



2022 Candidates

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Booklet)***

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8. 2022 Candidate Information

Candidate Declaration

The AIA Secretary shall establish the validity of all declared nominations. The following members announced their candidacy by the declaration deadline of February 14, 2022, and were certified by April 11, 2022.

2023-2025 At-large Director

Illya Azaroff, FAIA (AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York State)
Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA (AIA Rhode Island)

2023-2024 Secretary

Thomas A. Liebel, FAIA (AIA Baltimore/AIA Maryland)
Britt Lindberg, FAIA (AIA Silicon Valley/AIA California)

2023 First VP/2024 President

Kimberly N. Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC (AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York State)
Evelyn M. Lee, FAIA, NOMA (AIA San Francisco/AIA California)

The candidates' statements of philosophy and biographies are provided on the following pages.

Candidate for 2023-2025 At-large Director

Illya Azaroff, FAIA AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York State



Standup - Action!

Unprecedented disruption requires unprecedented action.

Now more than ever, architects must be agents of change, audaciously shaping the future of our post-COVID cities, acting on the climate crisis, and reimagining our environments to create and sustain resilience. We can, and we must, harness the AIA's 95,000 members to actively shape policy. Our capacity to tackle today's complex challenges must be linked to a strategic allocation of AIA resources, member support and action focused on powerful solutions. www.IllyaAzaroffCandidate.com

Climate migration

People are on the move. Global warming and extreme weather, resource stresses, and political instability are driving huge migrations across the world - 2021 events alone displaced 79 million people. Architects can prepare receiving communities and facilitate adaptation to a hotter, wetter world.

Emerging Systems

We know that we cannot go back to the way it was before. The COVID pandemic laid bare the fragile, ineffective, and inequitable systems of our cities and nations. Architect-led new and innovative systems that are emerging, catalyzing national and global change.

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Illya Azaroff, FAIA

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AIA

2021-2022, AIA New York State (AIANYS) Immediate Past President;
AIANYS President
2020-present, Chair, AIANYS/AIA New York City (AIANY) Unified Crisis Task Force
2015-2018, AIA National Strategic Council, New York Regional Representative
2017-2022, AIANYS Disaster Assistance Co-Coordinator
2019, AIA Houston, Visions 2020 Advisor
2011-2016, Young Architects Forum (YAF), YARD; National Advocacy Director
2013-2018, AIANY Board of Directors, VP for Design Excellence
2012-2014, Co-Chair, AIA Regional Recovery Working Group (AIANYS, AIANY, AIANJ, AIARI, AIACT)
2011-2021, AIANY Founding Co-Chair, Design for Risk & Reconstruction Committee (DfRR)

Current Work

Founding Principal, +LAB Architect NYC, 2009-present
Associate Professor, CUNY/New York City College of Technology 2008-present

Education

M.Arch., B.Arch., Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, 1997
BSAS-Architecture, BA-Geography, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 1992
National Disaster Preparedness Training Center (NDPTC), Certified Trainer (FEMA)
Cal-EMA Safety Assessment Program, Certified Trainer

Service

2021-present, New York State Governor's Climate Impact Assessment Team
2019-present, U.S. Department of State Subject Matter Expert (SME)
2019-2021 Appointed, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)'s Resilient Housing Task Force
2018-2019 Enterprise Community Partners/Puerto Rico, *Keep Safe: A Guide to Resilient Housing for Island Communities*
2019-2020 NYC Mayor's Office of Climate Resilience (MOCR)'s Technical Advisor
2018-present, Director, Kalinago Institute for Global Resilience & Regeneration (KIGRR), Dominica
2018-present, HHS - SME, U.S. Virgin Islands Hazard Mitigation Plan
2015-2016, SME, 100 Resilient Cities, Rockefeller Foundation
2015-2016, Advisor, National Disaster Recovery Framework (NDRF)'s Assistant Secretary for Preparedness & Response (ASPR)

Candidate for 2023-2025 At-large Director

Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA AIA Rhode Island



ECOLOGY ***a guiding framework***

The first premise is that we, the AIA, operate in and as an ecology. I speak of ecology holistically, from its smallest part to its largest, all-encompassing component - be it the physical of our lands/waters/architecture/urbanism - to the ideas, initiatives in education/economics/social programs, or simply how people, organizations, and businesses honor and respect one another.

