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**Subject:** Re: Open Letter from Members - for RIAS Council Meeting of 13th September 2017  
**Date:** 12 September 2017 14:32  
**To:** Jude Barber j.barber@collectivearchitecture.co.uk  
**Cc:** President president@rias.org.uk

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**Sent on behalf of Stewart Henderson, RIAS President**

Dear Jude,

Thank you for your email forwarding the letter entitled "A New Chapter" dated 12th September 2017.

The Governance Review Group, at their meeting this morning, noted the issues raised. You may not be aware that the Review Group has initiated several independent reports on aspects of the RIAS governance to which you refer. Separately, the RIAS is about to issue a new five year strategy document which has been circulated, in draft, to all Chapters during its preparation for their input.

We acknowledge the bullet points listed in your letter and would advise you that amongst the independent investigations commissioned are:

- A senior staff salary benchmarking exercise,
- A full probity review by an independent experienced forensic accountant into the management and finances of the RIAS since 2008,
- The leading Scottish legal practice who are the recognised authority on charity governance have been appointment to ensure the format, work and output of the Governance Review Group is fully in accordance with Charity Law.

I am pleased to note the engagement of the named signatories who are members and look forward to their participation when the current issues being developed are circulated for debate as part of the wide-ranging review taking place.

I request that you forward this to all signatories to your letter.

Yours sincerely,

***Stewart Henderson PRIAS***

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**From:** Jude Barber <j.barber@collectivearchitecture.co.uk>

**Sent:** 12 September 2017 10:37

**To:** President

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Dear President Henderson,

Please find attached Open Letter, addressed to yourself, signed by RIAS Members and supported by others within the wider profession.

I would be grateful if this letter could be discussed in full at Wednesday's Council Meeting.

Tim Gray has kindly agreed to table this as part of his Chapter Report - he will bring a hard copy with him.

Kind regards

Jude Barber

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