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YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED TO OUR

2026 AIA Honolulu Annual Business Meeting

Members, mark your calendar to attend our IN-PERSON Annual Business Meeting being held at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center during PBX Hawaii

WHEN: Wednesday, October 21, 2026, from 10:00am - 11:00am
WHERE: Neal S. Blaisdell Center, 777 Ward Ave, Honolulu – Room 1 & 2
REGISTER for PBX: Click here to register for PBX Hawaii.
RSVP for Business Meeting: No separate RSVP is required this year. To attend, register and pay for PBX Hawaii, then add the Annual Business Meeting to your online agenda.
** 10% membership attendance required for quorum**.

ENCLOSED FOR YOUR REVIEW

1) Agenda for 2026 Annual Business Meeting
2) Minutes of 2025 Annual Business Meeting
3) Proposed Bylaws Amendments
4) Nominees for AIA Honolulu Officers & Directors and Representatives to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TO FILL THE FOLLOWING EXPIRING TERMS

AIA Honolulu Officers:

- Vice President/President-Elect* (2027)
  * automatically elevates to President in 2028
- Secretary (2027-2028)

AIA Honolulu Directors:

- Three Architect Member Directors (2027-2028)
- One Architect Member Director, Hawaii Island Section (2027-2028)
- One Associate Director (2027-2028)

AIA Hawaii State Council:

- One AIA Honolulu Representative to serve as Director on the AIA Hawaii State Council Board (2027-2029, 3-year term).

ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

As stated in the Bylaws, all AIA (architect) and Associate AIA members in good standing assigned by the Institute to this Chapter as their primary membership are eligible to vote at this meeting. Local Allied members may attend but may not vote at this meeting.

LIMITED VOTE BY PROXY (4.5.3): An eligible member may vote by proxy for the limited purpose of the election of directors and officers, provided that the member certifies he/she will not be in a 25-mile radius of the meeting location at the date of the meeting. The proxy shall be executed in writing and sent to the Secretary of the Chapter prior to the meeting.

VOTING FOR CANDIDATES

Section 4.7.1 of the Chapter Bylaws specifies that Nominations of officers and directors of this Chapter about to become vacant, excluding public director vacancies as noted in section 6.2, shall be made at the annual meeting from the floor.

In this package, you will find written statements from a slate of candidates prepared for you by the 2026 Nominating Committee to fill upcoming vacancies on the 2027 AIA Honolulu Board

of Directors and the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors. This information will also be available as a link from our home page www.aiahonolulu.org.

To include your name in the running for this year or future Board slates, please submit your interest to contact@aiahonolulu.org.

2026 Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Neil S. Blaisdell Center – Room 1 & 2
777 Ward Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96814

10:00 am – Annual Business Meeting Begins:
Presiding Officer: Lance Hirai, AIA - 2026 President, AIA Honolulu

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2026 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

• Call to Order & Welcome	2 min
• Verification of Quorum	2 min
• Approval of Agenda & 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes	5 min
• Bylaws Resolution	5-10 min
• Treasurer's Report: Andrea Aegerter, AIA, 2026 Treasurer	5 min
• President's Report: Lance Hirai, AIA, 2026 President	10 min

• Election of Officers & Directors
  ○ AIA Honolulu
  ○ AIA Hawaii State Council
	5-10 min

• Hawaii State Council Report: Melanie Islam, AIA, 2025-2026 AIA Hawaii President	10 min
• Incoming President's Remarks: Sheryl Seaman, AIA ME, 2027 President	5 min
• Closing & Adjournment	5 min

2025 Meeting Minutes

AIA Honolulu Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2025
Hawaii Convention Center (Room 319A)
1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

I. Welcome and Call to Order

President Phil Camp, AIA welcomed attendees to the Annual Business Meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

II. Verification of Quorum

Of the 715 eligible voting members of AIA Honolulu, approximately 94 members were present. This is more than the 10% required. The quorum was established at 9:39 am.

III. Approval of Minutes of 2024

The 2024 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.

IV. Candidate Introductions

The candidates, as nominated and in attendance, were introduced. President Phil Camp, AIA, asked for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations, and the ballot was confirmed as presented. Members were then asked to vote electronically via QR code for the contested positions and affirm the uncontested positions. At the time of the Annual Business Meeting, no nominee had been identified for the position of Vice President/President-Elect. Following the meeting, Sheryl Seaman, AIA, was nominated for the office. An electronic vote of the membership was conducted on October 29, 2025. After the voting period concluded and a quorum was confirmed, Sheryl Seaman, AIA, was duly elected Vice President/President-Elect for the 2026 term.

