



## **2018 Candidates for AIA National Office**

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## Candidate Information

### **Candidate Certification**

The Institute Secretary is responsible for establishing the validity of all declared nominations. Based on a review of the materials submitted by each candidate by the certification deadline of March 9, 2018, the Secretary declares the following candidates eligible to stand for election.

#### 2019-2021 At Large Director (one will be elected)

Jessica Sheridan, AIA (AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York)  
Rob E. Walker IV, AIA (AIA Birmingham/AIA Alabama)  
James Wright, FAIA (AIA Washington DC)

#### 2019-2020 Secretary

Jason Winters, AIA (AIA Chesapeake Bay/AIA Maryland)

#### 2019 First Vice President/2020 President-elect

William J. Carpenter, PhD, FAIA (AIA Atlanta/AIA Georgia)  
L. Jane Frederick, FAIA (AIA South Carolina)

Individual candidate biographies and statements of philosophy written by the candidates are provided on the following pages.

### **Voting for Officers and At-large Director**

Delegates must appear in person to vote in the election of officers at At-large Director, which will take place near Room 1A22 in the Javits Center on Thursday, June 21, 2018, at 8:30am - 2pm.

In the event of a runoff election for officers, runoff balloting will take place near Room 1A22 in the Javits Center on Friday, June 22, 2018, at 10am - 2pm.

## Candidate for 2019-2021 At-large Director

### Jessica Sheridan, AIA AIA New York Chapter/AIA New York



**Outreach. Advocacy. Innovation. Prosperity. Relevance.** The AIA stands on these pillars to serve its mission as the voice of the architectural profession and a resource for its members in service to society. We have the power as practitioners and educators to elevate our status in the world. We inspire the public, create consensus, and engage with our communities unlike any other profession.

It's time we share the delight in our profession with our clients, our communities, and society.

**Climate Accountability.** Climate change is the greatest social, economic, and environmental challenge we face. Architects are uniquely qualified to evaluate risk and vulnerability, mitigate and adapt, and holistically design a robust, resilient future for society.

**Wellbeing & Social Equality.** The architecture profession must both take part and reflect the communities in which it serves to stay relevant. Our workplaces can be a model of leadership development, energetic firm culture, flexibility and transparency, and engaged social commitment.

**The Future.** Our profession is changing and we need to shift the way we practice to increase our prosperity and relevance. We are adapting our businesses to provide new services to clients; we are changing our practices with emerging technology; our career trajectories no longer follow a single path. We need to involve our emerging professionals. We need to celebrate our diversity and include those who are pushing boundaries daily.

We are experiencing a pivotal moment at the AIA. Connecting with our membership is more important now than ever. We need to be ambitious and proactive. The AIA must think boldly and aspirationally about our profession. I bring a fresh perspective and I am not afraid to question the status quo.

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## **Jessica Sheridan, AIA Continued**

### **National**

AIA Louise Bethune Fellow, 2018  
AIA Board Knowledge Committee, 2018  
AIA Strategic Council, NY Regional Representative, 2015-17  
AIA Board Governance Task Force, 2016  
AIA Resilience Network, 2015

### **AIA NYS**

AIANYS Executive Committee, 2015-17  
AIANYS Budget & Finance Committee, 2017

### **AIANY Chapter**

Emerging NY Architects, Advisory Council, 2018  
Diversity & Inclusion, 2014  
Design for Risk & Reconstruction, 2012  
City of Dreams Pavilion, Co-Founder, 2009  
Board of Directors, Associate Director, 2012-14  
Post-Sandy Initiative, Waterfront Co-Chair, 2012-13  
e-OCULUS, Editor-in-Chief, 2005-12

### **Professional**

Mancini Duffy, 2017  
Gensler, 2010-17  
Helpern Architects, 2008-10  
Martin E. Rich Architect, 2003-08

### **Honors**

2017 AIA Young Architects Award  
2014 ENR's NY's Top 20 Under 40  
2013 AIA Associates Award  
2011 AIANYS Intern-Associate Award  
2010 Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship  
2010 Stephen A. Kliment Oculus Award

## Candidate for 2019-2021 At-large Director

### Rob E. Walker IV, AIA AIA Birmingham/AIA Alabama



How can AIA positively impact communities? ... Or should we be asking whether AIA even can?

