

# Secretary's Manifesto

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If I know one thing about secretaries, it's that they're supposed to be sexy. Anyone who has seen me in a suit will know that this criterion will not be a problem for me.

For those of you with less developed aesthetic partialities, you can rest assured that I fulfil the other criteria required of a club secretary. In fact, I was a club secretary in a previous life (University of Sydney Science Revue Society, 2007).

Many view the role of secretary as that of an unglorified stenographer, primarily taking meeting minutes and organising mailing lists. To me, however, the role also holds an immeasurable, tacit responsibility. The secretary puts into writing the promises, hopes, dreams, virtues—and vices, alike—of the executive for whom you, the good and honest community of CUFC, have voted. It is the work of the secretary that holds your elected representatives to the promises that they make in the manifestos you have read today.

For the sake of CUFC, I am willing to bear this responsibility.

My experiences on several successful University committees (*vide infra*) have endowed me with perspective that almost makes the ravages of time worth the toll it has taken on my youthful good looks. I know what it takes to be the secretary that CUFC needs, and I am committed to serving the community that has served me so well.

In closing, I believe that your course of action is clear: vote for the candidates that best represent your vision for the future of CUFC. Vote for me if you want to hold them to that vision.

## Relevant Experience:

- Secretary and Sponsorship Coordinator, University of Sydney Science Revue Society (2007-2009)
- Vice President, Sydney University Fencing Club (2009-2012)
- Activities Coordinator, Gates Cambridge Orientation Committee (2013-2014)
- Social Secretary, Nitschke Research Group, University of Cambridge (2014-2015)
- Interim Technology Officer, Gates Cambridge Scholars' Council (2015)