2026 Vice President/President-Elect (one vacancy):
Open Position

2026-2027 Treasurer (one vacancy):
Andrea Aegerter, AIA

2026-2027 Directors (four vacancies):
Reece Bonilla, AIA
Corey Bowman, AIA
Jacob Karasik, AIA
Marni Tam, AIA
Tina Zeng, AIA

2026-2027 Associate Directors (one vacancy):
Sean Nayeri, Int'l Assoc. AIA
Eric Teeples, Assoc. AIA
Maleah Reynolds, Assoc. AIA

2026-2027 Public Director (one appointment pre-determined by the AIA Honolulu Board):
Dave Miklos

2026-28 Chapter Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors (one vacancy):
Joel Ganotisi, AIA

V. Treasurer's Report

Laura Crane, AIA, presented the treasurer's report of the 2024 and partial 2025 fiscal year.

VI. President's Report

Phil Camp, AIA gave an oral report.

VII. Hawaii State Council Report

Melanie Islam, AIA, gave an oral report.

VIII. Incoming President's Report

Lance Hirai, AIA gave an oral report.

IX. Committee Spotlight

Purnima McCutcheon, AIA provided an overview of the EDI Committee efforts.

X. Mahalo and Recognition

Phil Camp, AIA, recognized Robert Iopa, FAIA, for his recent elevation to the AIA College of Fellows. He also congratulated the two recipients of the AIA Honolulu Scholarship, both students at the University of Hawai'i School of Architecture (UHSoA). In addition, he acknowledged the recipients of two Hawai'i Architectural Foundation scholarships and the Hawai'i Architectural Foundation Merit Awards presented to Doctor of Architecture (DArch) and Master of Architecture (MArch) students in recognition of their capstone projects.

Phil Camp, AIA, expressed his appreciation to the 2025 AIA Honolulu Board of Directors for their dedicated service and contributions to the chapter.

XI. Election Results

As reported by Julia Fink, Executive Vice President, the uncontested positions were elected by acclamation. In the contested election for Architect Director positions, Reece Bonilla, AIA, Jacob Karasik, AIA, Marni Tam, and Tine Zeng, AIA, received the highest number of votes and were elected to serve. In the contested election for Associate Director, Maleah Reynolds, Assoc. AIA, was elected.

After confirming that there were no objections from the members present, President Phil Camp, AIA, declared the election results official.

Subsequent to the Annual Business Meeting, Sheryl Seaman, AIA, was nominated for the position of Vice President/President-Elect. An electronic election of the membership was conducted on October 29, 2025. Upon verification of a quorum and certification of the election results, Sheryl Seaman, AIA, was elected Vice President/President-Elect for the 2026 term.

2026 President: (automatically moves from 2025 Vice President/President-Elect)
Lance Hirai, AIA

2026 Vice President/President-Elect: determined post meeting by online election
Sheryl Seaman, AIA

2026-27 Treasurer: by acclamation
Andrea Aegerter, AIA

2026-27 Directors: by vote
Reece Bonilla, AIA
Jacob Karasij, AIA
Marni Tam, AIA
Tina Zeng, AIA

2026-27 Associate Director: by vote
Maleah Reynolds, Assoc. AIA

2026-28 Chapter Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors: by acclamation
Joel Ganotisi, AIA

2026-27 Public Director: by appointment
Dave Miklos

XII. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.
Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Shimazu, AIA
2025 Secretary, AIA Honolulu
September 24, 2025

Resolution for Edits to the Chapter Bylaws

The following AIA Honolulu Bylaws changes are set forward to the Chapter members for vote at the 2026 Annual Meeting:

- Reduction of the number of members on the Board of Directors

Reasoning:
Whereas, AIA Honolulu current Board of Directors consists of 18 members, including 12 architects, and the chapter's staggered two-year terms require the recruitment and election of approximately one-half of the Board each year; and

Whereas, a smaller Board can continue to provide broad representation while maintaining effective governance and oversight; and

