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2022 AIA Fellowship

Candidate Albert Fabian Zaccone
Organization Albert F. Zaccone AIA
Location North Haledon, New Jersey
Chapter AIA New Jersey; AIA Architects League of Northern New Jersey

Category of Nomination

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Summary Statement

An ardent defender and champion of architects, Albert Zaccone's advocacy strengthens lines of communication between regulatory agencies, legislative bodies, academia, AIA and the public, steadily fostering engagement on all fronts and fortifying the profession's standing.

Education

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY. 3 years, Bachelor of Architecture Degree, 1974
New York Institute of Technology, New York, NY, 4 years
Newark College of Engineering, Newark, NJ, 1 year

Licensed in:

New Jersey, 1980-present

Employment

Albert F. Zaccone, AIA, 1986-present, 35 years
Haines, Lundberg, Waehler, architecture, engineering, 1982-1986, 4.5 years
Romeo Aybar, FAIA, 1977-1982, 4.5 years
Richard B. Rivardo, AIA, 1974-1977, 3.5 years

part time

Thomas Torricelli, AIA, 1973-1974, 1 year
Katz, Waisman, Weber, Strauss, architecture, engineering, 1971- 1973, 2 years
DeSina & Pellegrino, architects, 1969, 3 months

5 October 2021

Steven Spurlock, FAIA, Chair of Fellows and 2022 Jury
The American Institute of Architects
1735 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20006-5292

Re: **Albert Fabian Zaccone, AIA , PP, CID – Nomination to The AIA College of Fellows**

Dear Steven Spurlock, FAIA, Chair and AIA Jury of Fellows:

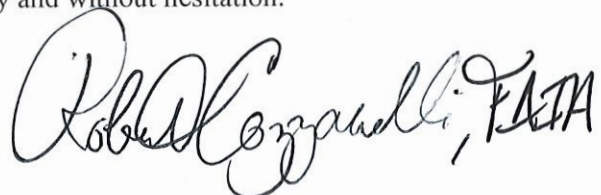
It is my honor to sponsor Albert Fabian Zaccone, AIA for elevation to the AIA College of Fellows. I have known Albert for more than 30 years as a trusted colleague, leader, mentor, and friend. Albert's remarkable leadership legacy are the fruits continual push for opening lines of communication, not just vertically through the hierarchy of AIA from local to state to national, but also horizontally, between practitioners, educators, AIA, NCARB, licensure boards and publicly. He believes, and has proven, that engagement and the sharing of information and knowledge are the foundation of strengthening and protecting the profession. His work touches all the pieces of architectural profession that interlock behind the scenes to create the regulatory structural support for architects to practice successfully. As a result, its impact is greater than the sum of its parts.

To say that he is tireless in his devotion to the profession is an understatement. As he enters his third decade of leadership, I look at the entirety of his service, to date, with respect and gratitude. During his terms as president of both AIA Architects' League of Northern New Jersey and AIA New Jersey and as chair and member of more than a dozen committees at each, he used his platforms to create outreach programs that engaged and educated the public, built coalitions with allied professions and led a successful advocacy effort to protect the architects' role in public school design statewide. From there he has gone on to serving 17 years of leadership at NCARB with two terms as chair of NCARB Region 2, which represents architects in seven state jurisdictions in the Northeast, including New Jersey, New York, and Washington, DC. Here, he built a strong pipeline for the next generation by creating a traveling Educator/Practitioner Symposium out of a need to bring academics, architects, students and regulators together to understand the value of licensure and the role of regulatory bodies in the practice of architecture. He has created a joint Regional Summit, and volunteered where the need existed, whether that was in reviewing test scores after the transition to ARE 5.0, improving NCARB governance nationally, or advancing others into leadership roles. To recognize his singular achievements, NCARB awarded him the prestigious President's Medal for Distinguished Service, and the Region 2 Member Cum Specialis award for leadership, which he adds to many accolades received from AIA-New Jersey.

I currently have the privilege of serving on the New Jersey State Board of Architects alongside Albert. He has served as its president six times since 2006, always focused on networking people. His efforts to communicate with and educate the legislature here in New Jersey have gone national at NCARB, which has adopted his reporting template for all its jurisdictions, creating a powerful, coordinated voice for architects in the face of constant attempts to erode our standing in legislatures around the country. He continues to be New Jersey's representative to NCARB and every architect in the state has benefited from his wise steadfast counsel.

Albert has distinguished himself as an honest, intelligent, respectful, and moral person, who has practiced architecture with the utmost standard of care throughout his career. I can say with certainty that his influence will be felt in the profession for generations and for that I am deeply grateful. Therefore, I humbly ask the jury to consider his elevation to The College of Fellows favorably and without hesitation.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Cozzarelli, FAIA, NCARB, PP, CID
AIA New Jersey Regional Director/Representative 2014-2016
President New Jersey State Board of Architects 2019-2020





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NCARB: Consolidating a National Infrastructure

A leader at NCARB since 2004, Albert created the first educator/practitioner symposium in Region 2 (comprising New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, DC, Virginia and West Virginia), which brought together representatives from NAAB, AIA, and NCARB as well as practitioners and students to discuss issues around licensure, education and the moral, social and economic responsibilities of the organizations as they relate to the practice of architecture. After the first symposium in Jersey City in 2016, the two-day event has rotated annually throughout the region reinforcing greater understanding among professionals and educators and building shared goals around common needs. He has likewise raised awareness of legislative issues throughout the region, combating efforts to reduce or even eliminate state licensing boards around the country by creating effective, standardized reporting for jurisdictions to articulate their value to elected officials. In addition to a decade of Region 2 leadership, he has been a vocal member of eight committees and task forces, focusing his efforts on improving continuing education programs, studying improvements to model laws to promote cohesion among jurisdictions around the country, reviewing NCARB's procedures and bylaws, and overseeing annual elections.

New Jersey State Board of Architects: Connecting the Points of Contact

Albert has served three consecutive terms on the state board – appointed by three governors from both

parties – and has led the board as the president for three terms between 2006 and 2019. He made first-time connections between the state AIA component and the state board, opening lines of communication for each entity to better understand the workings of the other and to provide mutual support. He likewise initiated a strategic plan and advocacy program to educate lawmakers about the profession and the need for licensure, which included an annual report about the board's activities provided to elected officials. That report was adopted by NCARB as a national template for use in jurisdictions around the country (see also above). A member of the joint committee of architects and engineers for the entirety of his board tenure, he has protected architects' dominion over design services and, as the conduit between the board, AIA, and New Jersey schools, has continually educated students, educators and practitioners about licensure requirements and provided for them, as well as NCARB executive members, AIA New Jersey officers and executive to be included in board meetings.

