2019
ANNUAL REPORT
AIA SF
Serving the Bay Area for over a century, the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco (AIASF) is committed to enhancing the quality of life in the Bay Area by promoting excellence in architecture, design, and the built environment. AIASF represents members practicing architecture, as well as the allied community professionals in San Francisco and Marin counties.

One of the largest of nearly 220+ AIA Chapters, AIASF is a resource for architect and allied community members, as well as the general public. AIASF promotes architecture and design through community involvement, education, advocacy, public outreach, member services, and professional excellence.
2019 was a purposeful and strategic year for our Chapter with important changes and member-driven decisions made that will influence the Chapter and community for years to come. Increasing the relevance of our voice and our work, providing increased accessibility to the profession, and developing a sustainable business approach for the Chapter’s work were areas of focus over the past year.

The 2019 year began with AIASF Board of Directors updating the Chapter’s Strategic Plan as part of a regular three-year revision update cycle. The Board reviewed the Chapter’s Mission, Vision, and Values, and affirmed the following strategic goals for the current Strategic Plan:

- **Collaborate** to enhance and strengthen member engagement within the communities in which we work;
- **Advocate** to communicate the value of architecture through increased and pro-active dialogue with the public;
- **Advance** the profession through increased visibility and impact, with a focus on supporting the growth of emerging professionals;
- **Lead** by establishing and maintaining AIASF as a premier model for a member based non-profit developing leaders and programs to achieve its strategic vision.

During 2019, AIASF hosted hundreds of member and community-based events to respond to a diverse and rich set of interests. Annual marquee programs were held including:

- The annual AIASF Design Awards had a diversified selection of submissions this year. AIASF’s 2019 Design Awards jury included jurors from Desai Chia Architecture, Ennead Architects, OMA, Susan T Rodriguez | Architecture • Design, and ARO.
• AIASF and the Center for Architecture + Design co-presented the 16th Annual Architecture + the City festival which explored the theme “We the City” with more than 30 programs throughout the month including the highly-acclaimed San Francisco Living: Home Tours.

• The Community Alliance Awards honored individuals, and organizations for their contributions to the Bay Area.

• The NEXT/GEN Architecture conference furthered dialogue around the vision of the future for the built environment and its relationship to the profession.

Parallel and concurrent programming took place throughout the year with the established AIASF committees. There is a wide range of opportunities for member engagement at many levels.

AIASF embarked on a major initiative in 2019 that will affect the membership experience, public visibility, and community impact. The AIASF Executive Committee and the Board of Directors developed a Strategic Business Plan to address several key issues effecting our Chapter with the following goals:

1) Create a path to realizing a new Headquarters location for the Chapter by developing a financial plan to implementation;

2) Strengthen and leverage AIASF’s partnership with the Center for Architecture + Design for increased public engagement, visibility, and impact;

3) Establish a timeline for action on identified opportunities for the Chapter, our members and partners.

A major step in ensuring that AIASF has the right leadership in place for implementation of the Strategic Business Plan includes the hiring of our new Executive Director, Stacy Williams. Stacy was hired as the Executive Director after a comprehensive national search. Stacy brings to the role institutional knowledge, a passion for the profession, and deep insights into our Chapter operations. Together with the AIASF Board of Directors, I am confident the future of AIASF will continue to be bright.

It has been an honor to serve as AIASF’s 138th President in 2019. As we turn our efforts to 2020 and beyond, I am excited to transition the presidency to Adrianne Steichen, AIA. Adrianne will continue AIASF’s forward momentum with her strong leadership, thoughtfulness, and deep knowledge of our Chapter.

Sincerely,

Stan Lew, AIA
2019 President, AIA San Francisco
I am excited and honored to serve as your 2020 AIASF President!

We had a very busy 2019 that culminated with the election of new board members for the Chapter and our representatives to AIA California, the creation of a Strategic Business Plan and the release of an RFQ for our new Headquarters at 140 Sutter Street, and finally, the selection of Stacy Williams as the new Executive Director.

