

There are seven Contractor positions and five Supplier positions on the FIS Board. Vacancies for the new Board from 24 November 2020 are for two Contractors and two Suppliers, and the appointments will be for two years. The candidates have been given the opportunity to present a profile of themselves in support of their candidacy.

There are two Supplier candidates for two Supplier vacancies. Therefore, no vote is required.

There are three Contractor candidates for two Contractor vacancies. Please remember that when voting you may cast your votes for a maximum of two Contractor candidates only.

Contractor candidates



James Boulton
Senior Contracts Manager
SCS Building Solutions Ltd

I have worked as a tradesman installing suspended ceilings, drylining and partitions, shopfitting, acoustics and fire protection for many years.

As most of the profession I have completed work both as an employee and a self-employed labour only subcontractor, across the country and in areas of Europe.

Some 20 years ago I became a Contracts Manager at Ceilings Partitions South Humberside. I have continued to work in management positions in the interiors sector since.

I joined SCS Building Solutions eight years ago and have worked on many prestigious projects. I have worked with excellent tradesmen and managers over the years learning a lot from them and sharing knowledge at all opportunities.

I am GradIOSH, PIEMA and have LVL 7 NVQ, PTTLs, A1 assessors' qualification and I am lead auditor for 9001 and have good knowledge of all aspects of my profession.

If I am elected, I will endeavour to listen, learn and where possible help, at the very least maybe be a voice for those who do not always get heard.

As an industry we can do great things. We build some amazing spaces and fill them with outstanding examples of our industry. Yet we still have much to learn. This is an ever-evolving journey for us all.

We employ a diverse cross section of society; but struggle to train our youth, to attract and keep the best the genders have to offer to our industry. Grenfell and the Covid Pandemic show where we have come up short.

I would like to learn how we can do it better and see how far we can share that information with everyone from the bosses at their posh desks to the fixer worrying how he will stop someone breaking into his van and stealing his livelihood.



Will Hart
CEO
Taylor Hart Ltd

I have been in the interiors sector for 30 years working for companies that specialise in various trades including passive fire protection, the removal of asbestos, thermal insulation, suspended ceilings, partitions, plastering, rendering, screeding and SFS.

To me, the true value of the FIS became evident during the height of the coronavirus pandemic, when as a board we all worked selflessly to help all of our fellow contractor and supplier members navigate through the crisis on a daily basis. The energy shown by the FIS during that period was immense and I believe that energy can be transferred to other matters in the future.

I would like to contribute more by promoting fair payment, pioneer the setting up of a new price indices for our trades, promote better and modern ways of contracting and generally bigging up what we all do together as a sector.

Having formed Taylor Hart just over 22 years ago trying to build a company to last, I hope that I have a decent feel for the subcontracting world and if by re-joining the FIS board that could somehow benefit THL and other FIS members in a small way by championing our common causes that would be great.



Jonathan Riley
Managing Director
Locker & Riley (Fibrous Plastering) Ltd

I have 30+ years' experience in fibrous and historic plastering and have run my own business, Locker & Riley, for more than 25 years.

I have been an active part of the FIS Board since conception and was part of the AIS and FPDC Merger team responsible for bringing the two bodies together for a stronger voice within the industry.

I have sat on numerous working groups to develop educational pathways and standards for the Historic, Fibrous and Solid Plastering sectors, offering my time and personal experience for many years to help promote the sector and advance training in the industry.

As well as being a Board member I also currently chair the Heritage Group within the FIS and have also represented the FIS to the NHTG (National Heritage Training Group) and to Historic England.

I am also a Liveryman at The Worshipful Company of Plasterers and am passionate about ensuring our plastering heritage is maintained. I also Chair their Industry Committee connecting the FIS to the Livery.

If I am re-elected, I will endeavour to.....

- Further and promote the sector wherever possible.
- Continue to support the Board achieve their strategic objectives and KPI's and to help grow the membership.
- Continue to help the FIS offer an improved technical and "value added" service with a particular emphasis to our smaller more reliant members.
- Continue to help promote high quality training and excellence for the maintenance of our historic buildings within the UK before this valuable skilled knowledge has been lost.

Supplier candidates – For information only (no vote required)



Alan Brown
Sales Director and Co-owner
Forza Doors Ltd

I am currently a board member of FIS, I was elected in 2018 and since then the world of Brexit and Covid 19 has meant that my previous election manifesto agenda has been to say the least difficult to focus on. That said, I still believe that my vision for FIS is to be focused on support for the contractor members and this will remain my number one objective. Even though I part own a door manufacturing business called Forza Doors I recognize the need for a strong contractor membership and a strong voice within the construction sector from this section of the membership.

As I previously stated two years ago my Martin Luther King "I had a dream" moment would be to see how all association members can look to be specified on projects by RIBA practises, additionally be involved strongly within the D&B market, be included in the main contractors approved contractor schemes and encourage end users to use only FIS companies. This process should be one of the cornerstones of the association's objectives.

Over the past two years I've assisted with the marketing committee and the partitions working group. The development of the Acoustic Verification Scheme for partitions is a considerable piece of work undertaken by FIS, this clearly highlights and benchmarks how specifiers should review key acoustic information when choosing a partitioning system.

I've heard for a number of years from non-FIS members the statement "well what benefit is there in being part of the FIS". I know there is still much to do to convince contractors to join, the document prepared by FIS called "Reasons to Join" gives a great overview of the seven key benefits membership offers. We must strive to develop these points and ensure we retain our existing members, a drive for a growth in new membership that retains the focus on the high levels of installation is required.

There is a need for the industry to absorb the developing requirements for digital technology in ensuring the correct manufacture and installation of products, this is an area of the construction sector that will come under the microscope and the association should develop links to support contractors navigate their way through these new ways of working.

I feel that there is a need to set up stronger regional working groups which can focus on local issues and support new members in navigating the intricacies of the association so that they gain the most benefit from being part of FIS. These regional working groups should be chaired by a local member that has knowledge of the market conditions.

If any member voting in this election process would like to contact me for more information on my views, then please feel free to contact me on 07792 542413 or email me at alanbrown@forza-doors.com



Jonathan Cherry
Managing Director
Saint Gobain Ecophon UK &
Ireland

I have over 25 years' experience working in the drylining and interiors industry in commercial, training and technical roles.

A previous president of AIS I am passionate about the long-term development of the organisation to ensure it is recognised as the voice of our sector and has real and meaningful influence on how the industry and market develops.

In a constantly changing and challenging environment, we need to ensure we are delivering the development of sector skills and standards and that our members receive the recognition for the value they deliver. I believe my background and current position give me the knowledge, experience and drive to make a significant contribution to the continued success of FIS.

Existing Board Members for Information Only:

Contractors	Suppliers
Helen Tapper – Tapper Interiors (President)	Andrew Smith – OWA (UK) (Immediate Past President)
Richard Jones – Paramount Office Interiors (Vice President)	Stuart Roberts – CCF
Philip Brown – Meronden	Lydia Sharples – Nevill Long
Richard Grimes – Grimes Finishings	
Jim Nania – Stortford Interiors	