Whereas, reducing the number of architect director positions from 8 to 4 will decrease the annual burden of identifying and recruiting candidates, allowing Chapter leaders and staff to devote more time and resources to advancing the Chapter's strategic priorities, programs, advocacy efforts, and member services;

Therefore, be it resolved that the following amendments be made to AIA Honolulu's Chapter Bylaws:

AIA Honolulu Bylaws Revision:

1) **ARTICLE 6.1 Membership**
2) **ARTICLE 6.3.4 Directors Terms**

6.1. Membership

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

President – As presiding officer
Vice President/President-elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Director(s): Four (4) ~~Eight (8)~~ Architect Members
One (1) Architect Member Section Representative for each approved Section of this Chapter, these may be included in the 4 ~~8~~ architect members
Two (2) Associate Members
Up to two (2) Student Directors as described in section 6.2
Up to two (2) Public Directors as described in section 6.2

6.3.4. Directors Terms

6.3.4.1. Director – Architect Member (4) ~~(8)~~ shall serve two (2)-year staggered terms with two ~~four~~ new directors elected every year.

Bylaws Proposal - Restructure Board of Directors

Current

16 member board
recruit 8 positions annually
& State Council positions as needed

AIA Honolulu Board Positions	
EXCOM/President - Architect	2027
EXCOM/VP-Pres Elect - Architect	2027
EXCOM/Secretary - Architect	2027-2028
EXCOM/Treasurer - Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2027-2028
Architect	2027-2028
Architect	2027-2028
Architect - Hawaii Section	2027-2028
Associate	2026-2027
Associate	2027-2028
Public Director	2026-2027
Public Director	2027-2028
Ex-Officio Members	
EXCOM/Past President	2027
EXCOM/EVP	
AIA-S - Student Director	
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2025-27
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2025-27
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2023-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2026-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2027-29
AIA-Hawaii State Council (Appointed)	2026-2027

2027

14 member board
recruit 6 positions annually
& State Council positions as needed

AIA Honolulu Board Positions	
EXCOM/President - Architect	2027
EXCOM/VP-Pres Elect - Architect	2027
EXCOM/Secretary - Architect	2027-2028
EXCOM/Treasurer - Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2026-2027
Architect	2027-2028
Architect - Hawaii Section	2027-2028
Associate	2026-2027
Associate	2027-2028
Public Director	2026-2027
Public Director	2027-2028
Ex-Officio Members	
EXCOM/Past President	2027
EXCOM/EVP	
AIA-S - Student Director	
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2025-27
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2025-27
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2023-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2026-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2027-29
AIA-Hawaii State Council (Appointed)	2026-2027

2028

11 member board
recruit 5-6 positions annually (alternate Public Director)
& State Council positions as needed

AIA Honolulu Board Positions	
EXCOM/President - Architect	2028
EXCOM/VP-Pres Elect - Architect	2028
EXCOM/Secretary - Architect	2027-2028
EXCOM/Treasurer - Architect	2028-2029
Architect	2028-2029
Architect	2028-2029
Architect	2027-2028
Architect - Hawaii Section	2027-2028
Associate	2027-2028
Associate	2028-2029
Public Director	2027-2028
Ex-Officio Members	
EXCOM/Past President	2027
EXCOM/EVP	
AIA-S - Student Director	
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2028-30
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2028-30
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2023-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2026-28
AIA-Hawaii State Council	2027-29
AIA-Hawaii State Council (Appointed)	2026-2027

Nominees for AIA Honolulu Chapter Officers and Directors

The 2026 Nominating Committee has prepared and presents the following slate of candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the 2027 AIA Honolulu Board of Directors.

AIA Honolulu Executive Committee Candidates

Officer Candidates for AIA Honolulu Executive Committee (listed by position order)

Position: Vice President/President-Elect, 2027 (One Candidate)

Eddie Ebert, AIA

Qualifications: Eddie Ebert, AIA, is an experienced team leader and Principal Architect at GHD with a demonstrated history of leading complex initiatives in the architecture & building industry. He is skilled in leadership, team building, construction management, and project management. Drawn to service as a former diplomat and retired Naval Officer, he blends the curiosity of designer, the practicality of constructor, and the innovation required to run a business for lasting community benefit.

Statement: I seek election to the AIA Honolulu Board of Directors because I believe architects have a unique responsibility to shape Hawai‘i's future through leadership, service, and collaboration. Our communities benefit when architects lead.