The coming year will provide unique opportunities for dialogue and engagement from all members. In 2020, we continue to work towards AIASF’s mission to:

- Promote the Profession
- Advance the Professional Practice of Architecture
- Advocate for and Advance Quality of Life in the Bay Area

While the design and build-out of the Headquarters is a major endeavor of the Chapter in 2020, the year ahead will also continue many of the programs that have become institutions for AIASF including the Annual Design Awards, the Equity by Design Symposium, the Architecture + the City festival, the Community Alliance Awards, along with the hundreds of engaging committee programs and symposia. We will also be rebuilding our Chapter website, improving the member interface and facilitating its everyday use as a resource for members and the public. Every program, meeting, exchange, and event is built on a common foundation – to enhance, educate, and engage with our community through the practice of architecture.

Through our work, positive impact and meaningful engagement – our Chapter will continue its 138-year legacy of shaping the built environment in San Francisco and beyond. Our Chapter is the forum and platform for our collective voices and thoughts to be heard. As leaders and stewards of our cities and communities, we have a responsibility to elevate our work to respond to society’s greatest challenges including climate change, social justice, and equity.

With active committees working to further AIASF’s goals, I invite you to get involved and stay engaged with our Chapter to make an impact and a positive difference. I look forward to seeing you around the Chapter in 2020!

Sincerely,

Adrianne Steichen, AIA
2020 President, AIA San Francisco

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2021 AND BEYOND!
AIA San Francisco is experiencing an exciting moment in its history. Our upcoming move to the ground floor retail space in the Hallidie Building and the renovation of these facilities are amazing opportunities to encourage the public to experience architecture and engage with the evolving role of design in the built environment. We are poised to influence the broader Bay Area community, demonstrating how architects can be a resource for growth.

In 2019, we conducted member surveys and held visioning and business planning sessions to guide the strategic focus of the organization. This process protects the long-term organizational health of the chapter and prepares us for financial challenges. We are well positioned and will continue to work alongside our board members, staff, and community partners in pursuit of our major goals.

I am fortunate to be part of a fantastic team and an inspiring community. Our staff has done incredible work strengthening our programs and services. The chapter offers opportunities for our members and the general public to engage and explore the SF Bay Area built environment in a number of public forums, lectures, exhibitions, and tours, as well as through networking and professional development programs.

AIASF draws its successes and strengths from the skills and knowledge of our members. Many dedicated volunteer leaders, talented staff, and fellow chapter members have all worked diligently this year, and 2020 is certain to be lively and productive.

I am thrilled to be leading the organization through this tremendous time of change. Please contact me at swilliams@aiasf.org if you are interested in lending your skills and expertise to our efforts.

Sincerely,

Stacy Williams
Executive Director, AIA San Francisco
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CURRENT REVENUE SOURCES $1.8M

AIASF
- Dues
- Member Services
- Sponsorships
- Programs

Income 2019
$1.8M

51%
13%
20%
16%

CURRENT EXPENSES $1.7M

AIASF
- Programs
- Member Services
- Overhead Operations
- Overhead Facilities
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Expenses 2019
$1.7M

41%
33%
14%
8%
4%

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2019 HIGHLIGHTS

AIASF produced and hosted hundreds of programs and resources as the Bay Area’s leading destination for architecture and design. AIASF offers dynamic opportunities to explore the local built environment throughout the year. As a community hub, AIASF encourages its members, committees, volunteers, students, and partners, to propose programs to be considered for presentation at AIASF.

AIASF represents San Francisco and Marin counties, and serves over 2,300 members practicing architecture, as well as allied community professionals.
ARE PACT PROGRAM

The ARE Pact program supported more than 50 members pursuing architectural licensure. Through the ARE Pact, AIASF provides participants with assignments to coach-led peer study groups, access to study materials, and admission to courses covering all aspects of the exams.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE AWARDS

The 2019 Community Alliance Awards program honored the contributions of individuals, firms, and organizations whose overall work, leadership, and dedication shape the character and vibrancy of our communities and the future of our built environment.

DESIGN AWARDS

AIASF’s Design Awards program celebrates the best of architecture and urban design in the Bay Area in April. In 2019, the Design Awards Jury took place in New York City and recognized 20 projects for excellence in Architecture, Interior Architecture, and special concentrations. The Design Awards Gala was attended by over 300 professionals, AIASF members, and industry affiliates.

