinator for the Accounting and Finance BSc Honours Program, I led Q&A sessions, introduced new students to the program, and organized meetings to offer guidance. My research, which intersects political science, accounting, and corporate governance, aligns with CG SIG's mission. Published in journals like the Journal of Management, my work reflects a commitment to advancing corporate governance. I'm enthusiastic about leveraging this experience to organize impactful workshops that address current governance issues and inspire innovative research. Thank you for considering my application. I have attached my CV with the application statement for your review and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to CG SIG.
Ayodeji Owoeye	Treasurer	In this role as the Treasurer for CG SIG and a member of the Executive Committee, I will be committed to ensuring the financial stability, transparency, and strategic growth of our association. With a strong background in financial management and a keen eye for detail, I will diligently oversee the budget, expenditures, and financial planning, ensuring that every financial decision aligns with our organization goals and mission. I intend to contribute by implementing robust financial controls and streamlined processes that optimize resource allocation, allowing CG SIG to maximize its impact within with the Higher Education. I will work closely with the committee to develop sound financial

		strategies, emphasizing prudent investments, fundraising initiatives, and efficient budget management. Through meticulous financial reporting. I aim to provide clear insights into our financial health, empowering the committee to make informed decisions. Furthermore, I am committed to promoting financial literacy within and outside our organization. I will contribute to organize seminars, conferences, workshops and training sessions to enhance the understanding of budget management and financial planning. Empowering our colleagues with financial knowledge will enable them to contribute effectively to the fiscal responsibility of CG SIG. Another crucial aspect of my role will be fostering collaboration and open communication within the Executive Committee. I will actively engage with other committee members, seeking their input on financial decisions and encouraging a collective approach to financial planning. By promoting a culture of collaboration, I believe we can harness the diverse expertise within CG SIG to make informed and strategic financial choices. Overall, my objective is to ensure that CG SIG's financial resources are utilized optimally to further our mission. By maintaining fiscal prudence, exploring new funding avenues, enhancing financial literacy, and fostering collaboration, I am dedicated to contributing significantly to the growth and prosperity of CG SIG as your Treasurer.
Franklin Nakpodia	Treasurer	I am writing to express my interest in the Treasurer position for the Corporate Governance Special Interest Group (CG SIG) of the British Accounting and Finance Association (BAFA). With over a decade of experience in the UK Higher Education sector, coupled with nearly a decade of experience as an auditor and banker, I bring a robust financial acumen and a deep understanding of corporate governance. My professional background has equipped me with comprehensive skills in financial management, budgeting, auditing, and financial reporting. These skills are crucial for maintaining the financial health and transparency of the SIG. My research in corporate governance, along with my active participation in SIG events, underscores my commitment to the field and the objectives of our group. As Treasurer, I am dedicated to ensuring meticulous financial oversight, preparing accurate financial reports, and supporting strategic financial planning. My goal is to contribute to the SIG's continued growth and success by providing reliable financial stewardship and

		promoting fiscal responsibility. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to leverage my expertise to serve the SIG and support its mission to advance corporate governance research and practice.