I am inspired to support incoming President Sheryl Seaman's vision of strengthening relationships with civic leaders, elevating architects as trusted thought leaders, and expanding partnerships with higher education. These initiatives present an opportunity for AIA Honolulu to increase its influence and relevance on issues that matter most to Hawai‘i, including housing, resilience, sustainability, and community well-being. I am also passionate about connecting generations of professionals. By creating more intentional opportunities for knowledge sharing between emerging professionals, mid-career practitioners, and seasoned leaders, we can preserve valuable institutional knowledge while preparing the next generation to lead.

Finally, I am drawn to serve with Julia Fink, a tireless advocate for all of us and a strong catalyst for leadership and change. I believe we can improve collaboration and efficiency among AIA organizations and committees across Hawai‘i. By aligning efforts and reducing duplication, we can maximize volunteer impact and present a stronger, more unified voice for architecture throughout our state. Mahalo for your consideration.

Position: Secretary, 2027-2028 (One Candidate)

Raquel Woo, AIA

Qualifications: Raquel Woo, AIA, is an Architecture Project Manager at Bowers + Kubota Consulting. She manages multidisciplinary project teams through all phases of planning, design, permitting, and construction administration on projects throughout Hawai‘i. Her experience includes residential, education, places of worship, and historic renovation projects. Raquel also participates in Bowers + Kubota's mentorship program, supporting professional development and career growth among emerging professionals within the firm.

While earning her Doctor of Architecture degree from the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, she interned at Fung Associates, Inc. and was awarded the 2009 AIA Honolulu Scholarship. After graduating in 2011, Raquel worked at CallisonRTKL in Seattle for seven years as part of the Global Retail and Commercial Studios, contributing to prototype development and nationwide rollouts for major retailers.

Raquel Woo, AIA, continued Qualification: She also participated in the AIA Seattle Laddership mentorship program as a mentee. Wanting to be closer to her family, she moved back to Hawai‘i in May 2020 and joined Urban Works as a Project Architect, working on rural healthcare, residential, affordable housing, and education projects. She joined Bowers + Kubota in March 2025. From 2021 through 2022, she served on the Professional Development Committee, where she organized seminars addressing the post-COVID workplace and solutions to homelessness. From 2022 through 2023, she served on the AIA Honolulu Board of Directors as an Associate Director.

Statement: From receiving scholarship support as a student to participating in mentorship programs, serving on a committee, and later serving on the Board, these experiences have shown me the importance of building connections, pursuing professional development, and supporting fellow architects at every stage of their careers. This strong sense of community is one of AIA's greatest strengths and is vital to the future of our profession. I am seeking the position of Secretary because I would like to continue giving back to an organization that has had such a positive impact on my career. Architects are collaborative, inquisitive, and expressive by nature, and I believe AIA Honolulu provides an important forum for architects to learn together, advocate for the profession, and remain connected to the people and communities we serve. My goal as Secretary is to support a communicative and inclusive Chapter where members feel informed, welcomed, and encouraged to engage.

AIA Honolulu Director Candidates (2027-2028)

Three (3) Candidates for 3 or 1 available at-large positions (depending on outcome of bylaws vote)
(listed in alphabetical order by last name)

Position: Director, Architect Member:
Corey Bowman, AIA

Qualifications: Corey Bowman, AIA, has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Brigham Young University and a Master of Architecture from the University of Utah School of Architecture and Planning. He is an Associate Principal and Project Architect at VCBO Architecture.
Corey has contributed his skills to the success of many projects across various typologies, including K-12 schools, higher education, multi-family housing, historic preservation, museums, and religious architecture. Corey has a passion for architecture. He loves understanding how people navigate space and applies this insight in his work. Corey strives to design simple solutions to the complex problems in the built environment. Corey takes great pride in what he and his team accomplish together.

He believes that through collaboration and hard work, the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts. He believes that each individual brings their own knowledge and history, offering new ideas and perspectives, and that there is power in learning from one another.

Statement: For many years, I have enjoyed the benefits of my involvement in AIA. This powerful network of architects and design professionals has given me opportunities for mentorship and growth in the profession. It has helped me to recognize the critical role of architects in the community. As members of AIA, we benefit from the countless hours of those who have come before us. I would be honored by the opportunity to contribute to the organization.

