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The Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Announces the 2024 Board of Directors

(New Haven, CT, January 2, 2024) At their 2023 Annual Meeting on October 25th at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) announced the appointment of four new members to its 2024 Board of Directors, and elected Officers.

"I am thrilled to welcome the dynamic individuals joining our 2024 Board of Directors," said Gina Calabro, Hon. AIAct, Executive Director and CEO. "Their expertise and passion for architecture promise to enrich our chapter's vision and we look forward to their valuable contributions and collaborative leadership in the coming year."

The 2024 Officers:



Susan Wyeth, AIA, NOMA

Centerbrook Architects and Planners; Centerbrook

2024 President

A professor of a course in 3D design encouraged Sue to apply to the Rhode Island School of Design, and a tour of the campus convinced her design was her path. She went on to earn fine arts and architecture degrees from RISD, finishing the five-year program in three. After working for a Cambridge architect, she joined Centerbrook in 1983 and has amassed a substantial portfolio on design teams for academic clients, she was named senior director in 2014. Sue is a charter member of NOMAct, CT's state chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects.



Marc Andre, AIA

Marc G. Andre Architects; Fairfield

2025 President-Elect

Marc is a licensed architect in both Connecticut and New York. He often participates as a guest design critic at the University of Hartford and Pratt Institute Schools of Architecture. In 1999, Marc earned his Bachelor of Architecture from City College School of Architecture and Environmental Studies in New York City. His community involvement includes serving on the town of Fairfield Human Services Commission, the Roger Ludlowe High School building committee, and the Fairfield Strategic Planning Committee. Marc is dedicated to outreach initiatives for aspiring architects, offering information and support to guide them on the journey to becoming licensed

professionals.



F. Michael Ayles, FAIA

Antinozzi Associates; Bridgeport

Treasurer

Michael is Principal/President of Antinozzi Associates and oversees the firm's business development strategies, staff recruitment, and operations. For 30 years, Mike has been an invited panelist, moderator, and keynote presenter at numerous local, regional, and national professional conferences regarding the practice of architecture, business development, leadership, and mentoring. An elected official in his hometown, Mike's civic, community, and professional service has earned him numerous honors by business publications, non-profit organizations, his alma mater (Roger Williams University), and the AIA – including elevation to the College of Fellows in 2017.



Amy Samuelson, AIA
BL Companies, Inc.; Meriden
Secretary

Amy is the Executive Director of Architecture & Building Engineering at BL Companies, Inc., an employee-owned, multi-disciplinary architecture, engineering, environmental and land surveying firm. A graduate of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Amy has over 25 years of experience as a project architect and manager with a portfolio that includes notable public, independent, and higher education projects.

Elected to a three-year term (2024–2026):



Brian Baril, AIA
A/Z Corporation; Hartford

Brian is a Preconstruction Manager with A/Z Corporation in North Stonington, Connecticut. Trained in architecture at Norwich University, he has lent his architectural expertise to preconstruction efforts over a wide variety of project sizes and sectors, including multi-family housing, healthcare, science and technology, manufacturing, education, hospitality, places of worship, municipal, and non-profit. He is active in volunteer groups, is passionate about sustainability, and building science. Brian is just completing his tenure as the 2022–2023 AIA National Young Architect Representative for AIA Connecticut.



Dov Feinmesser, AIA
Newman Architects; New Haven

Dov is an Associate at Newman Architects, in New Haven, where he has worked since 2016. Dov previously worked for PARTISANS in Toronto and Coop Himmelb(l)au in Vienna before completing his graduate studies at the Yale School of Architecture in 2016. He has been an instructor in Professional Practice since 2016 and has taught an Introduction to BIM since 2019, both at YSoA. A LEED Accredited Professional since 2009, he is engaged in the intersection of architectural design, Building Information Modelling and sustainable design.



Robert Orr, FAIA
Robert Orr & Associates, LLC; New Haven

Robert Orr is an award-winning architect at the forefront of leveraging places aimed to empower people. His multi-disciplinary practice ranges from commercial, residential, and mixed-use building types to landscape to town design, planning, and zoning. He received his M.Arch. from the Yale School of Art and Architecture and his BA from the University of Vermont and State Agriculture College. A practitioner, adjunct professor, business entrepreneur, Real Estate manager, and avuncular writer/commentator, Robert was elevated to AIA Fellowship in 2008.

Elected to a one-year term:



Leen Hariri, Associate AIA
Patriquin Architects; New Haven

Leen is an architectural designer at Patriquin Architects in New Haven, where she works on a wide range of projects, including commercial, educational, and multifamily developments. Before joining Patriquin, she gained valuable experience at BRIBURN in Maine, where her focus was on designing single-family passive houses. While in Maine, she also expanded her expertise by becoming a Certified Passive House Consultant and a LEED Green Associate. Leen's deep-rooted passion for sustainability and high-performance buildings was nurtured during her academic journey, which took her from the Lebanese University in her home country Lebanon to Virginia Tech. Currently, Leen is actively working towards obtaining her architectural license.

Jennifer Huestis, AIA, NOMA (Huestis Tucker Architects, LLC, Woodbridge); Julia Su Jack, AIA, NOMA (City of Hartford); Jeremy Jamilkowski, AIA (Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford); Thomas Haskell, AIA (University of Connecticut, Storrs); and Thaddeus Stewart, AIA, NOMA (Integrated Design & Construction, LLC, New Haven) will continue to fulfill their terms as Directors on the Board.

Paolo Campos, AIA, NOMA (Patriquin Architects, New Haven) remains on the board as Past President.

About AIA Connecticut:

AIA Connecticut, a statewide chapter of the American Institute of Architects, serves the architectural profession, encourages design excellence, and works to improve society through a concern for the quality of the built and natural environments. Members commit themselves to the highest standards of practice and code of ethics that addresses responsibilities to the public, clients, the building industry, and the art and science of architecture.

AIA Connecticut serves as a resource to architects and the public. Its membership of over 1,500 is comprised of architects, associates working towards licensure, students, and professionals in affiliated fields.

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