AIA New Jersey: Building Bridges

While an officer and then president at AIA New Jersey, Albert created a video that elucidated the role of architects to increase awareness of the profession by the public and government officials. As a member of the executive committee, he represented architects in an organization of design professionals that included engineers, architects, and land surveyors, building consensus to create a sense of unity among the professions and ultimately expanding the group, forming a coalition, and developing a continuing

education conference and expo. He further protected the architect's role, meeting with state officials and leading a letter writing campaign to defeat an attempt by the New Jersey State Building Authority to take control of all school design in the state.

AIA Architects' League of Northern New Jersey: Creating a Strong Foundation

As leader in various roles in the Northern New Jersey component, Albert originated and developed an exhibit for display at K-12 career days that described the evolving history of architectural design supplemented by the work of local architects. He created a design competition for young children, a mall exhibit, and accompanying brochure that highlighted architects and AIA roles in the community. He also established joint meetings with building officials on topics of code compliance, increased scholarship funding, and led the implementation of reporting complaints about illegal practice and publishing a public roster of architects registered in the state.

Albert received the 2020 NCARB Presidents Medal for Distinguished Service and the 2016 NCARB Region 2 Member Cum Specialis Award for Leadership. AIA has awarded him the 2019 AIA New Jersey Distinguished Service Award, the 2000 AIA Architects' League of Northern New Jersey Firm Award (for his sole proprietorship), and the 2000 AIA New Jersey Architect of the Year Award. From the Architects League of Northern New Jersey Albert received the 1984 Vegliante Award, the League's most prestigious honor.

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Albert Zaccone's dedication to the architectural profession has been extensive and diverse as demonstrated by his continuous leadership, initiative and creativity for over 40 years. He has advanced the awareness of the profession to the public, acted to protect it through legislative efforts, encouraged emerging professionals through innovative educational programs and brought related professional organizations together in unity.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) 2004-present

Education Committee, 2013-present

Review AIA continuing education programs and seminars for HSW credit conformance and evaluate development of professional education and delivery methods, emphasizing the integration of education, examination and experience.

AXP Audit Review Task Force, 2019

Reviewed qualifications of individuals who sought licensure without advancing through the AXP program with a deeper study of their experience through alternative experience methods.

NCARB Joint Regional Summit, Jersey City, Chair, 2017

Responsible for developing the NCARB annual Joint Regional Conference.

ARE 5.0 Cut Score Task Force, 2016–2017

Studied scores resulting from the transition of the exam to version 5.0 and suggested improvements.

Procedures and Documents Committee, 2014–2016

Reviewed NCARB's procedures for study of resolutions, methods of delivery, rules and by-laws changes.

Regional Leadership Committee, 2013–2016

Studied NCARB's direction and improvements to model laws for improved unity among jurisdictions. Charges included future event venues, visibility and NCARB recognition, improved outreach to certificate holders and increased NCARB presence at architectural schools. Reviewed resolutions submitted by Regions and member boards for conformity with the NCARB bylaws, developed programming for the Regional Summit as a forum to conduct regional business and a platform to share proposed resolutions.



*All photos by candidate except as noted



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*Albert Zaccone making a presentation at NCARB business meeting
Photo courtesy of NCARB*

Governance Task Force, 2011–2012

Reviewed organization and operation of NCARB governing body and offer improvements to regional borders and the combination or possible elimination of NCARB Regions.

Credentials Committee, 2013, 2021

Satisfy election requirements, confirm qualifications of candidates for the NCARB Board of Directors and oversee annual elections, verify delegate credentials.

NCARB REGION 2 LEADERSHIP

Region 2 comprises Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Chair, 2014–2016

Led the Region in initiating and developing programs and being the voice of the Region at the National level.

Secretary, 2011–2014

Provided and coordinated organizational activities for the Region. Work included compiling and organizing jurisdiction reports, meeting sites and activity venues.

Nominations Chair, 2010, 2018–2020

Sought to advance diverse and progressive members into leadership roles.

Region 2 Educator Symposium

Committee Member, 2018 (Drexel University), 2021 (University of Virginia)
Chair and moderator, 2016 (inaugural NYIT)

Initiated programs and events for the Region's first symposium that brings together representatives from NAAB, NCARB, AIA, practitioners, students and educators.



*NCARB Procedures and Documents Committee, 2014
Photo courtesy of NCARB*



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“Al initiated a conversation in Region 2 that resulted in NCARB establishing a work group to explore the environmental issues of all six regions of NCARB. These issues serve as a call to action for architects to advocate for measures to combat severe climate changes. NCARB is now using the results of the work group to review and change the ARE Exam and the AXP Experience Program.”

— Paul Edmeades AIA
former NCARB Region 2
Regional Director and Chair



Albert Zaccone speaks at NCARB National Regional Leadership Committee Conference
Photo courtesy of NCARB

Promoted Understanding of the Profession’s Structures: Having promoted the AXP (formerly IDP) program at architectural schools, including presenting AXP programs at the NJIT School of Architecture in 2004 through initiating Region 2s first educator symposium in 2016, Albert saw a lack of awareness of not only AXP but also of the roles of NCARB, AIA, and NAAB and the regulations governing architecture and the profession.

Albert suggested, and then created and chaired an outreach program to promote a better understanding of the function of each of these organizations, their relation to students and to the profession. He invited educator and student representatives of all the schools of architecture throughout the Region 2 jurisdictions to participate and communicate. The program brought a clearer picture of the profession to educators and their students.

Created a Rotating Educator Symposium: Region 2 established a rotating forum to NAAB accredited schools in the region, inviting professors and students to participate. Covering the New York/New Jersey area, the first forum was held in 2016 at the Manhattan campus of NYIT and in Jersey City. The 2017 program was held at Drexel University in the Pennsylvania/Delaware area with Marvin Malecha, FAIA, as keynote speaker. The next forum is planned for Virginia/West Virginia at the University of Virginia followed by a Washington, DC school for the DC/Maryland area.

Defended the Need for Licensure: In recent years, the need for licensing, reducing or even eliminating regulating boards in NCARB’s 55 jurisdictions has come under question by state legislators and even the public, posing a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public, and the protection of the built environment.

Created a Model Program to Educate Building Officials and Legislators: Albert suggested, formed and chaired COAL (Code Officials and Legislators) a Region 2 advocacy and outreach committee that developed a strategic plan to educate building officials and legislators about the architectural profession and the role of state boards and to establish and maintain communication with building officials and legislatures.

The initiative had immediate interest from jurisdictions around the country. NCARB produced media releases explaining why licensure matters in direct response to attempts by special interest groups to reduce or even eliminate state boards throughout the country. The program is slated to expand to include schools and the public. Throughout the country, each jurisdiction will present the COAL effort directly to legislators and building officials together with their state AIA component in a program similar to AIA Grassroots and legislative days. The program is funded by the Educators Symposium. Jurisdictions are currently designating board members and their executive directors to establish the delivery method for their state.