NEXT/GEN CONFERENCE

2019 NEXT/GEN Architecture Conference: This two-day conference held at the Presidio’s historic Golden Gate Club explored the next generation of the architecture and design profession. From equitable and sustainable innovations to technological tools for change, NEXT showcased Business, Design, and Technology sessions on emerging trends and innovations as part of the local effort towards a sustainable future. Attendees had the opportunity to take a mid-day tour of some of the Presidio’s latest attractions including a sneak peek at the plans for a new 14-acre park destination, the Presidio Tunnel Top.

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2019 HIGHLIGHTS

ARCHITECTURE + THE CITY FESTIVAL

16th annual Architecture + the City festival: One of the nation’s largest architectural festivals celebrating San Francisco’s unique built environment and design community, this year’s theme, “We the City”, explored how cultural diversity and connectivity inspire and inform the built environment. With more than 30 programs this month-long celebration included an array of walking tours led by architectural and design team. San Francisco artist Amos Goldbaum was commissioned to illustrate this year’s theme.

SAN FRANCISCO LIVING: HOME TOURS

San Francisco Living: Home Tours: As the first Bay Area tour series to promote residential design from the architect’s point of view, this signature program of the Architecture + the City festival celebrated projects by MAK Studio, Rodgers Architecture, S^A | Schwartz and Architecture, Studio Sarah Willmer Architecture, and Winder Gibson Architects. Attendees visited homes in Eureka Valley, Glen Park, Precita Park, SoMa, and Twin Peaks.
COMMITTEE + LEADERSHIP REPORTS
Serves as an educational resource designed to support individuals in their pursuit of licensure. The Architectural Licensing Committee (ALC) administers ARE preparatory programs.

The ARE Pact is a fast-track program to assist candidates preparing for the Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) for licensure. The 2019 ARE Pact had 54 enrollees with four study groups led by coaches. All ARE instructors and ARE study coaches are licensed architects and engineers providing pro-bono services.

The ARE program offered 23 ARE two hour classes from March through November in 2019. The registrants ranged from emerging professionals to seasoned professionals who come from architectural firms and public agencies throughout San Francisco and the Bay area. Dinner is included with all classes.

SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES BY THE ALC:

- MEP ARE Study group session at Arup (February).
- Simulcast with NCARB leads in Washington D.C. (February).
- ARE Pact and ARE program kickoff workshop (March).
- MEP Tour of MEP systems at Arup (October).
- ASMEP ARE Study Group session at HOK (December).

Connects designers, students, and newly licensed architects through firm tours, networking, volunteer opportunities, and social events.

Bay Area Young Architects (BAYA) continued curating a mix of professional, academic, and networking events for the Bay Area design community in 2019.

The BAYA Firm Tours showcased a range of local architect talents, with a focus on housing, affordability, urban development, and sustainability. BAYA visited larger firms such as Mithun, renowned firms like Stanley Saitowitz | Natoma Architects, and small practices such as Winder Gibson Architects. Our firm tours provided insight for young professionals to witness the breadth and scales of the opportunities within the profession.

In addition to our monthly firm tours and happy hours, BAYA hosted a portfolio review geared towards students but open to all. This was a chance for job seekers to get their work reviewed by hiring managers and design professionals and to ask questions about what it is like to search for a job in the industry.

BAYA also hosted two panel discussions. The first was on the Bay Area housing crisis and was attended by leaders in different industries focused on housing. The second panel discussion was on entrepreneurship in architecture, attended by business owners from different backgrounds and different goals.

We had a great year and celebrated with an appreciation party for our members on December 12th at Pivot Interiors, where the 2020 BAYA leadership team was announced.
BUILDING ENCLOSURE COUNCIL (BEC)

CHAIR:
Christopher Decareau, AIA // Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.

Increases awareness of building envelope design as a critical aspect of the successful construction and sustainability of buildings and fosters the education of building industry professionals regarding proper design, construction, and maintenance of building envelopes tailored to local practices and climate.

BEC-SF is a committee of AIA San Francisco and is part of a network of Councils in cities around the U.S initiated by AIA National and the National Institute of Building Sciences.

To the goal of increasing awareness of building envelope design as a critical aspect of the successful construction and sustainability of buildings, and to foster the education of building industry professionals regarding proper design, construction, and maintenance of building envelopes tailored to local practices and climate, the committee curates a series of lunch and learns.

COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE FOR EDUCATION (CAE)

CHAIR:
Irene Monis, AIA // DLR Group

The San Francisco Committee on Architecture for Education is a community of architects, allied professionals, learners, educators, and administrators who aim to advance our understanding of the changing dynamics impacting learning environments of all types.