Position: Director, Architect Member

Joshua Shaw, AIA

Qualifications: Joshua Shaw, AIA, is a principal at MGA Architecture in Honolulu, Hawaii. After earning an associate degree in Civil Engineering Technology, he began his architectural career in western Massachusetts in 2002. At a small firm specializing in HUD Section 202 senior housing, historic preservation, and work for nonprofit religious and secular organizations, he learned the dynamics of small-firm practice. He later gained experience in corporate, retail, and hospitality architecture. Joshua earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from Boston Architectural College in 2014 and is licensed in Hawaii. In 2021, he joined MGA Architecture and moved to Hawaii, where he has begun to put down roots. Fascinated from a young age by the built environment and its influence on human behavior, he believes well-executed architecture can positively affect people and society. He is particularly interested in how design professionals can advocate for people experiencing homelessness through the design of affordable transitional and permanent housing solutions.

Statement: Through the development of my Architectural career, I have experienced different aspects of the AIA. As a young design professional, I was a bit unaware of the benefits the AIA had to offer me as support in career development. I still find this is true with some young design professionals I mentor today. My goal in becoming more involved with the AIA is to be able to communicate effectively the benefits of AIA to the emerging design professional and to our island community at large. I see this position as an opportunity to understand AIA's current and potential roles in community involvement. We can support our local community with good design for local business and non-profit groups. Architecture is about creating spaces that empower the individual to live and work well. Advocating good design enables our local community to thrive both socially and economically. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Position: Director, Architect Member

Richard Wong, AIA

Qualifications: Richard Wong is a Principal and Senior Project Manager at KYA Inc., where he has worked for the past 22 years. He has been working in the architectural profession for 36 years and has extensive experience in planning, design, project management, and construction administration for public and private-sector projects throughout Hawai‘i.

Throughout his career, Richard has worked on a diverse range of projects, including civic, aviation, fire and emergency services, community, commercial, and institutional facilities. His experience spans all phases of project delivery, from planning and programming through design, construction administration, and project closeout, with an emphasis on collaboration, practical problem-solving, and delivering practical, sustainable, and well-coordinated design solutions. Richard has worked closely with clients, consultants, contractors, and public agencies to successfully deliver projects that serve communities across Hawai‘i.

In His collaborative approach, technical expertise, and commitment to quality have earned the trust of clients and project teams alike. He remains dedicated to creating thoughtful, functional, and enduring architecture that meets the needs of clients while contributing positively to the built environment.

Statement: I am seeking to serve on the AIA Hawai‘i Board of Directors to contribute my experience, collaborative approach, and practical perspective while helping strengthen our profession and our local AIA community. I believe AIA Hawai‘i plays an important role in connecting architects, fostering professional growth, and advocating for the value of architecture and design. A strong organization depends on an active, diverse, and engaged membership, and I would like to help create more opportunities for members to connect, collaborate, volunteer, and become involved.

Richard Wong, AIA, continued Statement: As a Board member, one of my priorities would be to increase member participation and engagement. I would like to help make AIA Hawai‘i more accessible and valuable to architects at every stage of their careers, particularly by encouraging greater involvement from emerging professionals and creating meaningful opportunities for networking, mentorship, and leadership.

I also believe experienced architects have an important role to play in supporting the next generation of the profession. By listening to our members, encouraging collaboration, and creating opportunities for involvement, I hope to help build a stronger, more connected, and more engaged architectural community in Hawai‘i. I would be honored to serve AIA Hawai‘i and contribute to its continued growth and impact on our profession and the communities we serve.

Hawai‘i Island Section Director Candidate (2027-2028)

Position: (1) Hawai‘i Island Section Director (One Candidate)

Carl Lam, AIA

Qualifications: Carl Lam, Architect AIA, is a 2nd generation Hawaii architect, following his father, Clemson Lam, in a career of custom residential design on the Big Island. Following high school at Hawaii Preparatory Academy, Carl lived in California for 15 years where he attended architecture school, worked with SB Architects in San Francisco on hospitality projects, and later in San Diego with high-end residential architect, John Jensen. He returned home to live and work in Waimea in 2020.

Carl relies on his local knowledge of Hawaii weather, the island's many unique microclimates, and the importance of respect for Hawaiian cultural traditions to design residences that respond to each specific site. Homes designed with a thoughtful connection to the ‘āina (land) allow residents to live a comfortable indoor/outdoor island lifestyle year-round. Carl's personal approach to custom home design welcomes clients to become immersed in the project from start to finish. He looks forward to coordinating with all members of AIA Hawaii and continuing to give back to the people and place that has shaped him into the person he is today.

