



# 2019 Candidates for National Office



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## 8. Candidate Information

### **Candidate Certification**

The Institute Secretary is responsible for establishing the validity of all declared nominations. Based on a review of the materials submitted by each candidate by the certification deadline of February 15, 2019, the Secretary declares the following five candidates eligible to stand for election.

2020-22 At-large Director (one will be elected)

Verity L. Frizzell, FAIA (AIA New Jersey)

Britt Lindberg, AIA, LEED AP (AIA Silicon Valley/AIA California)

2020-21 Treasurer

Evelyn M. Lee, AIA (AIA San Francisco/AIA California)

2020 First Vice President/2021 President-elect

Peter J. Exley, FAIA (AIA Chicago/AIA Illinois)

Bruce W. Sekanick, FAIA (AIA Eastern Ohio/AIA Ohio)

Individual candidate biographies and statements of philosophy written by the candidates are provided on the following pages.

### **Voting for Officers and At-large Director**

Delegates must appear in person to vote in the election of officers at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2019, which will take place near conference registration in the Las Vegas Convention Center on Thursday, June 6, 2019, 8:00am – 1:30pm.

In the event of a runoff election for officers, runoff balloting will take place at the same location on Friday, June 7, 2019, at 10am - 2pm.

*[Note: Prior to voting on Thursday, June 6, delegate activity officially begins on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Please refer to the full Delegate Business Schedule as it will appear in the 2019 Official Delegate Information Booklet, to be issued on or about April 8, 2019, for detailed events.]*

## Candidate for 2020-2022 At-large Director

### **Verity L. Frizzell, FAIA AIA New Jersey**



Learning never stops. Attending architecture school, working in the field, earning my license, and ultimately owning my own firm were all learning experiences in my practice of architecture. The AIA has been an essential part of my journey. My passion for sustainability, resilience, equity, diversity and inclusion, K-12 education, advocacy, public outreach, and disaster assistance were all sparked by an AIA event, class, or committee, and resulted in me sharing my passion with others. I learned about climate change and organized a green conference. Attending Speak-Up inspired me to give Message Book training and organize a Mayors Symposium. After Superstorm Sandy devastated my community, I helped residents rebuild and recover, became a Disaster Assistance Trainer, participated in an SDAT to rebuild a neighborhood, and helped rewrite local zoning ordinances. It's always been about learning and giving back.

Being an At-large Director will be an opportunity to give my time and energy back to you. In each of the offices I've held and committees on which I've served, my goal was always to make them better: more efficient, inclusive, organized, and successful so the task at hand is done well and those who come after me have an easier job. I strive to be thorough, thoughtful, considerate, and inclusive.

The issues we face in our practices are similar, but not always the same. We each have a different set of experiences and concerns, all of which are valid and important. I will listen to you and learn from you so I can make your experiences better, your concerns fewer, and your job a little easier.

Thank you for your support, and your vote.

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## **Verity L. Frizzell, FAIA Continued**

### **AIA National**

Public Outreach Committee (2016-18)  
Equity in Architecture Commission (2015-16)  
Strategic Planning Task Force (2015)  
Culture Collective Communications Chair (2014-15)  
Repositioning Ambassador (2013)

### **AIA New Jersey**

Executive Committee (2012-19)  
President (2018)  
Governance Task Force Chair (2016-17)  
East Coast Green Conference Chair (2010-12)

### **AIA Jersey Shore**

Service Awards Chair (2006-10)  
Executive Committee (2006-12)  
Treasurer (2004-05)

### **Professional**

Feltz & Frizzell Architects, Principal (1999-Present)  
Feltz Associates (1995-99)  
DRS Architects & Planners (1989-95)

### **Education**

University of Texas at Austin, MArch (1991)  
University of Virginia BSArch (1988)

### **Certifications**

LEED AP  
Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Trainer

### **Honors & Awards**

Firm of the Year, AIA Jersey Shore (2011)  
Distinguished Service, AIA New Jersey (2011, 2015)

### **Community Service**

Bay Head Planning Board Member & Vice-chair (2010-15)  
Bay Head School Foundation Trustee & Vice-chair (2006-08)

## Candidate for 2020-2022 At-large Director

### **Britt Lindberg, AIA, LEED AP AIA Silicon Valley/AIA California**



**Leading AIA forward, empowering all members, guiding impactful change, and making AIA the premier resource on the value of design.**

#### ***A Changing Profession. Housing for All. Diversity. Resilience. Prosperity.***

These are urgent, national issues where AIA members, local components, regions, Strategic Councilors, National Board, staff and allies lead important, impactful programs and initiatives. As a member-driven organization, AIA amplifies its voice and impact by working more strategically, efficiently, and collaboratively.