In 2019 the committee focused on the overarching topic “Building Environments for Student Success.” The committee met monthly to discuss topics that are relevant to the education sector and to share current issues and opportunities affecting design and construction for learning environments. In our meetings we exchanged ideas and promoted dialogue through open, round-table style discussions on building issues for educational environments in the Bay Area.

CAE hosted two programs in 2019. A lunchtime round table discussion on Early Childhood Education and a panel discussion exploring how learning environments can support our continuously evolving approach to teaching and learning - and ultimately - how these environments can positively impact student success. The panel was moderated by Kirsten Daehler, Associate Director of WestEd’s STEM program. Momentum from these events fostered the committee’s membership and informed the 2020 committee agenda. The panel discussion was sponsored by One Workplace, who graciously provided food and beverages for the event.
The mission of the Committee on the Environment (COTE®) is to advance, inform, and advocate for design, construction, and operations practices that maximize the built environment’s sustainable performance, minimize its impacts, promote design excellence, and support social and environmental justice.

COTE programming strives to connect and to share knowledge among AIA members and the broader community about the transformative benefits of sustainable design and high-performance standards.

2019 programming and event highlights include:

• AIA COTE Regional & National Cooperation: Quarterly networking calls with national and regional COTE committees to strengthen and broaden COTE’s advocacy efforts and communications between COTE affiliates across the US.

• AIA 2030 Commitment and Bay Area Reporting: Presentation of the AIA 2030 Commitment, a building energy use tracking tool (February).

• Design Excellence in the Era of Climate Change: The AIA COTE® Top Ten Toolkit and Bay Area Case Studies: Half-day presentation of the Toolkit, and COTE® Top Ten project case studies from the Bay Area. In collaboration with PG&E’s Pacific Energy Center (March).

• Water Conservation Showcase: COTE helped organize the Pacific Energy Center’s annual event highlighting water use and conservation measures (March).

• Tour of the San Francisco Art Institute Grad Studios: Tour of San Francisco Art Institute’s (SFAI) Graduate Campus at the Fort Mason Center by LMS Architects (April).

• Unpacking Materials: Presentation at AIASF of the AIA’s “Prescription for Healthier Building Materials: A design Implementation Protocol” providing clear, practical methods, tools, and case studies to help architects navigate the world of healthier materials (May).

• Building De-carbonization in San Francisco: San Francisco’s Department of the Environment presented the City’s Climate Action Strategy for de-carbonization (July).

• Diversified Spaces - A POPOS Walking Tour: Walking tour of various POPOS (Privately Owned Public Open Spaces) in downtown San Francisco (September).

• Nourishing our Net Zero Future with Induction Cooking: Presentation and panel discussion at Riggs Showroom in Burlingame to demonstrate induction cooking technology and food prep (October).

• Building Performance Analysis Series: A four-part series held in collaboration with PG&E’s Pacific Energy Center (PEC), highlighting the diversity of building performance analysis tools and processes used by architects and engineers (October – December).
DESIGN FOR AGING COMMITTEE

CHAIR:
Tom Brutting, FAIA // HKIT Architects

Brings together interested parties from many disciplines to foster design innovation and disseminate knowledge necessary to enhance the built environment and quality of life for an aging society.

Design for Aging (DFA) continues to thrive with a strong network of more than 120 subscribers with wide participation beyond architects and AIA members, including industry leaders, providers, gerontologists, landscape architects, contractors, material innovators, and interior designers. All are interested in fostering good design for those who are aging into senior years. Our committee focuses on all the demographics of senior living including change, evolution and forecasting ideas in design and supportive innovation.

Our membership list is very dynamic and updated constantly. Many people who do not attend the meetings connect by email. The monthly meetings and presentations revolve around current topics in senior living design.

The San Francisco Chapter/Northern California committee is closely connected with other affiliated components across the country in the AIA Design for Aging Knowledge Community—with committee chair Tom Brutting participating on the national Advisory Group. We are represented at a couple of well-known senior living conferences across the country, including LeadingAge and the Environments for Aging. Participation also extends to the LeadingAge California component, and the Care Delivery and Design Improvement Committee (CDDIC) with state agencies in Sacramento.

