



2023 Candidates

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2023 Official Delegate Information
Booklet)***

February 2023



2023 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 3, 2023.

2024-2026 At-large Director

Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA (AIA Rhode Island)

Latoya N. Kamdang, AIA (AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York)

Benjamin Kasdan, AIA (AIA Washington, DC)

Jessica M. O'Donnell, AIA (AIA New Jersey)

Adam Viorel Pantelimon-Negrut, Intl. Assoc. AIA (AIA Canada)

2024-2025 Treasurer

Heather Philip-O'Neal, AIA (AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York)

2024 First VP/2025 President

Timothy C. Hawk, FAIA (AIA Columbus/AIA Ohio)

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

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

Candidate for 2024-2026 At-large Director

Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA AIA Rhode Island



We are...
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We can shape our communities to be resilient, sustainable, addressing climate change, social equity with a holistic, integrated ecology-based design for all people in our communities.

Channeling Dan Hart, design is our superpower. The Design of Design is another level by designing legislation, programs, policies, codes that have greater societal impacts than one design. Rhode Island's Green Buildings Act is one example.

Design is our force multiplier, leveraging design thinking as a catalyst for innovative solutions.

Design is our ecology with guiding patterns, generating naturally occurring interrelationships. That cumulative effect benefits people leading to a greater respect and stewardship of our natural/economic/cultural/social resources. That capital - of human energy generated - is exponential.

I know the power of one in professional/civic work, and the AIA's power of many. I am committed...to the larger, and joyful, leadership roles - that all architects, architects to be, and the AIA - can dedicate for our world.

FILARSKI/ARCHITECTURE+PLANNING+RESEARCH - award winning, integrated architecture + planning, ecology design studio + research workshop.

Education

Goddard College, Graduate Teaching Fellow, Design + Construction Program
M.A. Architecture + Environmental Design, "Design of Logic/Logic of Design
Catholic University, Architecture + Planning
Founding Faculty, RWU School of Architecture

AIA

College of Fellows

Co-Chair 2022, 2021 Disaster Assistance Committee

"Disaster Assistance Handbook"; "Re-occupancy Assessment Tool";

"Disaster Board Game"; "Design Innovation Rapid Response Team (DIRRT)"

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Kenneth J. Filarski, FAIA continued

President, RI Architects/Engineers Emergency Response Task Force -
AIA National Service Award - for Superstorm Sandy response

National Board of Directors

Richard Upjohn Fellow

Morris Stone Fellow

Chair, AIA Committees:

Public Education, "*Learning by Design*"

Environmental Education, "*The Sourcebook*"

Component Resources, "*Component Operations Manual*"

Author, Co-author - AIA Publications

President AIA/RI, 3 terms

State Disaster Coordinator

Multidisciplinary Credentials + Holistic

FAIA

LEED Fellow

LEED AP BD+C

SITES AP

AICP

CFM

SAP+AEER, Cal-OES

Chair, USGBC/RI

Vice Chair, LEED Location+Planning

LEED Technical Committee

Advisory Board, RI Executive Climate Change Coordinating Council,
implementing "*Act On Climate*" achieving net zero ghg emissions by 2050

Author, "*Green Buildings Act*", award-winning historic legislation - RI first state
incorporating LEED, LEED-ND, SITES in public law

Co-Author ASCE 24-14 "*Flood Resistant Design and Construction*"

Workforce Development Board

National Presentations

AIA, ASLA, USGBC, Association State Flood Plain Managers

Civic Honors - Only Architect Honored

RI Leaders and Achievers

Environmental Champion, Clean Water Action

Links

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wXfnuYPa1Ni1w7B8JpS9Gwm_sPL8ksIW/view?usp=sharing

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

Candidate for 2024-2026 At-large Director

Latoya N. Kamdang, AIA AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York



The post-pandemic architectural practice has shifted the workplace; however, AIA members and those we collaborate with must remain vigilant in our 2030 commitment to net zero emissions and cultivating professional sustainability for future generations. If elected, I am inspired to work in service to the profession and the community as the AIA Director At Large through my continued efforts in highlighting these areas.

Environmental Sustainability

Environmental sustainability continues to be a global concern and AIA 2030's commitment to reaching net zero emissions remains in front of us. I hope to bring my experience as a U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar that emphasized passive sustainable efforts of indigenous and first communities in architecture.

