

SAEMA announces new board leadership, driving industry standards forward

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The Specialist Access Engineering and Maintenance Association (SAEMA), the national trade body for the permanent and temporary façade access equipment industry, is pleased to announce significant changes to its Board of Directors, reinforcing its commitment to safety, best practices, and industry advancement.

Kyle Davidson Elected New Chair

Kyle Davidson, Head of Suspended Access at Denholm Industrial Services (ALPS), has been elected Chair of SAEMA. With extensive experience leading the company's Suspended Access Division, Kyle brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong dedication to safety standards.

In his new role, Kyle will spearhead SAEMA's efforts to enhance safety and best practices in providing access to buildings and challenging structures. Key initiatives include the development of NVQs, the new Duty Holder training program (complementing the existing User Training scheme with the imminent launch of Part 1 Temporary), and the ongoing enhancement of industry standards. SAEMA continues to collaborate with prominent bodies such as BSI, LEEA, AIF, SAFED, and TWf.

"I am honoured to take on this important role within SAEMA," said Kyle Davidson. "Denholm Industrial Services (ALPS) has a long-standing commitment to safety and best practices, and this appointment reinforces our dedication to maintaining the highest standards. I look forward to using my experience to drive positive developments in the suspended access sector."

Will Bradshaw Appointed Technical Chair

Will Bradshaw, a Chartered Engineer with the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), has been

appointed Technical Chair of SAEMA. With a career in the suspended access industry since 2016, Will has gained extensive experience in the design, installation, and maintenance of façade access solutions, working with leading brands like Manntech, CoxGomyl, and Tractel.

Will is dedicated to upholding industry standards and promoting best practices for safe and efficient façade access.

Board Transitions and Recognition

Mark Davison, who has served as Chair since 2019, will transition to the role of Immediate Past Chair. SAEMA extends its gratitude to Mark for his dedicated leadership and contributions.

Additionally, Martyn Reed, who has held the role of Immediate Past Chair since 2021, will retire from the board. With over 40 years of involvement in the industry, Martyn has provided invaluable guidance and support to SAEMA members. He has played a crucial role in ensuring continuity and stability within the association and has contributed extensively to UK and European Standards work. SAEMA acknowledges Martyn's immense contributions and wishes him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

"Martyn's dedication and expertise have been instrumental in shaping the suspended access industry," said Tony Seddon, SAEMA Company Secretary. "His contributions to SAEMA and the wider industry are immeasurable, and we are grateful for his years of service."

SAEMA looks forward to the leadership of Kyle Davidson and Will Bradshaw as they continue to advance the association's mission and uphold the highest standards in the suspended access industry.