The second premise is that if our ideas and initiatives – programmatic, addressing environmental/social issues; or physical, addressing architecture/urban patterns - are integrated with guiding principles of ecology, we will realize naturally occurring interrelationships.

Formulating our efforts with this guiding framework builds a systematic integration of key components of our ecology, increasing diversity, becoming stronger, resilient, enhancing dynamics and synergies, making our surroundings sustainable. That cumulative effect benefits people, their lives, leading to a greater respect and stewardship of our natural/economic/cultural/social resources. The human energy capital generated is exponential.

This integration builds, one idea, one initiative, one plan, one design at a time into an interwoven, interdependent, productive ecology. Over time we would strengthen the integrity of our working landscape wherein our organizations, our designs, and our ecology flourish and thrive.

CONNECT • COOPERATE • COORDINATE • COLLABORATE

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Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA

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Education

Goddard College, Teaching Fellow Design + Construction Program
M.A. Architecture + Environmental Design; thesis "*Design of Logic/Logic of Design*, 1974
Catholic University, Architecture + Planning, 1966-1972
Founding Faculty, RWU School of Architecture

AIA

College of Fellows, 1988-present
Board of Directors, 1982-1985
Richard Upjohn Fellow, 1985-present
Co-Chair 2021, Member, Disaster Assistance Committee, 2020-present
Chair, Component Resources, 1987-1988
Chair, Public Education, 1981
Chair, Environmental Education, 1981
Author, Co-Author - numerous AIA Publications
President, AIA/RI
Disaster Coordinator RI, 2019-present

Multidisciplinary

LEED Fellow
LEED AP BD+C
SITES Accredited Professional
AICP, Certified Planner
CFM, Certified Floodplain Manager
SAP, Safety Assessment Program Certified, Cal/OES Disaster Responder/Trainer/Train the Trainer
AEER, President, RI Architects/Engineers Emergency Response Task Force
NCARB Certificate
Chair, USGBC/RI
Vice Chair, LEED Location + Planning
LEED Technical Committee
Executive Committee, Providence/Cranston Workforce Development Board
Vice Chair, RI Ratepayers Advisory Board
Advisory Board, RI Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council, implementing "*Act On Climate*" public law mandating Net-Zero by 2050
Author, "*Green Buildings Act*" - RI first state incorporating LEED, LEED-ND, SITES into public law

National Conference Presentations

AIA, ASLA, Greenbuild, Association State Flood Plain Managers

Linked In

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/kenneth-j-filarski-faia-leed-fellow-leed-ap-bdc-sites-ap-aicp-cfm-aa297214/>

Candidate for 2023-2024 At-large Secretary

Thomas A. Liebel, FAIA AIA Baltimore/AIA Maryland



Serving as Moderator of the Strategic Council and on the Secretary's Advisory Committee, I had an opportunity to participate in AIA governance. From that experience I have thought about what can be accomplished as Secretary.

Elevating Conversation – Creating methods for members to interact with national leadership in ways that don't require a Resolution. The Strategic Council and Knowledge Communities are a route for these vital conversations.

Words Matter - We need to ensure that our governing documents are aligned to help create a more agile and effective AIA, allowing us to operate more effectively and transparently.

Leadership –Develop more ways for members to participate in leadership opportunities by creating additional development paths to encourage more members to volunteer as leaders of the organization.

How We Engage –we are no longer compelled to meet in person to be effective, yet at times we are still tied to a model that requires physical presence to participate. There are other ways to meaningfully participate collectively - in physical, virtual, and hybrid models.

Better Defining Roles - the Strategic Council's role is somewhat loosely defined in our bylaws. By providing greater clarity we can further develop the Strategic Council as a voice for local architects, advisors to the board, and visionary thinkers to identify future opportunities and challenges.