Social Sustainability

The nexus of environmental and social sustainability are inherently linked as communities that have faced environmental injustices are often the most underserved populations. Socially responsible design should be accessible for all communities, and the inclusion of the profession of diverse perspectives should be a continued goal.

Nurturing & Mentoring Emerging Professionals

As we begin to transition to a post-pandemic work culture, the nurturing and mentoring of emerging professionals is necessary for the long term sustainability of our profession. As an educator, I hope to bring emphasis on training and development of future practitioners as a fundamental pillar of the architecture profession's foundational practice.

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Latoya N. Kamdang, AIA continued

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, Master of Architecture I, Wharton, Real Estate Development Certificate; May 2008, Philadelphia, PA
The George Washington University, 2001, Master of Fine Arts, Interior Architecture & Design, Washington, DC
Syracuse University, Summer 2000, Florence, Italy, Environmental Design, Summer Study Abroad Program
Georgetown University, May 1997, Washington, DC, Bachelors of Science in Business Administration, Marketing

SERVICE

AIA Member 2019-present
National Organization of Minority Architects 2013-2018; 2019-present
-NYCOBA VP 2015-2017
-NYCOBA Recording Secretary 2014-2015
Architecture, Construction & Engineering Mentor Program of America, Programming Committee, 2022-present
Fulbright Alumni Ambassador, 2022-present
New York State Board of Architecture, 2021-present
National Council of Architectural Registration Board Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, 2021-present
Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation, 2021- present; Finance Committee
Van Alen 2021-present; Audit Committee
Urban Design Forum Fellowship, 2020- present
Georgetown University African American Advisory Board (GUAAAB), 2003-2005

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pratt Institute, Visiting Associate Professor, 2009-present
Nelson Design Consultants, 2010-present
Moody Nolan Architecture, 2019-2022
U.S. Fulbright Senior Scholar, National Taiwan University, 2018-2019
The Lab at Rockwell Group, 2014-2018
Ralph Appelbaum & Associates, 2010-2013

Candidate for 2024-2026 At-large Director

Benjamin Kasdan, AIA AIA Washington, DC



We face a lot of serious challenges and the urgency to solve these social, environmental, and construction issues will only increase. We need leaders who can collaborate, innovate, and inspire at an extremely high level in order to serve our members in the mission to create amazing architectural experiences for the daily lives of as many people as possible. As At-Large Director, I will strive to:

Encourage all architects to create great work for everyone, everywhere

Good design brings joy, functionality, high-performance, and inspiration to daily life. Architects have a unique perspective and skill set that can solve ordinary to complex problems gracefully and efficiently' it is our responsibility to use the power of design thinking to improve the lives of others. All people deserve to experience great design and we have an acute responsibility to bring that to those in under-served communities now. We can use our collaborative spirit in the AIA to support all architects in their pursuit of doing great work for all.

Empower the next generation of architects

Our professional community needs to support emerging professionals to help build them into better, smarter, more thoughtful, and more holistic architects. The result will be a stronger, more diverse, and resilient profession that is ready to inspire the next generation of architects.

Expand collaboration between AIA national, state, and local chapters and with allied organizations

The many chapters of the AIA create and do amazing things every day, and we can improve the ability to learn from and share those collective experiences. Many allied organizations share common values, goals, and perspectives with us, and there is an opportunity to partner with them more consistently.

Learn more and follow along [@bkasdan](https://www.linkedin.com/in/bkasdan/)
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Benjamin Kasdan, AIA

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AIA National

Framework for Design Excellence, Well-Being Toolkit Task Force, 2020-2021
Large Firm Round Table, Sustainability Group Representative, 2020-2021
Young Architects Forum, Regional Director, Southern California, 2014-2015

AIA California

President, 2019
Board of Directors, 2014-2019
Co-Chair, Planning & Finance Committee, 2018
Vice President, Academy for Emerging Professionals, 2016-2017

AIA Orange County

Director, Emerging Professionals, 2008
Director, Membership, 2007
Chair, Associates Committee, 2006

American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS)

President, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Chapter, 2000-2001

Urban Land Institute (ULI)

ULI National, Affordable/Workforce Housing Council, 2022-present
ULI Washington, Co-Chair, Sustainability & Resilience Local Council, 2021-present

Honors

AIA Young Architect Award, 2017
Building Design+Construction 40 Under 40 Award, 2015

Experience

KTGY, 2003-present

Education

B. Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo, CA, 2003

Candidate for 2024-2026 At-large Director

Jessica M. O'Donnell, AIA AIA New Jersey



Together we can make significant and impactful change!