Standardized State Reporting: Albert’s work in New Jersey detailing the activities of the state board for distribution to elected officials in an annual report is being adopted by NCARB at the national level. The report includes a mission statement, board composition and regulatory requirements, reinforcing the value of regulation.



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Brought Environmental Issues into Focus: As Region 2 Chair in 2015, Albert focused on environmental impact as a nationwide concern by introducing a proposal for each region of NCARB to take the lead on addressing environmental issues in its area as a speaker at a Joint Regional Summit in 2015. NCARB initiated a committee to develop a plan for action with Albert's guest speaker at the Summit as its Chair. NCARB is continuing these efforts by maintaining its position at the forefront of environmental impact alongside other organizations, including AIA.

Promoted and Organized Joint Regional Meetings: In 2011 and 2017, NCARB held its Joint Regional Conference in Region 2 in Jersey City. As a committee member in 2011, Albert organized receptions, dinner venues, tours and other events. As Chair in 2017, he also developed general and breakout sessions, guest speakers and conference programs and promoted the event.

New Jersey State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Certified Interior Designers Member 2003-present

Appointed by Governor James McGreevy (D), 2003

Reappointed by Governor Jon Corzine (D), 2007 and Governor Chris Christie (R), 2017

President, 2006-2008, 2011-2012, 2017-2019

Applicant and Reciprocal License Review Committee, chair 2003-2006

Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers, member and former chair 2004-present

Committee of Certified Interior Designers, architect liaison 2003-2017

New Jersey Representative to NCARB, 2004-2018

Connected State Component to the State Board: Albert has encouraged AIA-NJ to appoint a liaison member to attend public sessions of board meetings and to communicate activity through AIA-NJ newsletters and website throughout his years on the state board, having served as liaison from 2000 through 2003. As board president, he also invited the AIA-NJ executive director and component officers as well as NCARB executives to public sessions for the first time, opening a direct channel between the board and AIA to address issues and understand the role of each entity. Discussions have included methods of addressing legislative initiatives, potential for change in rules and regulations, approval of a mutual agreement to accept licensure from Canada and Mexico, dangers facing the profession and improving communication to licensees using AIA as the conduit.

Initiated a Strategic Plan and Advocacy Program: To coordinate outreach efforts for legislators, building officials, schools, licensees and the public, this effort educates legislators and those interconnected with the profession of the responsibilities of the board, protects architects' purview and safety of the public and explains why licensure matters. It is implemented through coordination with NCARB. Albert also worked with the New Jersey board's executive director and staff to create its first annual report, now used by NCARB as a national prototype for jurisdictions to concisely report activities to their respective



“Albert always demonstrated a positive demeanor and desire to understand the role of the Board, improving communication with the AIA, and seek ways of how we could improve together.”

— Dr. James S. Hsu
Executive Director Emeritus,
New Jersey State Board of Architects,
Landscape Architects and Certified Interior
Designers



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“Albert has impressive leadership skills and always fosters positive Board discussions, bringing out the best in those working along with him.”

— C. Kirk
 NJ State Board of Architects
 Acting Executive Director



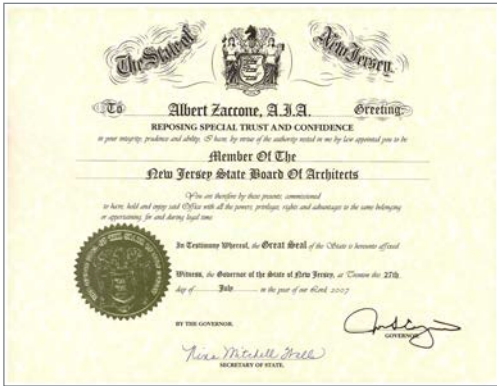
governors, legislators, building officials and licensees. The report can be uploaded to the board’s website, providing NCARB a public-facing platform highlighting its critical role in the profession.

Secured Additional Licensing for Architects: In 2003, New Jersey law required certification of interior designers who were regulated as part of the Board of Architects and Landscape Architects. Albert volunteered to assist in establishing regulations for this new component of the board that would allow architects to be grandfathered in for certification. The new regulations were written accordingly and introduced and currently registered architects would be grandfathered in as certified interior designers but all other applicants would be required to present documentation. As a result all architects who applied received interior design certification in the state.

Protected Architects’ Design Services: For his entire tenure on the board, Albert has served on the joint committee of the architects’ and the engineers’ boards, which determines which profession may practice design of specific building types in accordance with the state’s building design services act.

Prior to NCARB moving to the 4.0 ARE in 2008, engineers were required to only take the portions of the exam pertaining to design to obtain an architectural license. Albert took a test exam and determined that design was now interwoven throughout all portions of the ARE and that, consequently, engineers should be required to take the entire exam. He reported these findings and built consensus among committee members. The joint committee reported out the decision to their respective boards and the policy was changed to require engineers to sit for the entire exam in order to provide design services.

Advocated for Broader Representation on the State Board: At AIA New Jersey annual meetings with the state director of consumer affairs and with AIA-NJ executives, Albert has pushed for diversity in gubernatorial appointments that better reflect the changing make-up of the profession.



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“I have worked with AI for over 30 years in varying leadership positions in AIA New Jersey and as a member of the New Jersey State Board of Architects. In every position, AI seeks to promote the profession, educate the public in the value and need for architects in the build community and ensure the highest ethical standards of the members.”

— Joseph Simonetta
Hon. AIA, Executive Director
AIA New Jersey



AIA New Jersey 1990-2000

- President, 1999
- President Elect, 1998
- Vice President, 1992, 1997
- Treasurer, 1991
- Secretary, 1990
- Board of Directors, 1990–1995, 1997–2000

Committees included:

- AIA-NJ Liaison to the State Board of Architects, 2000-2003
- Long Range Planning Chair, 1999-2000
- Executive Committee Chair, 1999
- Member, 1990-1992, 1997-2000
- Coalition of Design Professionals, 1997-2001
- State Convention Chair, 1995
- Public Awareness, 1993-1994
- Historic Preservation, 1992-1993
- Budget and Finance Chair, 1991-1992
- Handbook Chair (5 years)

Lifted the Profession’s Public Profile: Albert took the initiative to create a video “The Value of the Architect,” which promoted architects and their role in the built environment. He developed the film’s concept, identified the target demographic, and secured funding and firm participation. The video was distributed to schools, building officials and legislators.

Expanded Academic Participation: Albert convinced Princeton University, long absent in AIA activities, to host an AIA New Jersey’s Design Day event. The full-day program allowed architects to better understand the Princeton architectural program, use the expansive campus for its educational design syllabus and honor New Jersey architects for their design achievements.

Included Adjunct Organizations: Albert volunteered act as the architect representative to CEALS, an organization of design professionals that included engineers, architects and land surveyors. He increased participation to include municipal engineers, planners and landscape architects. This led to the development of the Coalition of Design Professionals. Culminating this joint alliance was the first CDP conference on continuing education round tables, seminars and displays and, with Albert’s encouragement and leadership, all of the organizations participated in this ground breaking event.