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Thomas A. Liebel, FAIA

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AIA National

Strategic Council Middle Atlantic Regional Representative, 2018-2020
Strategic Council Moderator, 2020
Secretary's Advisory Committee, 2019-2020
AIA Regions Task Force, 2020
Credentials Committee, 2020
NAAB Visiting Team Pool, 2017-present
IgCC Task Force, 2011-2012
Team Leader, AIA Sustainable Design Assessment Team (five times)
Continuing Education Quality Assurance Panel, Sustainability Curriculum Committee, 2007-2008

AIA Maryland

Director, 2005-2011, 2013
Grassroots Leadership Network Coordinator, 2007-2010
AIA150 Champion, 2006
Chair, Maryland Architects PAC, 2010-present

AIA Baltimore

President, President-elect, Secretary, Director, 2010-2014
COTE Chair, 2004-2009
Co-Chair, Fellows Committee, 2021-present
Baltimore Architecture Foundation - 2015-present
Co-Chair, AIA Baltimore Fellows Scholarship Dinner, 2019-present

Additional Service

Subject Matter Advisor, 100 Resilient Cities Network, 2017-2020
Resource Team, American Architectural Foundation *Sustainable Cities Design Academy*, 2012
Maryland Green Building Council, 2011-2019; Chair, 2011-2014
Maryland Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 2012-present
Baltimore City Commission on Historic and Architectural Preservation, 2010-present; Chair, 2012-present
Co-Chair, ULI/NTHP Partnership for Building Reuse-Baltimore, 2014

Professional

Marks, Thomas Architects / Moseley Architects, 2006-present
Design Collective, 1996-2006
AI/Boggs, 1992-1996

Education

Johns Hopkins University, Master of Liberal Arts
University of Cincinnati, Bachelor of Architecture, *magna cum laude*, Historic Preservation Certificate

Candidate for 2023-2024 Secretary

Britt Lindberg, FAIA AIA Silicon Valley/AIA California



This is a pivotal time where urgent action, innovation, collaboration, and progress are needed to achieve AIA’s equity and climate imperatives, while growing our pipeline and increasing the public’s understanding of the importance of design.

AIA members and allies work hard to design a more equitable, resilient, and better world every day. As a current At-large Director, I have seen the crucial role and great opportunity for the next Secretary to continue leading AIA forward.

Urgent action toward strategic plan imperatives

The Secretary ensures integrity of the governing documents, such as bylaws, policy statements, and rules of the board. While work to embed Strategic Plan priorities is underway, there is urgent need to lead all 94,000+ members and allies to progress on these imperatives, every day.

Strengthening our pipeline and member-driven impact

The Secretary also fields member, component, and group requests across many topics, including Resolutions, Members’ Voice Task Force, Honors and Awards, and more. I will lead outreach and collaborative, transparent processes which propel our pipeline and members’ voices forward, in alignment with strategic goals.

Increasing public awareness on the importance of design

Covid accelerated our transition to a hybrid organization, and increased public awareness on the importance of design to health. There is strong opportunity for AIA to embrace new technologies, research, and partners, strengthening our relevance, prosperity, and forward-looking success.

As a proven collaborator and communicator through ongoing AIA service, I would be honored to serve as your next AIA Secretary. Please follow me through existing social media, and thank you for your consideration!

Twitter & Instagram: @Britt_AIA #VoteBrittAIA
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/brittindberg>

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Britt Lindberg, FAIA

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AIA National:

Board At-large Director, 2020-2022
Board Knowledge Committee, 2020-2021, Chair 2021
Chair, Collaborative Achievement Awards Jury, 2020
Covid Business Task Force, 2020
Author, "Supporting Emerging Professionals" Annual Meeting Resolution
2018-6

AIA California:

President, 2018
Board of Directors 2013-2018
VP Communications/Public Affairs, 2015-2016
Planning & Finance Committee, 2013-2014, 2017

AIA Silicon Valley:

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

Honors:

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

Experience:

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

Education:

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

Candidate for 2023 First Vice President/2024 President-elect

Kimberly N. Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York State



I am delighted by the possibility of serving the AIA as President in 2024. The key word here is *possibility*. What I love about being an architect is the fact that we see what many cannot: possibilities.

As architects, we can see the future and draw it for others to catch our vision. Throughout my career, I have seen possibilities and created tangible results within a wide range of organizations and initiatives, in addition to my work in and out of traditional practice.