EQUITY BY DESIGN (EQxD)

CHAIRS:
Rosa Sheng, FAIA // SmithGroup
Lilian Asperin, AIA // WRNS Studio
Julia Mandell, Assoc. AIA // Wilson Associates

Equity by Design is a call to action to realize the goal of equitable practice for everyone, advance the profession, and communicate the value of architecture to society. Our mission is to understand the pinch points of career progression and promote the strategic execution of best practices in the recruitment, retention, and promotion of our profession’s best talent at every level of architectural practice.

In 2019 The Equity by Design (EQxD) Committee hosted three evening workshops focused on topics key to furthering equity in architectural practice. The “Intersectionality + Intercultural Intelligence” workshop gave attendees an understanding of intersectionality and intercultural intelligence and provided role-play exercises to directly explore how knowledge of these theories can inform equity activism, encourage dialogue, and promote inclusivity. “Building an Equitable Workplace from the Bottom Up” explored strategies for individual grassroots action at the firm level, empowering individuals at all levels of practice to advocate for themselves and their colleagues in their workplaces. “Chart Your Path” challenged a panel of architects to design their own career planning exercises and then asked workshop participants to test them and offer their own ideas, providing everyone involved with a diverse set of professional development and goal-setting tools. The workshops built on programming from the 2018 Symposium “EQxDV: Voices, Values, Vision,” bringing elements of that event to a wider audience, while adding new dimensions to the discussion through collaboration with new panelists and attendees.
FELLOWSHIP NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHAIR:
David Meckel, FAIA // California College of the Arts

AIA San Francisco’s Fellowship Nominating Committee reviews the submission packets of Fellowship candidates and nominates the strongest candidates to the National office.

The AIA Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architect members who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to Fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of the architect as an individual, but also honors before the public and the profession a model architect who has made a significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

Each summer, AIA San Francisco’s Fellowship Nominating Committee convenes for a concentrated review of Fellowship submission packets from the Chapter membership and nominates the strongest candidates to the National office.

HEALTH AND SCIENCE COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Lamona Wood, AIA // NBBJ Design
Sujendra Mishra, AIA // HGA Architects and Engineers

In the heart of a leading hub of biotechnology research and health-focused communities, the AIASF Health + Science Committee is dedicated to advancing knowledge and improving practice of Bay Area professionals engaged in the design, construction, and operations of healthcare facilities, healthy communities, and research facilities that drive innovation and discovery.

2019 highlights for the SFAIA Health + Science Committee include a tour of the new Van Ness Medical Office Building where we learned how designing with the DIRTT prefab wall system differs from typical construction and picked up best practices. We toured UCSF’s new Precision Cancer Medicine Building, a building designed to spur collaboration and integration of research and care. The committee also arranged for a full day presentation with California’s Office of Statewide Health and Planning Department (OSHPD) of the new 2019 CBC that was very well received and appreciated. Finally, we were treated to a behind the scenes view of Kaiser medical planning rules and tools that was full of insight into the inner workings of Kaiser’s decision-making process.
HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Lisa Yergovich, AIA // Architectural Resources Group
Sarah Brummett, Assoc. AIA // Page & Turnbull

HRC presents programs to promote awareness and appreciation of the diverse historic resource issues, including historic building codes, endangered buildings, and preservation technologies.

The Historic Resources Committee (HRC) began 2019 with our annual mixer to network with colleagues and friends and discuss upcoming events. In March the HRC coordinated a behind-the-scenes tour of Grace Cathedral that featured areas not typically accessible to visitors, including the crypt, south tower with carillon bells, and the overhead sanctuary catwalks. In April, we launched a new series of educational lectures at the AIASF called “Context, Concern, and Solution,” to discuss case studies of preservation practice with the wider design community. Our first program featured Jakki Devereaux and Ann Harrer of WJE who presented earthquake repairs at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC; exposed concrete patching and restoration at the John Anson Ford Theatre in Hollywood, CA; and the restoration of the teak windows and shutters at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, CA. After a successful re-boot of Preservation Bowl-O-Rama in 2018, this year we held a competition from May to June to design and vote on a commemorative T-Shirt. We reach nearly 100% participation from committee members in the voting process. In July we hosted our second Context, Concern, and Solution series program, featuring Mark Watford, FAIA and Julie MacDonald, AIA of BRW Architects who presented an overview of the various processes that lead to building deterioration, and how to mitigate those processes to the extent possible. In August, we headed back to the Presidio Bowl for the 2019 Preservation Bowl-O-Rama and mingled with fellow preservation professionals. In December, we hosted our annual Historic Pub Crawl, which took place in North Beach.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

CHAIR:
Paul Adamson, FAIA // TCA Architects

The Housing Committee aspires to engage and educate members and the community through discussion, events, and informal sharing of expertise to further excellence in housing policy and design.