Protected the Architects’ Role in School Design: In 1999, the New Jersey State Building Authority attempted to take full control of the design and construction process in school districts, severely limiting the architects’ role in the design process, the selection of materials and relinquish ownership of documents under the plan. Albert gathered AIA-NJ legislative and government affairs resources and firms specializing in school design to bring awareness to legislators of the adverse effect of such an action. He met with state officials and initiated a letter writing campaign outlining the detrimental effect of restrictive selection oversight and design involvement. As a result, the SBA abandoned the effort.

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AIA Architects League of Northern New Jersey 1980-1990

- President, 1989
- President Elect, 1988
- Vice President, 1986-1987
- Treasurer, 1984-1985
- Board of Directors, 1981-1983

Committees included:

- *Long Range Planning, Executive Committee, 1984-1990*
- *Budget and Finance Chair, 1984-1985*
- *Program and Events Chair, 1982-1986*
- *Public Awareness Chair, 1981-1987*
- *Permanent Exhibit Chair, 1981-1985*
- *Careers Day Committee, 1980-1984*

Expanded Outreach to the Public: Throughout his terms as Architects' League president, officer, director and committee chair Albert expanded outreach to schools, building officials and the public across several platforms. He introduced joint meetings with the local chapter of building officials to engage with common issues faced by officials and architects and improved communications through code seminars, clearer identification of key code elements on drawings and consistency of code reviews. He also initiated, organized and developed a permanent exhibit of the history of architectural design for Career Day in K-12 grade schools as well as displays in shopping malls and other public venues. Committee members used the exhibition as a common and consistent teaching tool at schools.

Engaged Children to Think about the Built Environment: Albert created the "Ideal Home" competition for children ages 5 through 12, awarding gift certificates for different grade levels. Making it the focal point of the interactive mall exhibit on architecture, it exposed children and their parents to the value of architecture. Albert also formed a committee to develop a marketing brochure delineating an architect's services for distribution to the public and building officials. The brochure included AIA member firms and highlighted the League's role in the community.



Architects League permanent display and "Ideal Home" competition



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*New Jersey Herald & News, Dec. 1989:
Albert Zaccone, president, and Robert Zaccone,
vice president, of the Architects League of North-
ern NJ congratulate Brian Manthey of Wayne on
receiving a scholarship grant.*

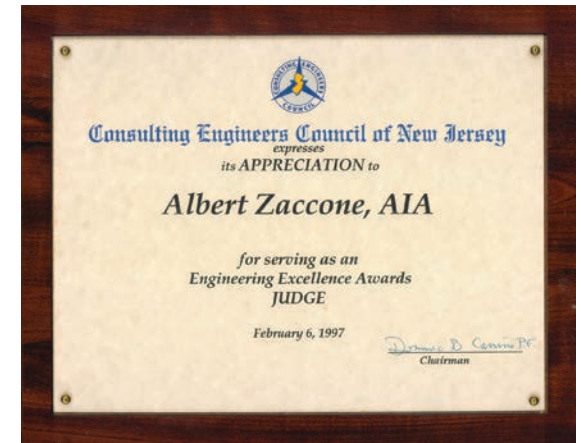
Opened Lines of Communication Between Architects and Building Officials: Albert established joint meetings between AIA and the local building officials to share concerns for code compliance, foster a more efficient review process, and learn from speakers, including state officials. He has supplemented the ongoing program with joint code seminars.

Increased Scholarship Funding: For years, the Architects' League Scholarship Fund hovered at approximately \$1500 annually with an average scholarship of \$500. Very few applications were received. Albert promoted the fund with posters displayed in architectural schools in the New York metropolitan area and used advertising to increase exposure and reach parents. He changed the format of several monthly meetings to include fundraising from product manufacturer exhibits. The fund and number of applicants increased exponentially. The vendor exhibit concept has expanded into an annual program that includes two AIA sections, offers continuing education seminars, as well as vendor exhibits. Albert also organized a music program with the New Jersey Pops orchestra, with proceeds going directly toward scholarship grants.

Safeguarded the Profession: Albert appeared before the New Jersey Board of Architects in the mid and late 1980s to urge reporting and action on illegal practice of and advertising for architectural services. He encouraged the board to update its roster of registered architects, statutes and regulations. As a result, the League and the board implemented a method for filing complaints, and pressure on state appropriations led to the release of funds for publishing an updated roster. The publication was distributed to licensees and building departments to assist construction officials in verifying licensed architects.

JURIES

- AIA Long Island Chapter Awards, 2017
- Architectural Program Student Design Competition, Bergen Community College, 2002
- New Good Neighbor Awards, NJ Business & Industry Association, 1999
- 36th Annual New Jersey Concrete Design Awards, 1999
- Masonry Institute Golden Trowel Awards, 1999
- New Jersey Chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies design awards, 1997-2006



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ridgefield Park Historic Preservation Commission

First Chairman, 1996-2004

Development guidelines, 1996-2003

Representative to the New Jersey State Master Plan, 1984

The haphazard development of the downtown section of Main Street in the Village of Ridgefield Park demonstrated a lack of thought and consistency. The Board of Commissioners established an Historic Preservation Commission and hired a consultant to work on development guidelines. As inaugural chairman, Albert led the effort to create a Historic Preservation District and guidelines to assist in structured development that conserves the character of the central business district. He established guidelines for color schemes, materials and maintenance improvements that remain a standard for the town today. He applied the intent of the guidelines equally for the steady improvement of the village's primary commercial district.

Albert also represented the Village on the New Jersey State Master Plan program, which established statewide planning objectives in land use, housing, economic development, transportation, natural resource conservation, recreation, redevelopment and historic preservation. Through his efforts Ridgefield Park achieved designation as a high tier, smart growth area thanks to its strategic location with highway access, proximity to New York City, and establishment of open area.

Bergen County Historic Advisory Board, Vice Chair, 1999-2003

This board establishes historic preservation policy and oversees the operation of historic sites and facilities. The board also recommends funding for the Historic Preservation Trust Fund component of the Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund, reviews construction and development applications that may impact historic sites and provides technical assistance on historic preservation. As vice chair, Albert identified, historic sites and dedicated funding for restoration programs to restore vitality and utilization. He specifically targeted abandoned park sites and 18th century Dutch colonial homes that had fallen into disrepair for rehabilitation.

- Ridgefield Park Planning Board, member, **1984-1991**
- North Haledon, Passaic County, Planning Board, member, **2004**
- Ridgefield Park Revitalization Committee, member, **1999-2002**
- Ridgefield Park Businesses Committee, chair, **2002**
- New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Code Advisory Board Task Force , **2001-2012**
- Bergen/Passaic Municipal Inspectors Association, associate member, **1989-2005**



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2.2: AWARDS, HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Professional Honors

NATIONAL

2020 NCARB Presidents Medal for Distinguished Service

Albert is only the second person from New Jersey to receive this award, which is the Council's highest honor and recognizes individuals who have dedicated a large part of their careers, energy, and wisdom to benefit the work of NCARB, the public, and the profession.