We must continue to activate and engage a diverse range of voices, thoughts, and experiences. This is how we galvanize the AIA as the architectural profession's greatest resource and ensure we make a profoundly positive impact on society.

***EXPAND ACCESS* to the AIA and within the AIA.**

We must pave the way for early career professionals to combine efforts with other members to reach our collective goals.

***CURATE OPPORTUNITIES* to connect.**

We must draw architects out from behind the computer by inspiring active engagement. Our profession has an obligation to positively impact and shape our communities into sustainable places where all people thrive.

***DEVELOP RESOURCES* that ensure our strategic visions become reality.**

We must empower all members, especially early career professionals with information and tools. It is vitally important to keep the architecture profession relevant by embracing technological advancements.

Reach out! Let's connect and collaborate to amplify your voice as the next generation of thought leaders.

Never underestimate the impact your voice can have on the future.

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Jessica M. O'Donnell, AIA

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AIA NATIONAL

AIA 2021-2025 Strategic Planning Committee, 2019-2020
Young Architects Forum (YAF), 2016-present
Summit 30: Mission 2130 Steering Committee, Chair 2022
Advisory Committee, 2021-present
Vice Chair 2021, Chair 2022, Past Chair 2023
Knowledge Director, 2019, 2020
Young Architect Regional Director of NJ, 2016, 2017, 2018

AIA NEW JERSEY

Board of Trustees, 2018, 2019, 2021-present
Executive Committee, 2016, 2017, 2018
Emerging Professionals Community, [EPiC] 2015-2021
Co-Founder & Chair, 2015, 2016, 2017; Advisor 2018–2021
WIA / Equity & Diversity Committee, 2018-2021

AIA WEST JERSEY

Board of Directors, 2016-present
President 2019, Trustee 2021-present
AIA NJ Women In Architecture Liaison 2019-2021

ADDITIONAL SERVICE

NJ School Board Association & US Army STEAM Tank, 2018-present
ACE Mentorship Camden, NJ & Greater Philadelphia Area, 2019 2021
NCARB ARE Forms Assembly Subcommittee, 2022
ARE Case Study Subcommittee, 2018-2021
Coordinator, 2020, 2021
ARE Case Study Task Force, 2017

HONORS

2022 BD+C Network 40 under 40
2022 AIA Young Architect Award
2020 AIA Citizen Architect
2019 AIA New Jersey Young Architect of the Year
2017 AIA New Jersey EPiC Award
2015 AIA Newark & Suburban Carlton Riker Honor Award

PROFESSIONAL

Thriven Design 2016-present
Dassa Haines Architectural Group / Ella Construction 2011-2016

EDUCATION

Temple University, Fox School of Business
Business of Architecture Certificate Course 2017
Oklahoma State University, Bachelor of Architecture 2011

Candidate for 2024-2026 At-large Director

Adam Viorel Pantelimon-Negrut, Intl. Assoc. AIA AIA Canada



Together for One EARTH, One BIODIVERSITY!

AIA's 95,000 members act based on our values, policies and commitments to: equity and human rights, the built environment that strengthens our communities, sustainable future, climate change, resilience, economic opportunity, and investing in the future.

Something is missing! ... The most important fact:

Safeguard the future of BIODIVERSITY, which is essential for the processes that support all life on Earth, including humans.

Architects have a mission

With our overarching profession and ideals, we must come together to lead and be equitable to the variety of life on Earth, in all its forms and interactions, and to protect the right of species to exist.

Lead to act

Our profession is changing and we need to shift the way we practice: to inspire, and generate ideas and new thinking, and relevance. Together, we must lead the creation of international partnerships to turn dilemmas into advantages, by civilizing our values, our policies and our commitments.