In 2019 our committee focused on addressing the housing crisis head-on, informing our members about the causes and effects of policy on current conditions, and advocating for an improved urban future for San Francisco and the region. Advocacy efforts included attending hearings relating to policy with effects on our membership. One example in particular focused on opposition to the proposed Housing Preservation and Expansion Reform Act, which the committee deemed too expansive and beyond the issue of demolition, extending into limits on additions and alterations, a key source of work for many among our city-based membership.

The committee programmed Day Two of the AIASF NEXT Conference, which included a half-day forum on intentions and results of housing policy. Keynote speaker State Senator Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) began the proceedings with a description of the causes of our current housing crisis and an outline of proposed legislation intended to resolve the issue. Using the committee’s “round-table” format which includes leaders representing a variety of disciplines and viewpoints, including political representation, a housing advocacy, city planning, commercial development, architectural design, and urban design. Members of the committee also advised on the curation of the yearly SF Living: Home Tours and the preceding Architects Forum, moderated by committee member John Lum, AIA.
MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Dan Hogman, AIA // SmithGroup
Merissa Periana, AIA // Periana Architecture

Promotes collaborative learning by bringing people with different career experiences and perspectives together. This program introduces a new intergenerational model for partnering mentors and mentees, re-inspiring the way architects think about mentorship.

The Mentorship Program encompasses five core events:

• The Annual Party in January hosted by Knoll
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LATINOS IN ARCHITECTURE (LIA)

CHAIRS:
Iara Bachmann, AIA, IIDA //, City of San Francisco, Department of Public Works
Homer Perez, AIA, LEED BD+C // SEPHORA US

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LiA serves and supports local communities, strengthens networks between design professionals, and enriches our practices through diverse cultural views.

Through our continued partnership with Chicano Architectural Student Association (CASA) and the fiscal sponsorship of the Center for Architecture + Design, the Alumni Scholarship fund dispersed $15,000 to 26 in-need architecture students in the School of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley, garnering a mention in ByDESIGN.

Furthering LiASF’s goals to foster participation in educational, professional, and community-oriented programs, we partnered with San Francisco’s Phillip Burton Academic High School to educate the students on the career path of an architect and the nuances of what it means to be a Design Professional.

LiA PERSPECTIVAS 2019 exhibited the works of 16 architects, urban planners, and artists curated around the 16th annual Architecture + the City festival theme, “We the City.” The exhibition was hosted at the California College of the Arts. The opening reception was paired with a lecture from Mexican architect Diego Ricalde, Principal at Estudios MMX on Relations, Representation, and Resistance (RRR). Selected Perspectivas participants were featured in the PERSPECTIVAS exhibition at the Texas Society of Architects convention in Galveston including: Patricia Algara, Islais Creek Watershed; Albert Orozco, Inflatable cities; Marcel Sanchez Prieto, Opportunistique Landscape. In 2019 we launched “Let’s Talk Architecture,” a panel series with successful local leaders who shared their professional experience on the realities and challenges of being a minority in the architectural profession.
PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Peter Mueller, AIA // SmithGroup
Johnny Wong, AIA // SmithGroup

The Professional Practice Committee identifies significant issues and develops and deploys tools, resources, and educational opportunities in support of more effective local practice.

In its third year of existence, the AIASF Professional Practice Committee planned a series of three programs developed for presentations in 2019 for “Level of Development for integrated BIM” and in 2020 around the theme, “Integrated Practice in the 21st Century,” which included subtopics on Early Input Design, and Equitable Fee Negotiation. We currently have subset lectures, workshops, and papers in progress from the previous panels. The BIM Panel professional recording is now available on the national CEU database. The committee looks forward to growing its membership and leadership base with outreach to small firms and women-owned firm practitioners. Our updated work plan targets more lectures and workshops as well as one joint firm tour with BAYA. Members have stepped forward with intent to publish blog posts. Furthermore, concepts have been submitted for committee members to publish white papers on our panel topics and other areas of professional practice.
SMALL FIRMS COMMITTEE

CHAIRS:
Daniel Robinson, AIA // MacCracken Architects
Julie Jackson, AIA // Jackson Liles Architecture

The Small Firms Committee provides a forum and resources to address the unique issues that are of concern to the small firm practitioner and to promote the work and development of small architectural offices.