REGIONAL

2016 NCARB Region 2 Member Cum Specialis Award for Leadership

This award recognizes advancement of the profession and professional excellence through leadership of Region 2 of NCARB including the jurisdictions of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

AIA NEW JERSEY

2019 Distinguished Service Award

This award recognizes individuals who have made demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession.

AIA NEW JERSEY

2000 Architect of the Year Award

Recognizes individuals who have made demonstrated exceptional leadership and made significant contributions to the architecture profession.

ARCHITECTS LEAGUE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

2000 Firm Award

Presented for outstanding work, commitment and service to the profession and the League.

ARCHITECTS LEAGUE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

1984 Vegliante Award

Awarded to a League member who has distinguished him/herself during the preceding year in the architectural world.

ARCHITECTS LEAGUE OF NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

1981, 1982, 1983 Directors Award

Awarded to a League member in recognition to the profession for the past year.



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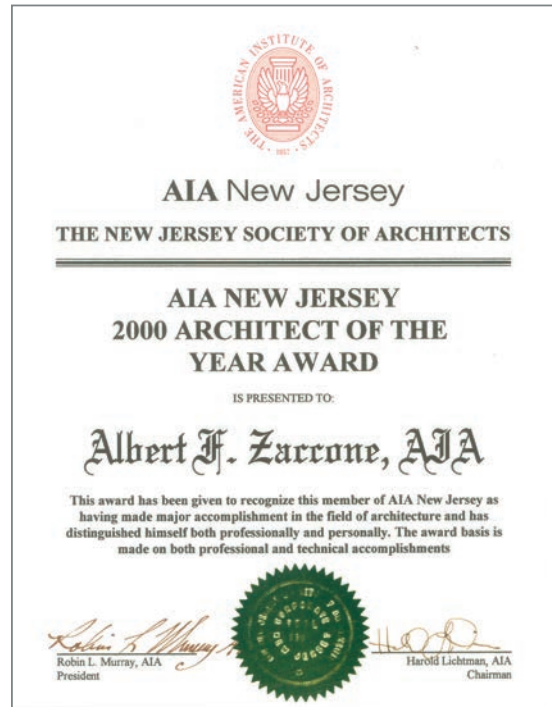


Citizen Honors

1976 First Prize for black and white drawing, New Jersey Mayor's Cultural Council

1974 Outstanding Young Men of America

1967 VFW Post 850 Good Citizenship Award



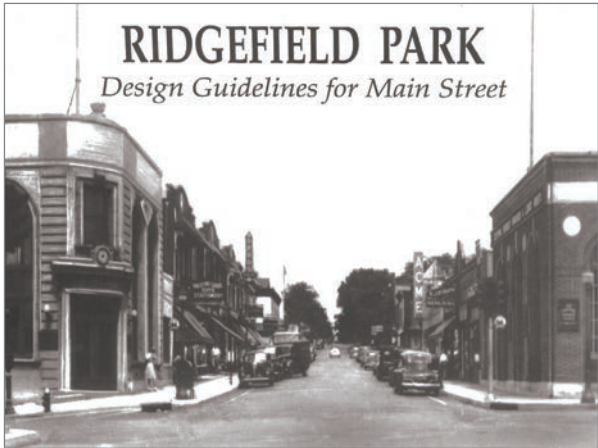
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2.3: PUBLICATIONS



Design New Jersey magazine, cover feature, Indoor Pools- "Swimming Lessons", Franklin Lakes, 2001

Publications

- Better Homes and Gardens, Special Interest Publications, Remodeling- "Time Traveler", Summit, 2010
- The Record newspaper, Real Estate, "Architects' Homes", North Haledon, NJ, 2010
- Design New Jersey magazine, cover feature, Indoor Pools- "Swimming Lessons", Franklin Lakes, 2001
- Record newspaper, Homescape, "Artful Addition", Ridgewood, NJ, 1997
- Architecture New Jersey, Additions and Alterations, "Private Residence", Ridgfield Park, NJ, 1990



Lectures, Articles

- Moderator at NCARB Joint Regional Summit, Jersey City, NJ, 2017
- Moderator and Facilitator at NCARB Region 2 Educator Symposium, New York Institute of Technology, promoting understanding of the profession to emerging professionals and educators, 2016
- "Sprucing Up Main Street", article from "The Patriot" newspaper, 2008, on the Ridgfield Park Historic Preservation Committee.
- "Ridgfield Park Harks Back While It Marches Ahead", article from "The Record" newspaper, 2003, on the Ridgfield Park Historic Preservation Committee.
- Guest lecturer at Ramapo University, Mahwah, NJ, on Renaissance Architecture and its influence on modern design 1997-1999
- "Putting an Office in the Home", article from "The Record" newspaper, 1993.
- "Designing a Turf War", article from "The Record" newspaper, 1991. Safety cost of remodeling at issue as architects bid to rein in builders.
- Contributing article writer to Architecture New Jersey magazine on the practice of "Illegal Architecture", 1990



Record newspaper, "Designing a Turf War", 1991



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Albert Zaccone hand rendered sketch studies



AIA-NJ 1999 President Statue



“We must make our architectural students, schools, the public and our legislators more aware of what we do as a Board and why.”

— Albert Zaccone

1. NCARB: Region 2 Educator Symposium | 2016, 2018, 2022 Promoting Understanding of the Profession to Emerging Professionals and Educators

Chair and moderator, 2016 (inaugural NYIT)
Committee Member, 2018 (Drexel University), 2022 (University of Virginia)

Challenge Despite NCARB’s years of promoting the IDP (AXP) program at architectural schools, a general lack of awareness persisted, not only of program, but also NCARB, the AIA, NAAB and the regulations governing architecture. Additionally, the roles of each entity were not clearly understood.

Role and Action Albert suggested, created, and chaired an outreach program to promote a better understanding of the function of each of these organizations, and their benefit to students and the profession. Interactions with schools would also bring a clearer picture of the of current state of the profession to the educators who could then disseminate information to their students. This took the shape of a forum that would rotate throughout NAAB-accredited campuses in cities in Region 2 (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, DC, Virginia and West Virginia). Albert chaired the first event, organizing venues, accommodations, and tours, setting the agenda, and inviting speakers and attendees. He has served on the committee organizing subsequent events in Pennsylvania and the upcoming even at the University of Virginia.