**Yes, we can!** Our culture is poised now, more than ever in AIA's 161-year history, with the expectation that architects will, that we will respond to the new social consciousness we've witnessed first-hand—environmental stewardship, diversity, and equality—in ways our society never has.

**Change is inevitable**, as I've learned the hard way from my own firm for 16 years, and finding the right balance can be challenging. We need help and AIA can be a vital **resource** by exploring practice innovations and developing tools to a path of prosperity.

**We are thought leaders, but the time for thinking alone has passed.** We must enable our members in integrating cutting-edge technology, researching and responding to climate change/resilience or navigating the oncoming generational shift in our membership. AIA can help us move to the next step, developing and nurturing thought leaders for our society and our profession.

**It is time for us to make an AIA that solves the challenges we face.** Many of us are ready to work tirelessly to make a difference... provide the **value** our members demand... and show society just how relevant we are.

**Elect me if this is the kind of change you want at AIA. I'm ready! Are you?**

[Rob Walker for At-large Director](#)

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## **Rob E. Walker IV, AIA continued**

### **Service**

#### **AIA Birmingham**

- President (2003)
- Birmingham Design Awards Chair (2002, 2003)

#### **AIA Alabama State Council**

- President (2010)
- Design Awards Chair (2008, 2009)
- AIA150 Champion (2005-08)

#### **AIA National**

- Qatar Trade Mission with AIA National and US Commerce Department (2014)
- Practice and Prosperity Board Committee (2015)
- Board Advocacy Committee: Policy Subcommittee (2014, 2015)
- ArchiPAC Team Leader: SOMAD Team (2016, 2017)
- 2016 AIA Convention Session Presenter: Small Firms Making a Difference.
- 2016 AIA Board Task Force: Credentialing
- **Small Firm Exchange (SFx)/Small Firm Roundtable (SFRT) (2012-17)**
  - Vice Chair (2014-15)
  - Chair (2016)
  - Helped develop AIA Small Firm Guide to Contract Documents (2012-13)
  - Helped develop the AIA Kinetic App and Editor (2012-15)
- **Strategic Council** - Gulf States Regional Representative (2015-17)
  - Class of 2017 Representative (2015)
  - Culture Study Group Leader (2015)
  - New Class Orientation – chaired the effort to establish and conducted an orientation session for incoming Councilors (2016)
- Steering Committee (2015-17)
- Best Practices Committee (2015-17, chair 2016-17)

## Candidate for 2019-2021 At-large Director

**James Wright, FAIA**  
**AIA Washington DC**



### **What I believe our AIA needs going into the 2020s:**

#### **Global Posture**

We must strengthen our professional engagement worldwide. AIA is ascendant on the global architectural stage, providing leadership in those defining issues of our era which architects are well positioned to address. As globalization of the economy impacts us all, we must be vitally connected to the world marketplace. Foreign investment in U.S. real estate development is expanding, and your next local project could be financed from abroad. I helped found the AIA International Region in 2012 and have been a Board officer ever since; as At-large Director I will continue to build the AIA brand abroad.

#### **Value Proposition Reinforcement**

I've recruited a young and diverse workforce in my own practice, and I have a newly-minted B.Arch. son. Today's generation questions the long, difficult process to become a registered architect, and engagement with AIA is not a given. They are impatient for the rewards and responsibilities that peers have in their professions, and with a life/work balance. AIA's future begins in the schools of architecture.

#### **Leadership in Practice**

I am well grounded in the challenges of day-to-day practice. I've been a practice owner for over 20 years, and before that, I was 20 years on the boards. To this day I am hands-on involved with project delivery. AIA tools and resources offer value, but I know where there's work yet to be done. As the Co-Director of the Professional Practice Commission of the International Union of Architects, I work with leader representatives of almost a million architects in formulating creative responses to the ever-evolving nature of architectural services delivery.

#### **The Long Perspective**

Many occupations are being disrupted by artificial intelligence and Internet-based service delivery—some to the point of extinction. How does our profession grow and prosper in terms of social influence and stature? I will bring a long view of existential threats to our profession and identify opportunities for using new technologies to do what architects do best—creatively synthesize. My contributions will be broad, relevant, and what we need in the 2020s.