When I took the helm of NOMA, I saw a tremendous amount of potential, and seized the opportunity to raise the organization's profile, considerably expanding our impact on the profession. The results of my two-year term were monumental, in part, because I could see possibilities and I developed a plan to actualize my ambitious goals. My presidential platform was straightforward:

#ALLinforNOMA

1. Create **access** to opportunities.
2. Foster greater opportunities for **leadership**.
3. Build upon the **legacy** of long-time members.

As the 295th living Black woman to earn an architectural license in the U.S., I am keen to help young women and people of color, in particular, to see what is possible as the first Black woman to serve as AIA President in 2024.

I intend to serve as AIA President for all members, regardless of identity, offering the following presidential platform for AIA 2024:

- A. Architects in Practice – supporting the business of design
- B. Belonging – making architecture more accessible to all
- C. Climate Action – meeting our obligation to future generations
- D. Designing The Future – navigating the future of design work with technological advances

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Kimberly N. Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC Continued

SERVICE

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS (AIA)

Member, 2007-present

Equity and the Future of Architecture (EQFA) Committee, 2019-2020

New Urban Agenda (NUA) Task Force, 2019-2021

Young Architects Award Recipient, 2020

AIA New York Nominating Committee, 2021

AIA Chicago EVP Search Committee, 2021

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF MINORITY ARCHITECTS (NOMA)

Member, 2004-present

National Board of Directors, 2006-2010; 2017-2022

National President, 2019-2020

NOMA Council (NOMAC), 2020

SOCIAL ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (SEED) NETWORK

Co-Founder/Member, 2005-present

Juror, SEED/NOMA/NAACP Awards for Design Excellence, 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HOK, 2008-2011; 2019-present

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, 2016-2019

CITY OF DETROIT, 2015-2016

HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL, CPL FELLOW, 2014-2015

LEVIEN & COMPANY, 2011-2014

AYERS | SAINT | GROSS, 2006-2008

U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, 2005-2006

MCKISSACK & MCKISSACK, 2005-2006

EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Architecture, 2006

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Master of Public Administration, 2015

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Candidate for 2023 First Vice President/2024 President-elect

Evelyn M. Lee, FAIA, NOMA AIA San Francisco/AIA California



In an unpredictable world, the AIA and its members find themselves at a turning point for change. There's an excellent opportunity to position the institute to be a more connected organization for its members, simultaneously elevating the public's knowledge of an Architect as a strategic problem solver and collaborative economic partner.

As the First Vice President/President-elect, I will find opportunities for our members to:

Create a connected member experience

We are over 95,000 members strong, the largest design network globally, and we are better together. The past two years have taught us we are capable of incredible things as a community. Imagine what we can do if any member or committee could connect across local, state, and international components?

Strengthen our commitments to climate action and social justice

Many would argue that we've been in this fight a long time; many would say that our work here has just begun. Either way, there is no more significant opportunity than to continue inspiring present and future leaders in these areas: in our firms, components, and communities.

Re-envision the role of the architect in the future

Getting a seat at the table means embracing the talents of everyone with an architecture background, those in traditional practice and beyond. By acknowledging that our ability to create change extends beyond the usual scope of work, we will inevitably find that we influence more areas than we could have imagined.

Find out more about me at aia.evelynlee.com and follow me on social @evelynmlee.

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Evelyn M. Lee, FAIA, NOMA

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Prior AIA National Service

- Treasurer, 2020-2021
- At-Large Director, 2017-2019
- Chair, AIA National Young Architects Forum, 2017
- AIACA Representative Strategic Council, 2015-2016
- AIACA Regional Director to the Board, 2014
- Associate Representative, Executive Committee, 2008
- Associate Representative, Board of Directors, 2007
- Chair, National Associates Committee, 2006

AIA California

- Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs, 2011-2012
- Vice President of the Academy for Emerging Professionals, 2005-2006

Professional

- Salesforce, Senior Manager Global Operations Workplace Services
- Slack Technologies, Senior Experience Designer
- Practice of Architecture (practiceofarchitecture.com), Founder
- Newmark Knight Frank, Regional Managing Director
- MKThink, Strategy Lead

Education

- Presidio Graduate School – MBA/MPA in Sustainable Management
- SCI-ARC – M Arch
- Drury University – B Arch

Evelyn is the only Fellow who has also received the National Associates Award and Young Architects Award. She is also the only member to have served as both the Chair of the National Associates Committee and Young Architects Forum.