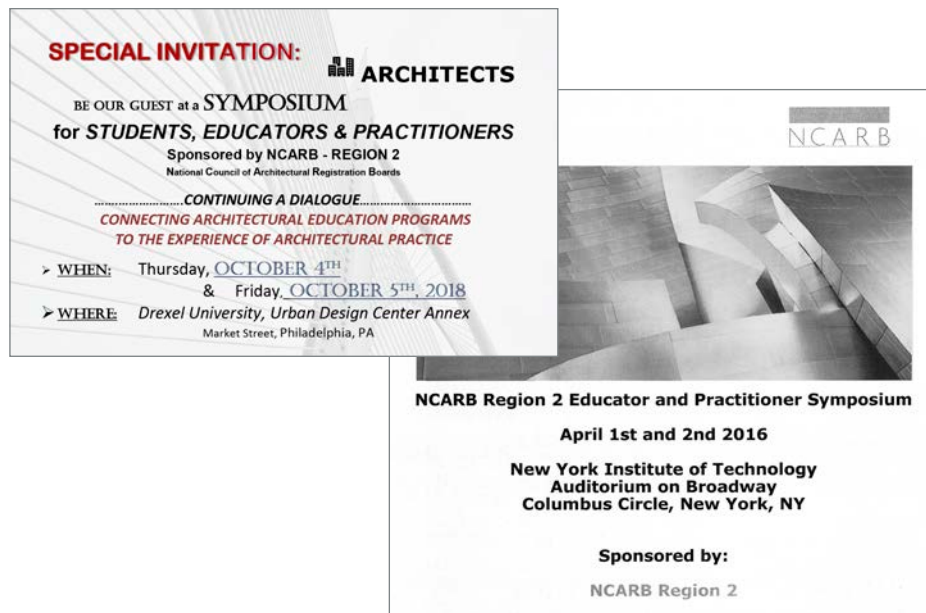
Outcome Covering the NY/NJ area, the first forum was held at the Manhattan campus of NYIT and in Jersey City in 2016. The second program was held at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Attendees received an introduction into Drexel’s success of the IPAL program, with the late Marvin Malecha, FAIA as keynote speaker. The initiative also provided information about NCARB that helped jurisdictions understand the need for NCARB dues, further strengthening both NCARB’s position and their interactions with members.

Declaration of Responsibility

I have personal knowledge of the nominee’s responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included:

Creation/leadership of the Region 2 Educator/Practitioner Summit (later known as Educator Symposium)

John Sorrenti, FAIA
NCARB Region2 , Past Regional Director
Region 2 Executive Committee, Program Committee Member.



“Mr. Zaccone has initiated efforts at increasing the national conversation surrounding the roles architects play. His efforts have resulted in additional conversations between regulators, building code officials and legislators, all of whom have a stake in ensuring public protection”

— Robert Lopez, RA, Executive Secretary, NY State Board of Architects

2. NCARB: Region 2 Leadership | 2010-2018
Advocacy and Outreach to Secure Strength of State Licensing Boards
 Chair, 2014–2016
 Secretary, 2011–2014
 Nominations Chair, 2010, 2018–2020

Challenge In recent years, the profession has incurred increasing attacks questioning the need for licensure and in some jurisdictions, the reduction or even elimination of state licensing boards. Throughout the country, legislators and the public were increasingly uninformed about the critical role of state boards in securing the health, safety and welfare of the public, and the protection of the built environment.

Role and Action Albert suggested, formed, and chaired a Region 2 committee to create an advocacy and outreach program to bring an education of the roles of architectural licensing boards to code officials and legislators (COAL). Understanding a need for regional action capable of expanding into a national movement, Zaccone spearheaded the program developing a committee calling for jurisdictions to form a united effort to educate legislators and code officials on the reason for responsible regulations and reinforce the need for architectural boards.

Outcome The initiative brought immediate interest throughout the Region’s jurisdictions and the effort has been dovetailed by NCARB to be made available to all its 55 jurisdictions. This has helped to combat the attempts for special interest groups to reduce or even eliminate state boards around the country. Each jurisdiction will present their specific effort directly to their legislators and building officials in joint venture with their state AIA Chapter, in a similar fashion as AIA Grassroots and legislative days as suggested by Zaccone and approved by the Region. The program is funding on alternate years of the Educators Symposium.

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 NCARB Region 2 Leadership

Philip Leinbach, AIA
 NCARB Region2, Regional Director
 Region 2 Executive Committee,
 Committee Member



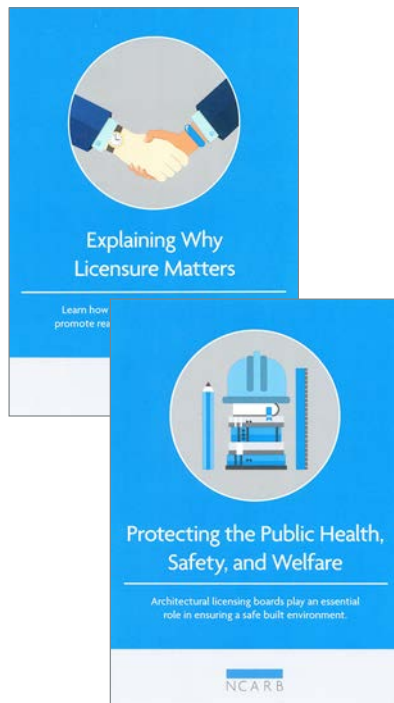
NCARB Regional Summit 2017
 Photos courtesy of NCARB



“Albert initiated, and produced, numerous initiatives of proactive efforts to increase communication and awareness for the profession.”

— Leon W. Lewis

Member Board Executive,
District of Columbia Board of Architecture,
Landscape Architecture and Interior Design



3. NCARB: Legislative Issues | 2004-2018
Finding Common Ground and Creating Shared Goals

Region 2 Chair, 2014–2016
Region 2 Secretary, 2011–2014
New Jersey State Board Representative to NCARB, 2004–2018

Challenge Regular communication with lawmakers about the role of state licensing boards was often ineffective or inconsistent, leading to miscommunication and misunderstanding, as well as opportunities for special interest groups to chip away at architects’ sphere of influence and professional standing.

Role and Action Albert created an annual reporting format for New Jersey, detailing the activities of the state board for distribution to the governor and legislators. He then worked with NCARB to expand the format into a standardized tool to be used by all jurisdictions to communicate their activities and value to elected officials in their state.