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# James Wright, FAIA

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### Service

- AIA Delegation Leader, 2017 International Union of Architects (UIA) Congress/Assembly
- Co-Director, UIA Professional Practice Commission
- AIA International Region (Immediate Past President, 2018-19; President 2016-17; Vice President 2014-15; Interim Board, 2013; Founding Task Group Chair, 2012)
- AIA International Practice Committee Advisory Group (2012-current; Chair, 2014)
- AIA National Convention Continuing Education Speaker (2012-18)
- AIA Honorary Member 2018 Jury Chair

### Professional

- Senior Principal, Page (1997-current)
- Senior Principal, HOK (1994-97)
- Senior Vice President, CRS (1979-94)
- Designer, SH&G (1976-79)

### Educational

- Fulbright-Hays Fellow
- Harvard University GSD, M.Arch
- Ohio State University, B.Sc.Arch

### More

<https://www.pagethink.com/v/people-detail/James-M-Wright/3q/>

## Candidate for 2019-2020 Secretary

### **Jason Winters, AIA** **AIA Chesapeake Bay/AIA Maryland**



When I joined my local chapter, I discovered an AIA community that would help me grow personally and professionally. Over 15 years later, I look back thankfully to all of the AIA members who have welcomed, mentored, and inspired me to join in advocating for the architectural profession. This incredible journey in AIA leadership has been both a privilege and an honor, and it is in this spirit that I present my candidacy as Institute Secretary.

I believe the Secretary should continue to fulfill the vision of repositioning the Institute placing AIA as a robust professional organization with prominent leadership in all aspects of the built environment past, present, and future. Our previous Institute Secretaries have provided critical guidance with which we can continue to build on.

Moving forward, the Secretary should continue to shepherd membership needs, foster relationships amongst Institute bodies, and promote information sharing through multiple communication platforms, increased visibility, and proactive outreach. For me, the role of Secretary is one of active listening, culture building, and constant communication. These features help ensure that our AIA embarks on its mission aggressively with frameworks of best practice. I believe this is crucial as the Secretary position bears significant impact as a conduit between members, components, and AIA National.

I pledge to provide a strong voice bridging our communications between the board, components, and individual members. Outside of our organization, we will work together to expand the relevance of AIA for society. I have high aspirations for the positive impact architects have on the built environment, and it is with this sense of purpose that I ask for your support as Institute Secretary.

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## **Jason Winters, AIA Continued**

### AIA National

AIA Strategic Council

- Moderator, 2017
- Strategic Planning Committee, 2016
- NAC Liaison, 2016-17

Federal Architecture Task Group, 2015-18

Public Awareness & Advocacy Committee, 2015

Continuing Education Committee, 2012-15

Board Advocacy Committee, 2012

### AIA Middle Atlantic Region

Mid-Atlantic Strategic Counselor Representative, 2015-17

Mid-Atlantic Small Firm Roundtable Representative, 2015-16

### AIA Maryland

President, 2014

Vice President, 2013

Chair, Maryland Architects PAC, 2012-14

Director, 2009-11

### AIA Chesapeake Bay Chapter

President, 2008

Vice President, 2007

Treasurer, 2006

Director, 2004-05

### Professional

Kezlo Group – Principal, 2013-present

CRGA – Associate, 2001-12

### Education

Johns Hopkins University - Master of Liberal Arts

Syracuse University - Master of Architecture

Drexel University - Bachelor of Architecture

## **Candidate for 2019 First Vice President/ 2020 President-elect**

### **William J. Carpenter, PhD, FAIA AIA Atlanta/AIA Georgia**



AIA is at a formative time of exciting transformation and I would like to serve you as the 2020 President to use my skills as a proven national leader to expand our influences. We can continue our global outreach to guide the future of design through focused and inspired leadership.

#### **Inclusion**

We will prioritize the Equity Commission movement for women, minorities, and other underrepresented members in the profession. We can dissolve insular boundaries within AIA and make better connections with academia, allied disciplines, and the public. Connecting with academia will help us share research and knowledge.

#### **Emerging professionals**

We should encourage leadership for students, Associates and emerging professionals, and help connect them to key initiatives in the Institute and in the profession. We should encourage future leaders for Board and Council service.

#### **We can have a stronger collective voice**

AIA can help strengthen and support the Centers for Architecture as a collective. We can connect to the public and foster collaborative initiatives and save threatened works of architecture. When we lead our voice becomes stronger and heard.