- The Committee promotes growth and cross-firm learning by sharing resources, experiences, and business concerns, and have monthly speakers on topics ranging from Planning policies to successful operation of a small office.

- The SF Department of Building Inspection (DBI) presented new legislation and thresholds for the Slope Protection Act which was amended in 2018 and renamed the Slope & Seismic Hazard Zone Protection Act. Cyril Yu explained the requirements, compliance tiers, checklist submittal requirements, and ramifications of the review and approval process that affect any project that meets the criteria.

- The Accessible Business Entry Program (ABE) compliance requirements were presented by DBI/DPW to include compliance deadlines, entry categories, and successful documentation needed for approval.

- Jenny Rios educated members on the value and role of an owner’s representative for high-end residential projects.

- Boris Rapoport presented on file storage solutions for the modern age, file security and managing IT solutions for small firms.

- Clarice Liu from Lui Employment Law lead a presentation on changes in employment law, distinctions between private contractors and full-time employees, sexual harassment training requirements and other employment concerns unique to smaller firms.

- Gina Rodda from Gabel Energy Solutions updated members on the impending Title 24 energy use requirements of the new 2019 code cycle including the adoption of electric only residential solutions in cities such as Berkeley.

- Jez Hildred from Amplified Lifestyles discussed technology changes and new products related to home automation, security, controls, and remote access.

- Victoria Godfrey from IOA Insurance Services presented on professional insurance for Architects & Engineers and the role that her company plays beyond basic insurance.

- Julie Jackson presented findings from Equity in Architecture relating to gender equality in the architectural profession.

- Committee members participated in a rebooted program, “Talk to An Architect”, at the “San Francisco Living: Home Tours” headquarters offering individual discussions with the general public and tour attendees. Topics ranged from how to hire an architect, to specific design questions, and general career advice to aspiring designers and architects.
The goal of the AIASF Public Policy + Advocacy Committee is to raise awareness of Bay Area issues impacting the architecture profession and our community by promoting discussion amongst legislative groups, code-making bodies, neighborhood groups, and the general public at large.

Internal Organization: We continued to develop and articulate strategic goals and priorities.

Institutional Outreach: Gathered and prioritized public policy issues from members of AIASF, with a focus on those that highlight the potential impact on members’ professional activities and concerns. We developed letters with the AIASF on the following:

- Rejection of SF BOS 181216 - Controls on Residential Demolition, Merger, Conversion and Alterations – this proposal reaches far beyond the scope that it proposed.

- Support of Mandelman’s Legislation, FILE #190048 - Ordinance amending the Planning Code to 1) require building setbacks for buildings fronting on narrow streets, 2) modify front yard requirements in Residential Districts, 3) increase required rear yards in single-family zoning districts by five percent, 4) amend the rear yard requirements for through lots and corner lots in certain districts to permit second buildings where specified conditions are met, and 5) allow building height increases to existing stories in existing nonconforming buildings in order to accommodate residential uses.

- Support of SFDCP’s Amendments to Code Section 136, FILE #190454 - This Amendment expands and clarifies the Planning Code’s definition of “Projecting Elements” and other architecturally defining features to include both horizontal, vertical, and diagonal features (subject to Design Review).

Policy Advocacy: Crafted advocacy strategy with a focus on Bay Area arenas and began advocacy by working with District Supervisors and members of the Planning department.
JURIES + ADVISORY GROUPS
This committee is charged with making recommendations of Members to serve on the AIA San Francisco Board of Directors and AIACA Board of Directors. The committee is comprised of past and current term members and board.

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The 2019 Jury of Fellows from the AIA elevated 180 AIA members to its prestigious College of Fellows. Out of a total AIA membership of 95,000 a little more than three percent are distinguished with the honor of Architect Fellow member and Emeritus Fellow.

With the addition of the 2019 Fellows, AIA San Francisco is honored to have 316 members in the College of Fellows.

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