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## **AIA New York Elects 2027 Leadership at 159th Annual Meeting**

*AIA New York elected new leadership, celebrated award recipients, and reflected on a year of advocacy, programming, and initiatives.*

**NEW YORK, NY, June 18, 2026** – On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, AIA New York hosted its **159th Annual Meeting**, where members gathered to elect 2027 leadership and celebrated the achievements of 2026 and its award recipients. The meeting also served as a moment to reflect on committee programs and initiatives of the last year, with a spotlight on 2026 AIANY President **Mark Gardner, AIA, NOMA**'s presidential theme, Repair: Democracy and Urban Spaces.

### **NEW LEADERSHIP**

Following a brief introduction from AIANY Executive Director **Jesse Lazar, Assoc. AIA**, the meeting began with a presentation from Gardner on his theme surrounding how we can address our social, ecological, and spatial inequities through design. He noted in particular that his theme is a call to action for architects and allied professionals to serve as design citizens, advocates, connectors, and environmentalists in working towards repair.

Gardner presented on the state of the Chapter and reviewed the year's memorable programs, sharing some statistics of 2025—so far, AIANY has hosted more than 120 programs and delivered over 130 Continuing Education hours, providing members with opportunities to learn, connect, and engage across a wide range of topics. Gardner then returned the podium to Lazar, who presented on the Chapter's financial health and budget.

2026 AIANY Board Secretary **Kirsten Sibilia, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP**, presented the work of the nominating committee, who created the 2026 Board and Elective Committee Slate, featured below.



## **AIANY CHAPTER RECOGNITION**

The Annual Meeting also served as an opportunity to recognize members of the architecture and design community for their local and regional contributions.

Leadership in Housing Award: **Kirk Goodrich**, President, Monadnock Development

Public Architect Award: **Thomas L. Grassi, FAIA, NCARB**, Project Director, HNTB

Service to the Institute: **TORCH Mentorship Program**

Service to the City: **Riders Alliance**

Special Citations: **Street Vendor Project**

## **2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (\*Elected at Annual Meeting)**

**\*Hana Kassem, FAIA, NOMA, LEED**

**WELL AP, KPF**

*President*

**\*Peter Miller, AIA, LEED AP, Palette**

**Architecture**

*First Vice President/President-Elect*

**Andrea Steele, AIA, Andrea Steele**

**Architecture (ASA)**

*Vice President for Design Excellence*

**\*Jessica Sheridan, AIA, LEED AP**

**BD+C, Mancini Duffy**

*Vice President for Professional*

*Development*

**Gustavo Rodriguez, AIA,**

**FXCollaborative**

*Vice President for Public Outreach*

**Kirsten Sibilias, Assoc. AIA, Dattner**

**Architects**

*Secretary*

**Julia Murphy, AIA, Skidmore Owings &**

**Merrill**

*Treasurer*

**Victoria Benatar, AIA, EXD**

**Architecture**

*Director*

**Michael Caton, AIA, Juno**

*Director*

**Arthi Krishnamoorthy, AIA, LEED AP,**

**TenBerke Architects**

*Director*

**\*Astrid Lipka, AIA, Rice+Lipka**

**Architects**

*Director*

**\*Ankita Nalavade, Assoc. AIA, Port**

**Authority of New York and New Jersey**



*Director*

**\*David Polk, AIA, GSA**

*Director*

**Lindsay Harkema, AIA, WIP**

*Director*

**\*Mimi Hoang, FAIA, nARCHITECTS**

*Director*

**Alison Landry, AIA, NYC Office of Mayor**

*Director (Public Outreach)*

**Gabrielle Esperdy, New Jersey Institute of Technology**

*Public Director*

**Jennifer Graham, FIIDA, LEED AP, Perkins & Will**

*Public Director*

**Harriet Harriss, Assoc. AIA, ARB, RIBA, PFHEA, FRSA, Ph.D, Pratt Institute**

*Public Director*

**\*Vaidehi Mody, NYCHA**

*Public Director*

**Tami Hausman, PhD, HAUSMAN**

*Public Director, Oculus Advisor*

**\*Antoine Cansado, Pratt Institute**

*Student Director*

**\*Mark Gardner, AIA, NOMA,**

Jaklitsch/Gardner Architects

*Immediate Past President*

**2026 ELECTIVE COMMITTEE SLATE  
(\*Elected at Annual Meeting)**

**Design Awards Committee**

**\*Sebastian Mendez, AIA**

Tankhouse

**\*Quilian Riano**

Pratt Institute

**\*Elaine Molinar, AIA**

Snøhetta

**\*Jejon Yeung, AIA**

Worrell Yeung

**Fellows Committee**

**2025–2027**

**Rob Rogers, FAIA**

Rogers Partners

**Gregory Waugh, FAIA**

Perkins+Will

**2026–2028**

**Gina Bocra, FAIA**

WSP USA

**Lloyd Sigal, FAIA**

KPF

**2027–2029**



**\*Mike Hellinghausen, FAIA, LEED AP**  
Omniplan

**\*Suchi Reddy, FAIA**  
Reddymade

**2027–2028 (Fellow not required)**

**\*Marta Sanders, AIA**  
Architecture Outfit

**\*Roberta Washington, FAIA, NOMA**  
Roberta Washington Architects, PC

### **Joint Finance Committee**

**2025–2027**

**Sara Rubenstein, AIA**  
Pelli Clarke Pelli

**Matthew Snethen, AIA**  
Perkins Eastman

**2026–2028**

**\*Kenneth Drucker, FAIA, LEED AP**  
HOK

**\*Adam Rolston, AIA**  
INC Architecture & Design

**2027–2029**

**\*Erleen Hatfield, FAIA, PE, F.ASCE**  
Hatfield Group Engineering

**\*Tom Polucci, AIA**  
HOK

### **Honors Committee**

**2027–2028**

**\*Kedishia Joseph, Assoc. AIA, NOMA**  
STV

**\*Yutaka Takiura, AIA**  
Pratt Institute

**\*Zoe Small, AIA**  
Studio Gang

**2026–2027**

**Allison Lane, RA, AIA, ASID, NOMA,**  
**LEED AP, WELL AP, NCARB, NCIDQ**  
AECOM

**Eve Michel, AIA**  
EMREcon

**Katie Swenson, Assoc. AIA**  
MASS Design Group

### **Oculus Committee**

**2027–2029**

**\*Jason Ivaliotis, AIA**  
ULI New York

**\*James Sanders, FAIA**  
James Sanders Studio

**\*Laura Wainer**  
The City College of New York

**2026–2027**

**Alexandra Barker, FAIA, LEED AP**



Barker Architecture Office | Pratt  
Institute

**Ruth Ro, AIA**  
Dattner Architects

**Christopher Stoddard, AIA**  
Ennead Architects

## **About AIA New York**

Established in 1857, AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), serving as the collective voice of nearly 5,000 licensed architects, allied professionals, students, and design enthusiasts in New York City.

The Center for Architecture, inaugurated in 2003 as the AIA's first-ever cultural institution, engages local and international audiences with the value, impact, and wonder of architecture. Together, we advance the value and practice of architecture to promote just and sustainable communities.

Both AIA New York and the Center for Architecture advocate for the importance of design in enhancing urban life, offering programming that fosters engagement among architects, professionals, and the public. We prioritize values such as civic engagement, equity, environmental sustainability, resiliency, technological innovation, and inspiring design. [aiany.org](http://aiany.org)