Statement: After attending recent AIA conventions in Washington DC, Boston, and San Diego I'm motivated to get involved in the local architecture community including AIA Hawaii. I currently serve on the Waimea Community Association design review board providing feedback on proposed commercial projects to encourage appropriate design for our upcountry ranch town.

As an AIA Board of Directors (Hawaii section) member, I will provide important insight and support to AIA Hawaii from a neighbor island perspective. I look forward to participating in AIA's continued growth and development within our local community, and towards a better Hawaii.

AIA Honolulu Associate Director Candidate (2027-2028)

One (1) candidate for 1 available position.

Position: Associate Director

Sean Nayeri, Intl. Assoc. AIA

Qualifications: Sean Nayeri, Int'l Assoc. AIA, RRC, RRO, CEI, is is a Senior Consultant with Curtain Wall Design & Consulting, Inc. (CDC) in Honolulu, specializing in building enclosure systems, building science, and building enclosure commissioning (BECx). He is a licensed architect with more than 20 years of combined experience in architectural design, project management, and building enclosure consulting. Sean holds a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and pursued a Master of Architecture degree at Shiraz University, which he was unable to complete due to immigration. He began his career in Iran, leading design teams on residential, commercial, and civic projects before transitioning into building enclosure consulting in the United States.

For more than a decade, his work has focused on improving building performance through BECx programs and projects pursuing sustainability goals such as LEED and Net Zero. He works with owners, architects, contractors, and project teams through multiple stages of a project—from schematic design and design development through construction, completion, occupancy, and ongoing maintenance—to help identify enclosure-related risks, improve coordination, and support long-term building performance. His project experience includes The Wharf, Capitol Crossing, and U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C.; Amazon HQ2 in Arlington, Virginia; Bank of America Headquarters in North Carolina; Coral Gables projects in Miami; and numerous projects throughout Hawaii, including a new Hilton hotel in Waikiki and University of Hawaii projects including POST, Hale Haukani, and Snyder Hall. Sean is also a member of IIBEC and is passionate about resilient, sustainable, and high-performing buildings.

Statement: I have greatly enjoyed participating in AIA Honolulu events and committees, which have provided valuable opportunities to connect with and learn from Hawaii's architectural community. Serving as Associate Director would allow me to deepen that involvement while contributing a perspective shaped by both architectural design and building science. My career has given me the opportunity to experience buildings from two complementary perspectives. I began as an architect focused on the creative and human aspects of design, while the last decade of my career has concentrated on building enclosure performance, commissioning, and the technical realities of how buildings are constructed and perform over time. I believe stronger connections between these perspectives can help create more resilient, sustainable, and durable buildings.

I am particularly interested in how building enclosure commissioning and performance-focused design can improve energy efficiency, durability, occupant comfort, and the long-term sustainability of our built environment. I also believe in advancing Life-Centered Design—an approach that expands our thinking beyond human-centered design to consider life as a whole, including people, communities, culture, natural systems, and the environment affected by the places we create. As Associate Director, I hope to foster dialogue between designers and technical professionals, support mentorship and knowledge-sharing, and encourage collaboration across disciplines. I would bring curiosity, practical experience, and a collaborative perspective to help AIA Honolulu continue advancing architecture and the built environment in Hawaii.

--- End of AIA Honolulu Board of Director Candidates as Presented by 2026 Nominating Committee ---

The Board of Directors appoints up to 2 Public Directors

Position: Public Director

Quinn Vittum

Qualifications: Quinn Vittum is the Executive Director and co-founder of Re-use Hawai‘i, a nonprofit social enterprise dedicated to advancing the circular economy through building material reuse, deconstruction, and workforce development. For more than 20 years, Quinn has worked at the intersection of sustainability, construction, workforce training, and community development, helping transform how Hawai‘i manages construction and demolition materials.

Under his leadership, Re-use Hawai‘i has grown into one of the state's leading resource recovery organizations, diverting more than 700 tons of building materials from the landfill annually while providing affordable materials to thousands of residents and creating employment opportunities for individuals facing barriers to work. Quinn has overseen the development of large-scale deconstruction programs, material redistribution initiatives, and workforce development partnerships that demonstrate the economic and environmental benefits of reuse.