Outcome With an annual report that includes a mission statement, Board composition and regulatory requirements, the report reinforces the need for regulation and the actions taken by the Board including, but not limited to, regular updates on licensees, disciplinary actions, position statements on proposed legislation affecting the profession, Board composition and cross pollination of information with other design professions such as engineers. Zaccone is continually working with NCARB’s national efforts to form a cohesive educational program to inform the board’s role in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public

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I have personal knowledge of the nominee’s responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included:
Leadership in addressing legislative issues

Paul Edmeades, AIA
NCARB Region2 , Past Regional Director
Region 2 Executive Committee, Program Committee Member



NCARB Regional Summit 2018
Photo courtesy of NCARB



4. New Jersey State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Certified Interior Designers Connecting the Points of Contact

Member, 2003-present

Appointed by Governor James McGreevy (D), 2003

Reappointed by Governor Jon Corzine (D), 2007 and Governor Chris Christie (R), 2017

President, 2006 -2008, 2011-2012, 2017-2019

Applicant and Reciprocal License Review Committee, chair 2003-2006

Joint Committee of Architects and Engineers, member, and former chair 2004-present

Committee of Certified Interior Designers, architect liaison 2003-2017

New Jersey Representative to NCARB, 2004-2018

Challenge The New Jersey state board and AIA New Jersey leader and members had little connection, leading to legislative issues, regulatory updates and board actions not being communicated to AIA members. As a result, architects in the state missed opportunities to advocate for the profession and build relationships with lawmakers and there was no understanding of how New Jersey fit into the current national conversation around regulation, practice, and licensing issues.

Role and Action Albert encouraged AIA New Jersey to appoint a liaison member to attend public sessions of state board meetings to act as a conduit and ensure issues of concern were addressed. Albert also invited the AIA New Jersey executive director and officers to public sessions on to communicate issues on state legislation, regulation updates and board actions. He was also the first member of the state board to invite executives of NCARB and AIA New Jersey to attend public board meetings to share ideas for improved communication and education. He initiated a strategic plan and advocacy program to improve the direction of the board and coordinate outreach efforts for legislators, building officials, the public, schools, and licensees. Albert volunteered appointment to assist in establishing regulations for the certification of interior designers who had been added to the purview of the board and when NCARB moved to the 4.0 ARE, advocated for engineers to be required to take the entire exam to obtain design certification. For some time, Albert has pushed for broader representation on the state board and stressed the need for diversity in gubernatorial appointments to better reflect the changing make-up of the profession.

Outcome The Board of Architects and the State AIA component have created a better vehicle for the conduit of information and activity affecting the licensees in New Jersey. Board news and updates are now shared through AIA-NJ newsletters and social media, as well as regular reports on the state board reports. The board also now speaks directly to AIA to address issues and seek positive resolutions, with a clear understanding of each entity's role in the profession. Albert initiated the board's first annual report, now used by NCARB as a national prototype for jurisdictions to concisely report activities to their respective governors, legislators, building officials and licensees. The report can also be uploaded to a board's website for public view. NCARB and the New Jersey state board have come together to discuss methods of addressing legislative initiatives, potential for change in rules and regulations, and the approval of a mutual agreement to accept licensure from Canada and Mexico.



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I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included:
Improving communication between the New Jersey State Board, AIA, and NCARB

Charles Kirk

Acting Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Architects

Personal knowledge of continuing contributions toward advancing communication



NCARB meeting 2019
Photo courtesy of NCARB



Region 2 meeting 2019
Photo courtesy of NCARB

5. AIA New Jersey | 1990-2000

Building Bridges

President, 1999

President Elect, 1998

Vice President, 1992, 1997

Treasurer, 1991

Secretary, 1990

Board of Directors, 1990–1995, 1997–2000



Challenge During his tenure as member of the executive committee and president of AIA New Jersey at a time when architects had largely fallen out of the public eye, Albert focused on engaging the public, as well as elected officials and community leaders in a larger conversation about the role and value of architects in the community.

Role and Action Albert created “The Value of the Architect,” a video promoting the profession and the significance of the built environment. He developed the concept, identified the target market, and secured funding and firm participation. He also reached out to architectural schools to encourage participation in AIA events, including convincing Princeton University – long absent from AIA activities – to host an AIA New Jersey Design Day event. Albert volunteered to be the architect representative to CEALS, an organization of design professionals that included engineers, architects, and land surveyors, eventually increasing participation to include municipal engineers, planners, and landscape architects, and re-establishing the group as the Coalition of Design Professionals (CDP).

Outcome The video he produced was distributed to schools, building officials and legislators. He also helped develop the first CDP conference with continuing education round tables, seminars and displays. With Albert’s encouragement, all member groups participated in this original ground breaking event. Through his efforts, AIA-New Jersey received an award from The AIA for Overall Government Affairs Operation.

Overall Government Affairs Operation

- AIA New Jersey, for the chapter’s thorough and consistent monitoring of statewide legislative issues affecting the practice of architecture.

The New Jersey six (left to right): James Gatsch, AIA; Ronald P. Bertone, FAIA; Robin Murray, AIA; Michael G. Soriano, AIA; Harold Lichtman, AIA; and Albert F. Zaccone, AIA.



AIA-NJ newsletter

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Jerome Eben, FAIA

Past Regional Director and President, AIA-NJ

AIA-NJ Executive Committee



6. AIA Architects' League of Northern New Jersey | 1981-1989

Creating a Strong Foundation and Promoting the Profession Through Public Outreach

President, 1989

President Elect, 1988

Vice President, 1986–1987

Treasurer, 1984–1985

Board of Directors, 1981–1983

Challenge As president, officer, director and committee chair of his local component, Albert focused on expanding outreach to schools, building officials and the public. Although a Careers Day committee existed, it lacked a consistent platform for its volunteers to present to schools and organizations. Albert wanted a more creative method of attracting the public and created an exhibit that better illustrated the profession and the functions of an architectural office. The component also has limited and strained communication between architects and local construction officials. In addition, its scholarship fund hovered at approximately \$1500 annually with an average scholarship of only \$500 and very few applications received.

Role and Action Albert initiated, organized and developed a permanent exhibit of architectural work for an aide for Career Day in K-12 grade schools as well as exhibit displays in shopping malls and other public venues. The exhibit reflected the history of architectural design, which could be expanded to fit the role of the presenter and audience. Having the permanent display a part of the League's portfolio, Albert expanded this effort by creating, initiating and developing an "Ideal Home" competition at local malls for children ages 5 through 12, awarding gift certificates for different grade levels. In reaching out his advocacy to related organizations, Albert improved communication about the profession by initiating joint meetings with the local building official association to improve concerns for code compliance and a more efficient review process. Additionally, Albert expanded the scholarship program and increased scholarship amounts through outreach directly to schools and through newspaper ads directed to parents. Further Albert changed the set up of monthly League meetings to include charging exhibitors for their product table display and have the program directed toward the education of the products. All exhibit revenues went directly toward the League's scholarship foundation.

Outcome The development of the permanent exhibit created a more organized vehicle for presentations and a valuable aid for the volunteer base, by providing materials to enlighten students of the impact architects have on the built environment. By including identifiable structures from Stonehenge to present day, the exhibit helped students relate beyond the abstract. Displaying the exhibit at local malls exposed children and their parents to the values of architecture. The display became a focal point with interactive participation by children, parents, architects and shoppers. To further promote the visibility of architecture, Albert formed a committee to develop a marketing brochure on the services of an architect for distribution to the public and building officials, which described the process of working with an architect, the creation of a design and development of construction documents, and the architect's role in the community. The resulting improved relationship between architects and code officials is supplemented by joint code seminars. The scholarship fund and applications increased in number and amount. Albert's concept of the vendor exhibit has expanded into annual program that includes two AIA sections, offers continuing education seminars, and vendor exhibits nearing 100.



