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Dear archie,

Thank you for you letter telling me that you are taking early retirement. I know that this is what you were hoping would be agreed and therefore we are all, of course, delighted for you.

Thank you particularly for your offer to assist UK SKILLS on a voluntary basis in the future. We have already discussed the possibility of you taking on the running of YSOC and you said that you would be willing to do so. However, we will need to consider exactly what this might involve and discuss it with you. I hope that you will be at the meeting of SONC on 30 October, a day when we might have the opportunity to talk more about the subject. Meanwhile, we will do our best to think about other ways in which we might be able to prevent you becoming bored in your retirement.

As ever, I am extremely grateful for all the time and effort that you have been putting in on our behalf carrying out the selection interviews. I am pleased to hear that you seem to have had the full co-operation of competition organisers - long may it continue!

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Patricia Snell Chief Executive