Quinn is a recognized advocate for sustainable building practices and has worked closely with architects, contractors, developers, government agencies, and community organizations to promote waste reduction, embodied carbon reduction, and circular economy principles within the built environment. He has served on the Board of Directors of HEMIC and is a graduate of Omidyar Fellows and the Obama Leaders USA program.

Statement: It is an honor to be considered for the public director seat for Honolulu AIA. For more than two decades, I have worked at the intersection of the built environment, sustainability, workforce development, and community impact. As the Executive Director and co-founder of Re-use Hawai‘i, I have helped build one of Hawai‘i’s leading organizations focused on building material reuse, deconstruction, and circular economy solutions. Through this work, I have partnered with architects, developers, contractors, government agencies, and community organizations to reduce waste, conserve resources, and create pathways to employment. My interest in serving on the AIA Hawai‘i Board stems from a deep appreciation for the critical role architects play in shaping resilient, sustainable, and thriving communities. Hawai‘i faces significant challenges related to housing, climate adaptation, resource conservation, and workforce development. I believe the architecture profession is uniquely positioned to lead innovative solutions to these challenges.

As a board member, I would bring the perspective of a nonprofit executive, social entrepreneur, and sustainability advocate with extensive experience building partnerships across sectors. I am particularly interested in advancing conversations around material reuse, deconstruction, embodied carbon reduction, workforce development, and the integration of circular economy principles into the design and construction industry. I am excited about the opportunity to support AIA Hawai‘i’s mission, strengthen collaboration across the building industry, and help elevate the profession’s leadership in creating a more sustainable and equitable future for Hawai‘i.

AIA Honolulu Representatives to serve on the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors (2027-2029)

One (1) candidate for 1 available position.
January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2029 (3-Year Term)

Position: AIA Honolulu Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors

Todd Hassler, AIA

Qualifications: Todd Hassler, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, is a partner at Peter Vincent Architects. Since joining the firm in 2015, he has worked on a range of award-winning projects including single family homes, recreational facilities, restaurants, and offices.
He is committed to advancing the profession through design, mentorship, and community engagement. His professional leadership experience includes graduating from the distinguished AIA Leadership Academy as a member of its inaugural 2020–2022 class. The highly selective, nationwide program focuses on developing the business and leadership skills necessary to grow successful practices, lead meaningful change, foster collaboration, and create positive impact within the profession and community. Todd's passion for mentorship extends into architectural education, where he serves as an instructor at the University of Hawai'i School of Architecture. Through teaching and working with emerging professionals, he is dedicated to sharing his professional experience, encouraging critical thinking, and helping prepare the next generation of architects to contribute meaningfully to the profession.

An active member of the architectural community, Todd served on the AIA Honolulu Board of Directors from 2018–2019 and served as President of AIA Honolulu in 2023. He continues to participate in professional committees and community initiatives, with a focus on strengthening the architectural profession, supporting fellow architects, and contributing to the broader community. Through his practice, teaching, and professional leadership, Todd brings together a commitment to design excellence, collaboration, and the continued advancement of architecture in Hawai'i.

Statement: I am honored to be considered for service on the AIA Hawai'i State Council. It has been a privilege to be an active member of AIA Honolulu for more than eleven years, and I welcome the opportunity to contribute to the profession on a broader, statewide level. Through my service on the Hawai'i State Council Legislative Advocacy Committee, I have had the opportunity to collaborate with a dedicated and impactful group of architects working to advance issues that affect our profession and communities throughout Hawai'i. In addition to helping coordinate a proposal for new state legislation addressing shoreline regulations, the committee actively monitors legislation related to permitting, housing, building codes, historic preservation, resiliency, and sustainability. This work includes developing coordinated positions and comments on proposed legislation and engaging with state legislators to advocate for the interests of the architectural profession and the communities we serve.

If elected to the AIA Hawai'i State Council, I would be committed to building upon this work and strengthening our statewide advocacy efforts. I believe architects have an important voice in shaping the policies, places, and communities of Hawai'i, and I would welcome the opportunity to help ensure that voice is informed, collaborative, and effective. I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside fellow architects across the state to promote design excellence, advance our profession, and make a meaningful and positive impact on our communities. Mahalo for your consideration and support.

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