

[BCIA announces experienced judging panel for BEMS sector's biggest annual awards](#)

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As excitement builds towards the [Building Controls Industry Association \(BCIA\) Awards 2026](#), the hugely experienced judging panel tasked with adjudicating the 11 hotly-contested categories has been announced.

Shining a spotlight on talented professionals and organisations and the incredible innovations on display across the building energy management systems (BEMS) sector, the BCIA awards evening is one of the industry's hottest yearly events.

With a myriad of strong categories and so many deserving winners competing for each of the 11 awards, the event can often be a thoroughly challenging yet hugely rewarding evening for the judges.

Selected based on their in-depth BEMS industry knowledge as some of the leading names in the sector, the judges are the most qualified to identify the right winners. To ensure the right balance, each judging panel will feature a mixture of BCIA and industry representation.

The judges for the BCIA Awards 2026 are as follows:

Stacey Lucas - President, BCIA and Commercial and Marketing Director, Sontay

Jen Vickers - Vice President, BCIA and Regional Information Manager, Crown House Technologies

Jon Belfield - Managing Director, InTandem Systems

Jo Harris - UK&I Head of Technical Services, Sodexo

Andy Camsell - Technical Director, Novus Controls

Josh Steel – Chair, BCIA Young Engineers Network and Sales Manager, Electracom

Ron Purcell – Product Portfolio Manager, Siemens

Caroline Fright – Managing Director, Carbon Numbers

Stephen Wreford – Head of Digital AI, HBT Digital Advisory

Daniel Hartley – Lead Engineer for Building Systems, Manchester Airports Group (MAG)

Steve Loughney – Director, Forfend

Andy Reakes – Chief Operating Officer, Joint Industry Board

Lee Benford – Head of BMS Projects, Mitie

Michael Burgess – Senior Digital Building Consultant, FPC Global

With 11 highly competitive award categories, the newly announced judges are expected to have a difficult task in deciding the deserving winners. Stacey Lucas, BCIA President and Chair of Judges, underlined the monumental task ahead of the judges. She said: “The building controls and automation sector has become increasingly significant in recent years, especially with the government’s net zero target of 2050 getting ever-closer. As you would expect, it features some wonderfully gifted and skilled people and organisations that are driving the industry forward.

“The judging panel therefore has a vital role in acknowledging and recognising these individuals and businesses. While there are inevitably going to be some tough decisions, it is an honour to shine a spotlight on the very best the industry has to offer and the evening will be a true celebration of the sector. The night is expected to be the biggest and best yet, with the BCIA celebrating its 35th anniversary.”

Fellow judge, Ron Purcell – Product Portfolio Manager, Siemens – highlighted the importance of the judging process. He said: “You get a timeframe with which to adjudicate and score those and it is a very clear criteria that you have to go through. But it is a professional duty and a privilege to be on the panel.”

The judging process is entirely transparent and robust and the clear policy is outlined in the BCIA’s published Rules, Policies and Procedures. Copies can be provided by emailing catherinew@bcia.co.uk. Furthermore, all judges will be expected to comply with the T&C’s.

All judges will be welcomed as guests to the BCIA Awards 2026, taking place on Thursday 7th May 2026 at The Eastside Rooms in Birmingham.

There are 11 award categories and entries are open until Thursday 22nd January 2026, so if you haven’t already, place your nominations today! You can find out more about each award category and submit entries by visiting www.bcia.co.uk/bcia-awards-2026.