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The Connecticut American Institute of Architects Announce the 2025 Board of Directors

The strength of AIA Connecticut lies in the collective expertise and dedication of its Board of Directors and staff. Together, they drive the organization toward continued success. At the 2024 Annual Meeting, the Connecticut Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Connecticut) proudly announced the appointment of three new Board members and the elected Officers for 2025.

The 2025 Officers elected for a one-year term:



Marc Andre, AIA Marc G. Andre Architects, Fairfield 2025 President

Marc G. Andre is a dedicated architect with a passion for exploring the aesthetic dimensions of architecture and addressing the challenges of the built environment. A graduate of the City College School of Architecture and Environmental Studies (B.Arch, 1999), he is a licensed architect in Connecticut and New York and a proud member of the American Institute of Architects. Marc is committed to exceeding client expectations through innovative and effective design solutions.



F. Michael Ayles, FAIA Antinozzi Associates, Bridgeport President-Elect - 2026

Michael Ayles, FAIA, has been with Antinozzi Associates since 1994 and became a Principal in 2008. As Principal of Business Development, he leads the firm's marketing, business strategy, and staff recruitment while also managing select client projects, particularly those requiring community engagement or voter approval. With over 25 years of experience, Mike is a sought-after speaker on architecture, leadership, and business development. An elected official and active community leader, he brings a unique perspective on public relations and project financing, earning numerous accolades, including elevation to the AIA College of Fellows in 2017.



Amy Samuelson, AIA LEED AP BL Companies, Meriden **Treasurer**

Amy Samuelson, AIA, is the Executive Director of Architecture and Building Engineering at BL Companies, with over 25 years of experience in public, independent, and higher education projects. A graduate of The Catholic University of America, she is a LEED Accredited Professional. Passionate about mentoring and leadership, Amy focuses on empowering her teams and aligning their growth with BL's client-driven, employeeowned culture. Recognized as the 2019 AGC of Connecticut Designer of the Year, she ensures projects exceed performance standards and client expectations.





Julia Su Jack, AIA, NCARB, NOMA, PMP City of Hartford, Architect Secretary

Julia Su. Jack, a Howard University graduate with a Bachelor of Architecture, has built a diverse career across the AEC industry, including architecture, interior design, pre-construction management, and project controls. As an Architect for Connecticut's Capital City, her most empowering work was with Capital Workforce Partners and Habitat for Humanity, where she inspired young people, especially women, to explore careers in construction. Facing her 50th birthday, Julia earned her architecture license and founded the F50Woman movement to unite and empower women to build character and achieve extraordinary goals.

Elected to a three-year term (2025-2027):



Daniel Horowitz, AIA *University of Hartford, West Hartford*

Daniel Horowitz is the Director of the Graduate Program in Architecture and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Hartford's College of Engineering, Technology, and Architecture. He is the Founder and CEO of Architecture Is Free Foundation, a non-profit empowering marginalized architecture students and educators. Daniel holds a BA in Design of the Environment and a MArch from the University of Pennsylvania, as well as two advanced Master of Science degrees from SCI-Arc. Co-founder of a design-build firm, he has designed and built homes in Connecticut and New York and previously worked with Venturi Scott Brown and Associates.



Jeremy Jamilkowski, AIA Amenta Emma Architects, Hartford

With over 15 years of experience, Jeremy Jamilkowski contributes to project teams in the Higher Education, Multi-Family, and Mixed-Use studios, focusing on design and project documentation. A BArch graduate from Roger Williams University, he also teaches as an Adjunct Faculty member at Paier College of Art and the University of New Haven.



Elected to a one-year term:



Nyicia George, Associate AIA City of Hartford, Project Manager

Nyicia George is a Project Manager for the City of Hartford's Department of Public Works, overseeing architectural projects from design conception through construction closeout. With over a decade of experience, Nyicia has held roles such as Job Captain at Crosskey Architects and Junior Design & Standards Director at Akelius Real Estate Management, contributing to diverse projects in Connecticut, New York, and beyond. An Adjunct Professor at the University of Hartford, Nyicia] teaches architectural drafting, 3D modeling, and design software. A Pratt Institute graduate, Nyicia combines technical expertise with a passion for education and project leadership.

Brian Baril, AIA, A/Z Corporation; Dov Feinmesser, AIA, Newman Architects; Jennifer Huestis, AIA, NOMA, Huestis Tucker Architects, LLC, Thomas M. Haskell, AIA, University of Connecticut; Thaddeus Stewart, AIA, NOMA, Integrated Design & Construction, LLC, and Robert D. Orr, FAIA, Robert Orr & Associates, LLC will continue to fulfill their terms as Directors of the Board.

Sue Wyeth, AIA, NOMA, *Centerbrook Architects + Planners, Centerbrook* remains on the board as Past President as well as Executive Director/CEO, Gina Calabro, Hon. AIACT, NOMA.

About AIA Connecticut:

As a valuable resource for architects and the public, AIA Connecticut has a membership of more than 1,500 individuals, including architects, designers, students, and professionals in related fields. We are dedicated to supporting the architectural profession, fostering design excellence, and contributing to societal improvement by prioritizing the quality of the built and natural environments and adhering to the highest standards of practice and a code of ethics.

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