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Adam Viorel Pantelimon-Negrut, Intl. Assoc. AIA Continued

AIA

2023 Board Director - [AIA International](#)

2022 Chair - [AIA Public Architects Committee](#), Symposium Founder/Chair -
“*The Climate of Public Architecture*”

2020-2021 - [AIA Canada President](#)

2017 - Founder member [AIA Canada](#)

2016-2017 - [AIA International Region](#) – Director unassigned members

2017-2024 - [AIA Knowledge Communities Leadership Advisory Member](#)
Public Architects, Regional Urban Design, Building Performance,
Corporate Architects Facility Management

Professional Experience

- Licensed professional in five countries
- 2016 [Canadian Institute of Planners](#) President’s Award in recognition of a lifetime of outstanding contribution to professional planning
- Looking to the future generation, taught for seven years at three European universities

[Government of Alberta](#), (2013-present)

- Director, Policy and Innovation - Health
- Director, Capital Asset Portfolio - Seniors & Housing
- Director, Facilities/Capital Planning - Infrastructure
- Senior Capital Asset Portfolio Lead - Seniors, Community & Social Services
- Manager, Schools Delivery - Infrastructure
- Regional Planning Lead - Environment and Parks

[City of Terrebonne](#) (2011-2012) - Manager, Architecture & Planning

[City of Edmonton](#) (2008-2011) - Principal Planner

[Government of Nunavut](#) (2006-2008) - Territorial Community Planner

PADOVI (1998-2005), European Union - Founding Principal

Education

Ph.D. (History of Culture) - Université de Montréal/LBUS, Hermannstadt, 2003

M.Eng. - École de Technologie Supérieure, Montréal, 2011

M.Urb. - Université de Montréal, 2005

Post-graduate Diploma (Heritage & Restoration of Monuments), 2003

B.Arch. - Canadian Architectural Certification Board, 1997/2005

Service

Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Alberta: Chair (2022-23)

Federation of Canadian Municipalities: Expert Reviewer (2012-24)

Candidate for 2024-2025 Treasurer

Heather Philip-O'Neal, AIA AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York



It is with great enthusiasm I ask for your support in my bid for the office of Institute Treasurer.

Respond to The Social Issues Facing the Nation and The Profession

Given the unrest in society at large, and the economic uncertainty, it is critical for the AIA to continue to provide resources and support firms nationwide, especially small firm practitioners.

Be an Advocate for The Profession

Advocacy is one of the most vital functions of the AIA. I currently serve on the AIA New York Chapter Advocacy Committee, where we track local and national policy issues and take action as needed in the interest of our members. In addition, I believe that the AIA should continue with strong commitment for Diversity and Inclusion in the profession, enhancing and increasing visibility for architects, deliver action to mitigate Climate Change, and, prepare architects for the future through Architectural Education.

Continued Excellence in Managing AIA Finances

My background includes experience in financial management: budgeting, tracking and successfully managing funds to achieve the goals of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) where I served as the national treasurer from 2006-2010. I am currently serving as a member of the AIA Finance & Audit Committee. As the treasurer for the AIA, I will draw on the skills I have developed to provide financial leadership while continuing to uphold the standards of excellence in managing AIA finances as have both the current and past treasurers.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with the National leadership in this critical role and to advance the mission of the AIA.

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Heather Philip-O'Neal, AIA

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AIA National

Finance and Audit Committee, 2022
Small Firm Exchange NY State Representative, 2022
Small Firm Exchange Board, 2023

AIA New York

Advocacy Committee, 2020-present
Nominating Committee, 2018-2019
AIANY Director of Educational Affairs, 2006-2008
Housing Committee, 2001-2004

National Organization of Minority Architects

Chair, NOMA - National Conference, 2019
National Finance Committee, 2010-present
Treasurer, NOMA - National Board of Directors, 2006-2010
Chair, NOMA - National Conference, 2004
Chair, NYCOBA, Nominating Committee
President, New York Chapter of NOMA, NYCOBA, 2003-2006

Professional

Founding Principal, HPP International LLC
Adjunct Associate Professor, New York Institute of Technology School of Architecture & Design

Education

Columbia University
Graduate School of Architecture, Preservation & Design, MSc. RED
Pratt Institute, BArch

Awards

NOMA President's Award, 2019
NOMA Distinguished Educator Award, 2020
Professional Women in Construction: Woman of Achievement Award, 2019
Distinguished Black Designers of NYCOBA|NOMA, 2016
Harry B. Rutkins Award for Distinguished Service to AIANY, 2014

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Candidate for 2024 First Vice President/2025 President

Timothy C. Hawk, FAIA AIA Columbus/AIA Ohio



As society calls on the profession to solve a growing list of complex challenges, AIA has the potential to shape a generation of knowledgeable leaders who step forward with confidence. For this reason, I am inspired to shape the work of the AIA as 2025 President. Together, we can grow our collective influence through expanded partnerships, an empowered emerging population, and advocacy.

EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS

Our capacity to tackle today's complex challenges can be expanded exponentially through industry partnerships. We must engage and lead designers, engineers, constructors, fabricators, facility managers, code officials, and building product manufacturers. Acting as a unified voice for the designed environment, we can expand research, exchange ideas, and establish a multi-disciplinary knowledge base.

EMPOWER EMERGING, DIVERSE, AND VARIED POPULATIONS

There is an urgent need to transition a culture of exploration into one of action. Time is up...we need to spring forward, step up, and accelerate the pace of education, knowledge sharing, and advocacy. Together, through the engagement of emerging and varied populations, we will expand and diversify the profession, leverage innovative engagement strategies, and apply design-thinking to solve wicked problems.

DEMONSTRATE THE POWER OF DESIGN

In a rapidly changing societal landscape fraught with uncertainty and indecision, architectural design is an underutilized problem-solving tool. Good design increases the vitality of organizations, mitigates risk, and provides a significant return on investment. As architects, we can easily link design to organizational change and community impact. Many business, community, and institutional leaders, however, fail to make this connection and perceive the architect's role as implementer. Public awareness programs and targeted advocacy can shift perception and position architects for early engagement, influence, and greater impact.

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Timothy C. Hawk, FAIA

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American Institute of Architects

Treasurer, AIA National Board, 2022-2023
At-large Director, AIA National Board, 2019-2021
Chair, Government Advocacy, 2019-2020
Strategic Council, 2016-2018
Chair, Interior Architecture KC, 2009

AIA Ohio

Director, 2007-2008; 2016-2023

AIA Columbus

President, Board of Directors, 2009
Secretary, Treasurer, Director, 2003-08

Columbus Center for Architecture & Design

Co-Founder, Columbus Center for Architecture & Design, 2009
Board Chair, 2010

Honors

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm, 2005
AIA Ohio Mentor Award, 2021
Ohio State University; Distinguished Alumnus, 2021

WSA; Columbus | Chicago

CEO/President, 2005-present
Principal, Design Lead, 1993-2004

OSU Knowlton School

Lecturer, 2022-present

Columbus State Community College

Adjunct Professor, 2000-present

Lucien Lagrange & Associates; Chicago 1989-1993

Master of Architecture, Ohio State University
BS in Architecture, Ohio State University
Post-graduate Studies, University Illinois-Chicago

<https://www.architecthawk.me>

Candidate for 2024 First Vice President/2025 President

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



Designing a better tomorrow is something architects have been striving to do since our profession began. Today, Architects are tackling social, climate, political, and technical challenges that require new solutions.

Increased complexity, as technology continues to advance and conditions of the world evolve, asks architects to think beyond traditional building design processes to:

- address the most pressing challenges of our time.
- lead increasingly complex teams of experts to design and deliver spaces that are more inclusive to our diverse populations.
- Demonstrate to the public how vital our skillset is for creating solutions at a variety of scales.

The AIA and its members have an opportunity to lead through the power of design, inspiring and creating innovative solutions that address the changing needs of today and future generations by empowering our members to:

[Re]THINK: How We Practice Architecture, creating new operational and business models for practice that helps us do more of what we love and raise how our clients perceive our value.

[Re]DESIGN: How We Collaborate as a Profession, by working collectively to evolve our leadership within the industry, share knowledge, and find solutions faster.

[Re]ENVISION: How We Create Value Beyond Practice, by challenging the definition of practice, what it means to be an architect, and creating space for those who have chosen alternative paths, expanding our influence.

Together Let's [Re]NEW the AIA as the voice of the architectural profession

Visit aia.evelynlee.com and follow @evelynmlee on social to learn more.

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Evelyn M. Lee, FAIA

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AIA National

- 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, Board 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

- Slack, Head of Workplace Strategy & Innovation
- Practice of Architecture, Founder
- Newmark Knight Frank, Regional Managing Director
- MKThink, Strategy Account Executive

Education

- Presidio Graduate School, MBA/MPA
- 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 the Chair of the National Associates Committee and Young Architects Forum.