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Leadership in AIA- Architects League of Northern New Jersey

Martin Santini, FAIA

Past President, AIA- Architects League of Northern New Jersey

AIA-Architects League of Northern New Jersey Executive Committee



Architects League permanent display and "Ideal Home" competition



2001



2004

7. Private Residence, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Completed 2002

Credits- Architect, Interior Design- Albert F. Zaccone AIA
Albert Zaccone responsible for all design, construction documents, construction administration and interior design.

Challenge Presented with a stock plan single family home in an exclusive neighborhood, the owner, an executive vice president with an international communications company, wanted a complete makeover of his home for entertainment and social gatherings. The original home was a basic box with an unfinished basement.

Role and Action Albert developed a design that would become a showcase for his clients' needs for the enjoyment of his family, company employees and peers. An indoor pool was designed for year-round use, securing a variance approval before a difficult local zoning board. By supervising the project during construction, Albert was involved in the detail of the work, from the remote pool operation to proper material selection to humidity isolation control.

Outcome Ventilation and temperature control were critical considerations as was the challenge of properly isolating the house from the pool area, which was addressed by designing interlocking connecting ante-rooms. The project also converted an unfinished basement into a bar, play area, entertainment center, 1100 bottle conditioned wine cellar, billiard room and theater. Additional alterations included architectural and interior design features that included redesign of nearly the entire house.

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I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included:
All project design and construction administration.

Frank Ianna, owner



2004



2008





This project is highlighted due to its complexity. The original material was a single 2 ¼" complete exterior/ window/ insulation/ interior panel. As all HV, asbestos incorporated cabinetry and electrical work was attached to the interior of the panels, a design solution to construct a new exterior facade, new windows and insulation without affecting the interior surface was achieved.

2010



8. Educational Design

Jr./Sr. High School, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Completed 2012

Credits- Architect- Albert F. Zaccone AIA

Albert Zaccone responsible for all design, construction documents and contract administration.

Challenge Albert worked with a long-time client to correct a deteriorating, 50 year old school building with leaking windows, separating wall panels and severely deficient energy efficiency. The original exterior walls were a single 2 ¼" complete exterior/ window/ insulation/ interior panel. Interior finishes had to remain in place.

Role and Action All heating and ventilating units, asbestos incorporated cabinetry and electrical work were attached to the interior of the panels. Albert devised a solution to construct a new exterior façade, new windows and insulation without affecting the interior surface. The design maintained the original panels, cut out the window units from the panels, attached a frame to the exterior and placed new finished panels with an insulated back-up as a veneer in school colors.

Outcome The complex project solution had to maintain the interior of the panels while completely changing the exterior appearance and efficiency. The design solution saved the owner a substantial cost as the original heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing work was not affected by the alteration.

Declaration of Responsibility

I have personal knowledge of the nominee's responsibility for the exhibit listed above. That responsibility included: All design work, preparation of construction documents and contract administration.

Matthew Paladino
Former Business Administrator
Ridgefield Park Public Schools



Photo by Kareem Hamdi



Photo by Kareem Hamdi



Roosevelt School, Ridgefield Park, NJ. Completed 2013

Credits- Architect- Albert F. Zaccone AIA

Albert Zaccone responsible for all design, construction documents and contract administration.

Challenge A grade school constructed in 1923 included an indoor pool that had been abandoned by the 1980s and used as a storage pit for discarded equipment and furniture. The school itself was experiencing an increase in enrollment, which resulted in the gymnasium doubling as an auditorium and cafeteria. Scheduling had become increasingly difficult.

Role and Action Albert suggested to the Board of Education that the pool be abandoned, its contents removed, the floor leveled and, as the space was adjacent to the gymnasium, using the space as a separate cafeteria that could be opened to the gym for larger auditorium functions.

Outcome The project was of particular interest as was an adaptive reuse of an abandoned space. The former pool/storage space became an accessible sky-lit cafeteria with the capability of providing student lunches while maintaining the adjacent gymnasium for sport, alleviating overcrowding and scheduling issues. The solution also provided handicapped accessibility to that level of the school, which had been previously unavailable.

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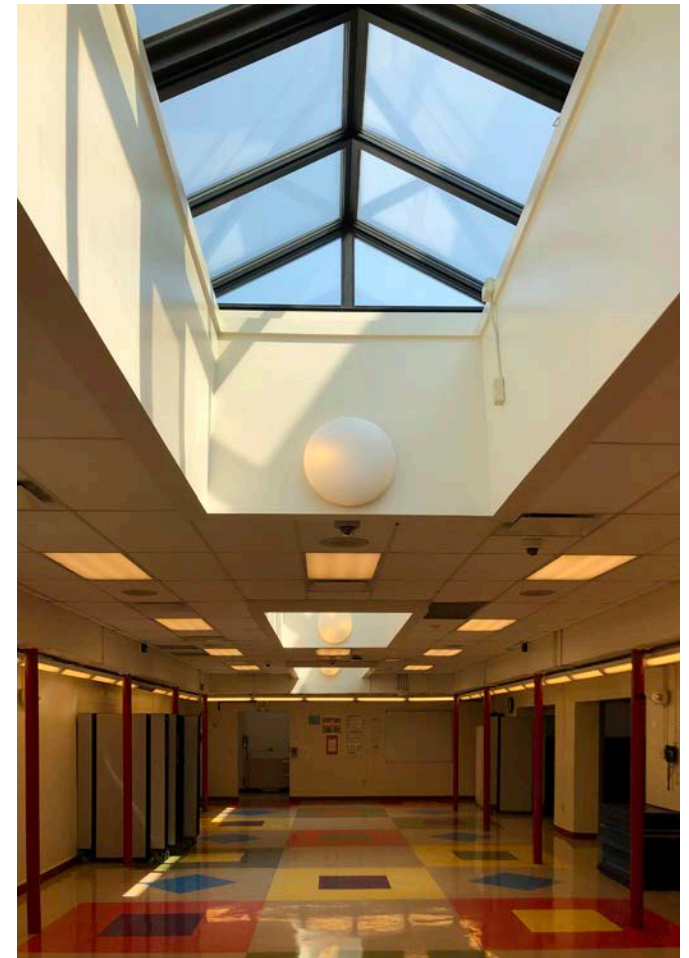
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All design work, preparation of construction documents and contract administration.

Matthew Paladino
Former Business Administrator
Ridgefield Park Public Schools



This project is of interest as it was an adaptive reuse of an abandoned school pool, used for 15 years as a collector of discarded furniture and equipment. Its new purpose was a sky lit cafeteria, allowing its adjacent gym to be reclaimed as a standalone for students.



2010