#### **Promoting the (Measurable) VALUE of Design.**

Architects advocate for our profession every day. As an organization of 94,000+ members, our collective impact is stronger than ever. AIA member projects show the importance of design in helping clients and communities live, work, play, heal, and learn, *better*. Working together, AIA can ensure future relevance and prosperity, as the premier resource for data and case studies that *prove* design matters.

#### **Empowering the MEMBER.**

With so much happening throughout the AIA, it's hard to keep up. Communications can be tailored to members' interests, and efforts need not be duplicated. Virtual meeting tools used more often will improve communications at every level of the AIA, including directly between members and elected leaders.

#### **Strengthening our INFLUENCE.**

The AIA looks upward and outward more than ever. Expanding partnerships with allied industries, community leaders, and legislators is crucial, as is better educating K-12 students on what architects do, and the key role design has in creating a better future.

#### **Translating Vision, Purpose, Energy, Communication, and Teamwork into ACTION.**

These qualities drive my ongoing AIA service. Born and raised in Massachusetts, now living in California, I have worked with firms of 5 people, up to 5,000+. Let's do this!

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## **Britt Lindberg, AIA, LEED AP Continued**

### **AIA:**

Author, "Supporting Emerging Professionals" Convention Resolution 2018-6  
Juror, Honorary Membership, 2016

### **AIA California:**

President, 2018  
Board of Directors 2013-18  
VP Communications / Public Affairs, 2015-16  
Co-Chair, Now Next Future Conference, 2016  
Planning & Finance Committee, 2013-14, 2017

### **AIA Silicon Valley:**

President, 2014  
Board of Directors, 2011-15  
Women In Architecture Committee (founding member), 2015  
Chair, Urban Village Charrette (with San Jose Planning Dept), 2013-15  
Emerging Professionals Committee, 2010-12

### **Honors:**

2016: Silicon Valley Business Journal 'Women of Influence' Award  
2013: AIACA AEP, Young Architect Award  
2012: AIACA AEP, Chapter Award

### **Experience:**

Gensler, 2011-present (*Workplace*)  
Ko Architects, 2004-07 + 2008-11 (*Multi-Family & Retail*)  
SB Architects, 2007-08 (*Hospitality*)  
Peterson Architects, 2001-04 (*Single Family*)

### **Education:**

M. Architecture, UC Berkeley, 2002  
BA Chemistry, Cornell University, 1994

## Candidate for 2020-21 Treasurer

### Evelyn M. Lee, AIA AIA San Francisco/AIA California



Building Agility and Resilience

Change is the only constant.

Our ability as an organization to adapt to change impacts the way AIA can meet the needs of our members, be responsive to current events, and proactive about communicating our value to the cities we live, work, and play in. All those efforts are supported not only by dollars, but by the contributions from our volunteer leaders and AIA employees.

As a strategy consultant, I use my design skills to help organizations reimagine their culture, operations, and policies. This is where I love to both work and serve, and why I am excited for the role of Treasurer.

The fiscal responsibility of the Institute includes prudent use of all our available resources in support of AIA's mission and the membership.

Taking the time today to position ourselves better for tomorrow will make the organization more adaptable to ongoing change. The office of the Treasurer can support those efforts by:

- Ensuring **alignment** between the new strategic plan in 2020 with the operations and budget planning processes;
- Identifying areas to continue to **innovate** and deliver more value with the resources we already have in place; and
- Continuing to further **transparency** of our budget and the decision-making processes of the Board in their role as fiduciary caretakers.

Together we can assure we have the tools and partners we need to grow the voice and prosperity of our membership well into the future. Let's design the AIA of the tomorrow, today.

I ask you for your support in my candidacy for Institute Treasurer.

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## **Evelyn M. Lee, AIA Continued**

### AIA National Board & Strategic Council

At-Large Board Member, 2017-19  
Planning and Finance Committee, 2018-19  
Strategic Council, 2015-16  
AIACA Regional Director, 2014  
Assoc. Representative to ExCom, 2008  
Assoc. Representative to the Board, 2007

### Young Architects Forum

Chair, 2017  
Public Relations Director, 2015-16

### National Associates Committee

Chair, 2006  
Associate Director CA, 2005

### California

Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs, 2011-12  
Vice President to the Academy for Emerging Professionals, 2005-06  
Associate Director South, 2004

### Professional

Newmark Knight Frank, Regional Managing Director  
Practice of Architecture (practiceofarchitecture.com), Founder  
MKThink, Strategy Lead  
Pubic Architecture, 1+ Program Manger  
D+D Architects, Project Manager  
WD Partners, Job Captain

### Education

Presidio Graduate School: MBA/MPA  
SCI-ARC: MArch  
Drury University: BArch

## **Candidate for 2020 First Vice President/2021 President-elect**

**Peter J. Exley, FAIA  
AIA Chicago/AIA Illinois**



### **Putting the voice of every Architect into play.**

Last year, AIA brought a group of members to engage with the US Conference of Mayors at SXSW. I spent time with Mayor Pete Buttigieg of South Bend brainstorming solutions to the challenges his community faces: affordable housing, safe schools, and infrastructure that contributes to future resilience. AIA generates public awareness of our creativity this way.

