

RIA Scotland reveals new chair and vice chair

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RIA Scotland, has chosen a new Chair, Meirion Thomas of Arcadis, and Vice Chair, Campbell Braid of Siemens.

Between them they will set the strategic direction of the group.

RIA Scotland is the devolved national division of the Railway Industry Association, supporting rail suppliers across Scotland. RIA Scotland will support the industry through a range of activities including networking events and representing the sector to decision makers, and is part of RIA's Nations & Regions Network, which aims to bring RIA's work closer to where members live and work.

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- **RIA supporting innovative businesses with new self-assessment tool**
- **RIA Northern Ireland publishes its rail manifesto before Stormont elections**

Meirion Thomas, Chair of RIA Scotland, said: "I'm delighted to be appointed Chair of RIA Scotland. RIA Scotland has already made great inroads, holding events across the country, publishing our manifesto last year ahead of the Holyrood elections and meeting with key decision makers, including Transport Minister Jenny Gilruth.

“As Chair, I’m really excited to build on this positive work, offering more events and networking sessions for RIA members, and advocating the views of rail suppliers to Scottish policy makers and stakeholders. I’m looking forward to the months and years ahead as we do even more to support the Scottish rail supply community.”

Campbell Braid, Vice Chair of RIA Scotland, said: “It’s great to be part of RIA Scotland, supporting RIA’s Nations & Regions Network roll out. Meirion and I look forward to meeting with RIA Members across the country over the coming weeks and months, finding out more about how they are supporting the Scottish rail network, its passengers and freight users, and the wider economy.”

David Clarke, RIA Scotland Lead and UK Technical Director, said: “Congratulations to Meirion and Campbell on their appointments. It’s great to have their expertise and knowhow to help guide RIA Scotland’s activities.

“Whether it’s preparing for the next Control Period, continuing to decarbonise the network or ensuring rail suppliers are involved in changes to the rail industry’s structure, there is a huge amount to get involved with. We look forward to working with RIA members, the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, Network Rail and many others, to deliver a successful, vibrant railway industry in Scotland.”

RIA Scotland will be holding a Holyrood Drop in Reception for RIA Members and Members of the Scottish Parliament on Wednesday 25 May.