



Our Mission: AIA Connecticut is the voice of the architectural profession, empowering its members to lead in service to society.

Our Vision: A more equitable, humane, inspiring, resilient built environment

Thank you for your interest in potentially serving on the AIA Connecticut Board of Directors. In order to assist the Nominating Committee, please provide responses to the following:

Your Name David O'Connor
Firm Name Centerbrook Architect & Planners

Why are you interested in potentially serving in this leadership role on the Board of Directors?

I have gotten a lot from architecture over my 30 years in the industry and I feel I am at a stage in my career and life where I have the ability to give back to the community that I have learnt so much from. I also see areas in our field that could use a new perspective both from my experience overseas as an architect and from my experience from the contracting side.

What are your leadership strengths?

First and foremost I am a problem solver and revel in ability to the try the unknown. I am an avid listener, and appreciate different perspectives. I believe in the strength of teamwork and that without a strong leader a team will fail. I am detailed orientated but have the ability to step back and look at the larger picture. I believe in accountability and integrity and that we need these two things to develop trust.

What are your passions/interests?

My interests with respect to architecture is to protect and promote the art of architecture and place making.

- 1) Encouraging young architects to learn more about the whole process of architecture and how things are made.
- 2) Changing the mindset that architects can be a commodity and that we sell time.
- 3) Emerging technologies and how architecture has changed in the last 30 years and how it will change in the near and distant future.
- 4) Creating a voice for architects on the local and national level.

What kind of prior experience, if any, do you have serving on a Board of other organizations?

I currently sit on the Public Building Commission of Rocky Hill and have since 2018

Have you actively participated in any AIA Connecticut committees? If so, please provide a description of this involvement.

I have not actively participated in any AIA activities or on any AIA CT committees. My last participation was a few social events when I was an intern and first moved to the US in 2006-2007

You agree to the following requirements to be considered for a board position:

- Help to sustain the overall mission and purpose of AIA Connecticut.
- Actively attend events and programs of AIA Connecticut.
- Serve on one of the knowledge communiies/committees of AIA Connecticut.
- Consider the potential leadership role as an Officer of the Board’s Executive Committee.
- Act as a resource for the Executive Director, as well as for the Executive Committee.
- Attend regular monthly and special meetings of the Board.
- Understand the minimal time commitment of a 3-year term.

By completing this form you agree to the above

Signature David OConnor

David O'Connor, AIA, JIA, LEED AP BD+C, Associate Principal

Independent Schools

Madeira School, McLean, VA

New STEAM Center

Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA

Townsend Hall Addition and Renovation (slated for LEED Silver)

Phillips Academy Andover, Andover, MA

Addison Gallery of American Art

College and University

Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT

Dormitory

University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT

Academic Medical Center

University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT

Ambulatory Care Center (Design/Build)

Yale University, New Haven, CT

Peabody Museum Addition and Renovation

Kroon Hall, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (LEED Platinum)

Additional Experience

Raytheon Technologies Research Center, East Hartford, CT

Health Care REIT, Toledo, OH

Headquarters Renovation (LEED Platinum)

House Beside the Point, Connecticut

Villages of Colbeck, Boca Raton, FL*

2700-unit, 400-acre residential community

Bryan's Vale, Boca Raton, FL*

64 single family homes

Ironshore Golf and Country Club, Boca Raton, FL*

60-unit gated community

Lancewood, Boca Raton, FL*

500-unit, 150-acre residential gated community

El Prado Verde, Boca Raton, FL*

197 single family homes

Hazzard Drive, Clarendon, Jamaica*

6-unit residential complex

Blake Residence, St. Andrew, Jamaica*

Jammin' Behind 56 Marley Foundation, St. Andrew, Jamaica*

Emancipation Park, New Kingston, Jamaica, Design Competition: First Place (Partnership with Architect K. Kambui)

The Lagoons, Montego Bay, Jamaica*

Gated Residential Community, Montego Bay, Jamaica

Swept Away: Trelawny Hotel Resort, Trelawny, Jamaica*

NHT Design Competition, New Kingston, Jamaica: First Place

(Partnership with Architect A.G. Lowe), 2003

*with other firm



Education

M. Arch., Caribbean School of
Architecture, University of Technology,
St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2002

B.A., Architectural Studies, Caribbean
School of Architecture, University of
Technology, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2000
Associate Degree, Built Environment,
Caribbean School of Architecture, University
of Technology, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 1998

Work History

Associate Principal, Centerbrook, 2019

Senior Associate, Centerbrook, 2017

Associate, Centerbrook, 2014-2017

Architect, Centerbrook, 2012

Architect, Merit Materials, Boca

Raton, FL, 2011-2012

Intern III, Centerbrook, 2006-2011

LEED Accredited Professional, BD+C, 2008

Merit Realty, St. Andrew, Jamaica, 2005-2006

Merit Communication, St. Andrew,

Jamaica, 2003-2005

Licensed Architect

Jamaica, #189, 2012

New York, 2012

Member

American Institute of Architects,

Jamaica Institute of Architects, United

States Green Building Council

Awards

Bursary for exceptional academic performance,

Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, 2001-2002

Travel Bursary for exceptional

academic performance, The Jamaican

Institute of Architects, 2000-2001