

Buckley goes



Kevin Buckley

After a year in the post Kevin Buckley is no longer CEO at the Glass and Glazing Federation. In a recent press statement the federation announced a management re-structure with director of technical affairs Steve Rice taking over as managing director. Rice will be responsible for the full running of the federation's operations.

The statement says that 'the chief executive and head of membership are no longer employed by the federation'.

According to the GGF this is a strategic decision to restructure and was unanimously agreed by the GGF board. It is designed to bring the internal GGF departments closer together with a greater focus on the technical side of the federation.

Buckley was appointed interim CEO in June last year following the departure of Phil Pluck. Pluck took over in May 2017 and replaced Nigel Reese who retired in December 2016. Pluck resigned in April 2018.

Chairman of the GGF heritage group and past president Alan Burgess, MD of Masterframe Windows, says: "No surprise that Steve Rice has finally been offered the position of MD but to have yet another strategic restructure and lose two more 'leaders' with immediate effect, is more than unfortunate.

"The GGF has chopped and changed repeatedly over the past four years. Some departments in the federation have had six or seven managers in just three years.

"I just don't see how the federation could maintain nor build on its position as the leading trade body with so many changes. Members will rightly be asking just how much of members' funds has been spent on these changes and perhaps more importantly, what are the reasons behind this change and what confidence does it give to employees, members or the wider industry?"

"Masterframe Windows celebrated 21 years of membership this week but frankly we've never been more disillusioned with how it is being run."

The Fabricator has been unable to contact Kevin Buckley and the GGF has not responded to our request for a comment. □



Steve Rice

Ward of the Estates

Carl Ward has joined Sladen Estates' senior team as the national developer's new projects director, bringing with him more than 15 years' experience in the industry.

Having worked across a variety of sectors – including logistics, education, healthcare, student accommodation and airports – Ward has experience leading large-scale capital construction projects across the UK.

He says: "I'm thrilled to be joining the Sladen Estates team. Having worked in operational roles on both the contractor and client side, I'm really looking forward to this new position giving me the opportunity to use my expertise to influence projects in the



Carl Ward

development environment."

He will be responsible for providing a construction viewpoint when assessing development viability for new projects, and for the delivery of all on-site construction projects for Sladen Estates.

Nick Sladen, chief executive of Sladen Estates, says: "Carl's experience and specialisms mean that he has a well-rounded understanding of how projects progress from all sides and we're delighted to have him in the team.

"We're very much looking forward to working with Carl on our existing and future schemes as they start on site covering a range of sectors."

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