As 2021 President of the AIA, I will work to put more of our voices into play.

Civic and business leaders are primed to build and finance the resilient future Mayor Buttigieg dreams of. AIA architects belong at every table. We are respected, have success stories, and knowledge to plan and build that future.

As we like to say, a *Blueprint For Better*.

In my component, Strategic Council and Board leadership, I've connected with AIA members across the United States and beyond. We all share stories about the value we bring to the table, how our voice and the impact of our work contributes to the resilience of every community.

AIA architects have solutions ready to go. We know how to build: safer schools that encourage attendance and improve graduation rates; sustainable homes that are healthier and more comfortable; community centers that promote healthy living; and office spaces that contribute to increased productivity, happier employees, and increased profits.

It's part of my equilibrium to affirm and promote our profession. I'm ready to lead as your AIA President to bring our 94,000 voices into play. Together, we are going to get a seat at every table where our knowledge and credibility will be recognized. I invite 94,000 of us to stand with me, shoulder-to-shoulder, at those tables.

Let's put the voice of every architect into play.

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## **Peter J. Exley, FAIA Continued**

### **American Institute of Architects**

At-large Director, AIA National Board, 2017-19  
Chair, Public Outreach Committee  
Member, Government Advocacy Committee

Illinois Regional Representative; Strategic Council, 2015-16  
Liaison, Young Architects Forum

### **AIA Chicago**

President, Board of Directors, 2013  
Director, 1996, 2010-14  
Young Architects Award, 1996

### **Architecture Is Fun, Inc.**

Co-Founder and Director of Architecture, Chicago, 1994-present  
AIA Chicago Firm of the Year, 2017

### **Venturi Scott Brown & Associates**

1988-90

### **Skidmore Owings & Merrill**

1985-87

### **School of the Art Institute of Chicago**

Adjunct Professor, 1992-present

Master of Architecture, University of Pennsylvania  
BA (First Class) Architectural Studies, Newcastle University

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## Candidate for 2020 First Vice President/2021 President-elect

### Bruce W. Sekanick, FAIA AIA Eastern Ohio/AIA Ohio



The AIA has grown into an organization that promotes our values while focusing resources toward meeting the needs of members and components. Through the efforts of many, we have become more strategic and mission-focused. But what about tomorrow? Our vision, passion and commitment must continue to drive us.

Challenge to Innovate. Through design, we seek solutions for complex issues. We need to embrace and drive change that will allow our members to create new opportunities for practice. The prosperity of the profession relies on AIA continuing to connect value to design.

Be More than a Voice. Our success relies on the support and engagement of all members. As architects we listen, but our true value is through action. Our profession must use the collective voice of many to ensure we remain relevant. We need to continue to be the voice of the profession, and the voice of all members, to lead, strengthen and improve communities through architecture.

Engage our Collective Experiences. There is no substitute for experience, and I believe that together we can address upcoming challenges and embrace future opportunities. The AIA needs to reach out to develop leaders at all levels to advance our mission and expand our influence.

When you elected me in 2016 as Institute Secretary, you trusted me to help guide the path of the AIA. This successful experience has been just one part of nearly three decades of AIA leadership and service that has led me to this moment. I'm asking that you put that trust in me again to lead the Institute as your 2021 AIA President.

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## **Bruce W. Sekanick, FAIA Continued**

### **Education and Practice**

Kent State University, BS, BArch, Certificate-Urban Studies  
University of Notre Dame, Executive Certificate-Leadership/Management  
Phillips|Sekanick Architects, 1984-Present  
Axiom Architects, 2017-Present  
NAAB Visitation Team, 2018  
Master Plans Examiner, OBBS, 1994-2012

### **AIA National**

Institute Secretary 2017-18  
Core Member Services, Resolutions & Secretary's Advisory Committees  
Chair, Policy and Position Statement Committee  
Strategic Council, 2015  
Steering and Council Planning Committees  
Board of Directors, 2013-14  
Advocacy Committee, 2011-14, 2016  
Chair, ArchiPAC  
Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, 2014-15

### **AIA State/Region**

Ohio Foundation, President, 2016-Present  
Ohio President 2010; President-elect, 2009; Secretary, 2007-08  
Board/Committee Member  
Liaison, Ohio Architects Board, 2011  
Chair, Ohio Architect's PAC, 2012-16  
Chair, Ohio Convention, 1998, 2006, 2014

### **AIA Local**

President, 1995  
Secretary 1992-93  
Board/Committee Member

### **AIA Recognition**

2018 Ohio Gold Medal  
2011 Ohio Mentor Award  
2011 Ohio Presidential Citation  
2010 Eastern Ohio Gold Medal

