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The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland

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Nominated by:

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| 1. Karen Anderson FRIAS RIBA | Karen Anderson |
| 2. Donald Canavan FRIS RIBA | Hurd Rolland Partnership |
| 3. Neil Ferguson FRIAS RIBA | Neil Ferguson Chartered Architect |
| 4. Stewart Henderson PPRIAS | <i>Retired</i> |
| 5. Guy Maxwell FRIAS RIBA | GMAC |
| 6. Liliane McGeoch FRIAS | <i>Retired</i> |
| 7. Diarmid McLachlan FRIAS RIBA | Fife Council Property Services |
| 8. Ruairidh Moir RIAS | BARD Atelier |
| 9. Nikki Ritchie RIAS RIBA | Hyve Architects |
| 10. Richard Slater RIAS RIBA | Michael Gilmour |



Election Statement:

As a Sole Practitioner with over 35 years' experience in practice, I recognise what is expressed by many Members; a perception of being disenfranchised and of alienation within a centralised system.

RIAS experience:

- Aberdeen Society of Architects Secretary 2001-09 President 2009-11 Treasurer 2019 to- date
- Aberdeen Chapter representative RIAS Council 2007-12
- Nationally Elected RIAS Council 2016 to-date
- Committees: Planning, PPC and Strategy 2007 to-date
- RIAS (North Scotland) representative RIBA Council 2010-16

Admittedly of recent, an unpleasant episode in RIAS history; has been a distraction. With 2019, a year of transition, we can look forward and demonstrate maturity and willingness to create an environment where diverse, conflicting views are respected, welcomed, and decisions reached collectively. Not through argument but unity and compromise, listening through openness and integrity, providing a balanced perspective without agenda, promoting Architecture and supporting Architects in Scotland.... Our core business.

We have asked the searching questions, now the RIAS must re-engage understanding Members needs, whatever the challenge; by being best placed to promote Architecture and Architects.

Collaboration and co-operation, not confrontation; lie at the centre of successful outcomes. Working together we can continue to progress and develop new ideas for stability and inclusivity.

Sitting on the side lines and looking in is not the answer. As part of the team to deliver the new 5-year strategy "Creating Space for Inspiring Conversations" we won't all agree about everything, but future discussions should enrich the RIAS:



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- The biggest problem we must face is climate change. We need to make a big change in the way we all work. RIAS should lead on Climate Change, Energy, Environment + Sustainability committing to continuously improve our social/environmental impacts
- Champion the value of Architects, Architecture and Design restoring influence and reputation
- De-centralisation of the RIAS more representative throughout Scotland
- Influential Members 'Trailblazers' representing RIAS within the community
- Cross industry collaboration
- Practice lead in flexible Education opportunities, inspiring next generation
- Lobby Government influencing policies on Environment, Planning, Housing + Procurement
- Re-engagement and empower the Chapters
- Inclusivity, equality, fairness and engagement to run through everything we do

We are a volunteer organisation, Membership led; ensuring your voices are heard is most important. All outputs should reflect what Members are saying and provide a forum to stimulate innovate discussion, helping the RIAS once again find its voice and place within the industry that we are all passionate about.

I have much to contribute with experience. My only promise is that I will approach the task with enthusiasm, commitment and integrity, working tirelessly for you, at a time when it is needed more than ever. Pledging to launch new initiatives and to build upon the momentum already developed by my predecessor's good work. It cannot be done alone, but by working together we are stronger.

I believe we now need continuity to be able to further consolidate the role of the Membership and RIAS future strategic direction.

An organisation focused on the way ahead, relevant in whatever we do, an Incorporation you can be proud to be a Member.