I am a proven and respected leader who will represent our membership with integrity. I have served on AIA's National Board as South Atlantic Regional Director and as President of AIA Atlanta and AIA Georgia. I have also served as chair of two national communities, the Design Build Knowledge Community and the Young Architects Forum.

[www.williamcarpenter.com](http://www.williamcarpenter.com)

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# William J. Carpenter, PhD, FAIA

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### EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

Birmingham Institute of Art + Design; College of Architecture and Urbanism  
(United Kingdom)

M.ARCH

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University: College of Architecture and  
Urban Studies

B.Arch

Mississippi State University: College of Architecture and Design

### PROFESSIONAL and TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Founder: Lightroom Studio; Atlanta, GA

Samuel Mockbee FAIA; Jackson, MS; Intern Architect

Kennesaw State University; Marietta, GA—Professor; College of Architecture;  
1993-present

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2018 Chancellor: National ACSA; The College of Distinguished  
Professors

2016 AIA Atlanta President

2014 AIA National Board: Council of Emerging Professionals, and Center  
for Integrated Practice Board Liaison

2010-13 National AIA Board; South Atlantic Regional Director

2000 AIA Georgia President

1993 Chair; AIA Young Architects Forum—Founder of the AIA Young  
Architects Award

### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2017 Biennale di Venezia 2016, Venice, Italy; Lightroom

2016 AIA Atlanta Honor Award, Paty Modern

2015 AIA Atlanta Honor Award, Hartwell Cabin

2014 ACSA; National Distinguished Professor Award

2012 AIA Georgia Bernard B. Rothschild Award

2010 AIA Atlanta Ivan Allen Senior

1997 AIA National Young Architects Citation

## Candidate for 2019 First Vice President/ 2020 President-elect

### L. Jane Frederick, FAIA AIA South Carolina



Looking to the future, let's imagine where we will be in 2028.

**Our workforce will be diverse, distributed, and specialized.** 75% of the global workforce will be millennials. We must act on the recommendations from the Young Architect's Practice Innovation Lab, support K-12 architectural education, and continue to build a diverse and equitable profession.

**Rapidly developing economies will continue to create competition for energy, water, and other high demand resources.** AIA needs to drive the research and implementation of renewable energy, materials, and how buildings affect the health and well-being of their occupants to create a cleaner, healthier, safer, and sustainable world.

**The climate will still be changing.** AIA must help all of our members reach the goal of carbon neutral and resilient buildings.

**Governing will be de-centralized.** Cities and Communities will be solving the big dilemmas of healthy cities, resiliency, homelessness, and energy independence. Architects are agents of positive change and can lead us in mitigating these big gnarly challenges that require multidisciplinary solutions.

To create a future with better buildings, better communities, and a better world, we have to be flexible, nimble, and seize opportunities to turn dilemmas into advantages thereby making a difference in social, environmental, and economic realms. We must elevate our influence; advance research and share the knowledge; support firms and members; and distribute our resources among our members and components.

As architects, when we are at our best—we don't talk about the future—we create it.

I have the experience, qualifications, and proven leadership to serve as your president of AIA. Let's create the future together.

[www.JaneFrederick2018.com](http://www.JaneFrederick2018.com)

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## **L. Jane Frederick, FAIA**

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#### **AIA National**

At-Large Board Member, 2016-17

- Committees: Public Outreach, chair; Board Visibility & Engagement Task Force

South Atlantic Regional Director 2013-15

- Committees: Board Knowledge, Practice & Prosperity, Emerging Professionals, Council Strategy and Digital Transformation Task Groups

Small Firm Round Table Executive Committee 2010-14, chair, vice chair

Small Firm Task Force, 2005-06

Inaugural AIA Leadership Institute, 1997

#### **AIA South Carolina, 2008-11**

President

Secretary/Treasurer

Director

#### **Design Juries**

AIA Gold Medal/Firm Award Advisory Jury

AIA District of Columbia

AIA North Carolina

AIA Charlotte

AIA Rhode Island

#### **Collateral Organizations**

NCARB, 2001-08 Architectural Registration Examination Committees

NCARB Region 3, 2001-04 chair, vice chair, secretary

South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners, 1999-2004, chair, 2001-03

NAAB, 2005-18, served on 12 teams, chair of 7

#### **Professional Experience**

Principal at Frederick + Frederick Architects since 1989

Bachelor of Architecture, Auburn University

