

## SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group (AG) Report 2021

**Date** March 15, 2021  
**Name of Committee/AG Chair** SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group  
Anna Sokolina

### **Main current objectives**

Recognizing the broad scope of professional engagements and diversity of women's contribution to the built environment, and that these chronologies have only begun to be written and disseminated, current objectives of the **SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group** are: to serve the SAH community of scholars; to provide a forum for collaborative scholarship and discussion; to document and advocate the international, national, and regional contributions of women to the discipline; and to advance and support research, publication, education, and exhibition initiatives, and integrate professional standing of women in architecture and design with broader studies across cultures and geographies.

### **Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities**

#### **SAH *WiA* Group Initiative**

The **SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group** was established on **June 10, 2020**. The Group Proposal initiative was launched on **Dec. 11, 2019**, by *Anna Sokolina*, following the SAH Board announcement of the creation of SAH Affiliate Groups. After drafting the mission statement, the purpose, and the proposed guidelines for the group, she reached out to over 100 SAH members, received confirmation of interest, with particular support expressed by 24 scholars who formed the *Leadership Support Group*, and 7 members signed the Proposal as the *Founding Leadership Group*: *Anna Sokolina, Annmarie Adams, Kathryn E. O'Rourke, Rebecca Siefert, Margaret Birney Vickery, Nathaniel Robert Walker, Danielle S. Willkens*. The *WiA* AG Proposal was submitted by *Sokolina* to the SAH Board on **Feb. 12, 2020**.

#### **SAH *WiA* Group Guidelines, *Designated Leaders*, Launch Date, Collaboration**

##### 1. National Outreach

- **Collaboration: SAH *WiA* AG, BWAf, SAHARA, SAH Archipedia** *Kathryn O'Rourke*  
**Jan. 8, 2020**–current: *O'Rourke, Sokolina, Wanda Bubriski, Catherine Erkkila, Cynthia Phifer Kracauer, Aislinn McNamara, Pauline Saliga, Editors-in-Chief of SAHARA and SAH Archipedia, cc SAH Board*
- **Collaboration: SAH *WiA* AG, AIA Silicon Valley Chapter WIA Committee** *Kathryn O'Rourke*  
**July 18, 2020**–current: *O'Rourke, Sokolina, Dasha Ortenberg, Helena Dean, Christopher Kirbabas*

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA, Pratt Institute SoA NYC Book Launch + Panel Anna Sokolina**  
**May 26, 2020**—current: *Anna Sokolina, Dean Harriet Harris, Ashley Simone*

## 2. International Outreach

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA, SAHGB's Women Architectural Historians' Network (UK) Shelley Roff**  
**Jan. 13, 2020**—current: *Shelley Roff, Elizabeth Darling, Anna Sokolina*, tech support: *Helena Dean*

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA AG, EAHN Shelley Roff**  
**Oct. 12, 2020**—current: *Shelley Roff, President Jorge Correia*

## 3. SAH WiA AG Bylaws, and Logo Design Anna Sokolina

**June 21–Sep. 9, 2020**: approved by unanimous vote of Group members, registered with the US Copyright Office, [SAH-WiA-AG-BYLAWS-1.pdf \(hcommons.org\)](#);  
[SAH WiA AG Logo Design Concept – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)

## 4. Online Presence

- **SAH Commons WiA Group Website and Forum Rebecca Siefert**  
**June 21, 2020**—current: *Rebecca Siefert, Helena Dean, Anna Sokolina*

- **Social Media Group Sites and Pages**—Communications Team: *Priya Jain, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Franca Trubiano, Danielle Willkens*  
**Sep. 22, 2020**—current

## 5. SAH WiA AG Registers Committee

**Sep. 9, 2020**—current: Founding Initiative: *Anna Sokolina*, supported by the SAH WiA AG Center; **CFN** in SAH Opportunities Roundup; **SAH WiA RC Co-Chairs**: *Barbara Opar and Anna Sokolina*

## 6. Program “March 2021: SAH WiA AG Celebrates Women’s History Month”

**Sep. 9, 2020**—current: *Officers* of the SAH WiA AG Center, and SAH WiA AG Registers Committee

## 7. SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable (2021 SAH Virtual International Conference)

**July 26, 2020**—current: *Anna Sokolina, Rebecca Siefert*, tech support *Helena Dean, Christopher Kirbabas*

## **SAH WiA Group Milestones and SAH WiA AG Center (as per end of 2020 Report)**

- Organization/Management of Membership Directory and Listserv (*Sokolina, Vickery, Anne Hill Bird*) **6.5.2020**—present: **as of Feb 25, 2021: 275 members**

- SAH Zoom Orientation **7.8.2020** (*Sokolina, Willkens*)

- Interim Communications Officer: *Siefert 8.7–9.9*, Interim Chair: *Sokolina 6.10-9.9.2020*

- Draft of SAH WiA AG Bylaws, discussion with Group (Listserv) **6.21-8.15.2020** (*Sokolina*)

- **SAH WiA AG Logo design/copyright registration application 7.24–9.6.2020** US CO Case #1-9221536801 (*Anna Sokolina, Design Review by Rebecca Siefert, et al.*)

- Construction of **SAH WiA AG Commons site 8.10.–public from 9.8.2020** (Lead Admin: *Rebecca Siefert*, Site Admins: *Helena Dean, Anna Sokolina, Danielle Willkens*)

<https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group/>,

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/>

- SAH *WiA* AG **First Elections** by anonymous e-ballot 8.15–9.6.2020 (*Siefert, Sokolina*)
- **SAH *WiA* AG Center First Meeting Agenda** 9.6-7.2020 (*Sokolina*)
- **SAH *WiA* Center First Virtual Meeting** 9.9.2020 (*schedule by Siefert, moderated by Sokolina and Siefert*)
  - SAH *WiA* Center Greeting Letter to Members via Listserv, cc to SAH Board 9.9.2020 (*Sokolina, on SAH *WiA* Commons site 9.17.2020*)
  - *WiA* Group listing on SAH website <https://www.sah.org/about-sah/sah-affiliate-groups> 9.10.2020 (*Helena Dean, Anna Sokolina*)
  - SAH *WiA* AG Virtual Roundtable Proposal to SAH Conference Committee 9.13.2020 (*Sokolina*)
  - Created SAH Commons **page of SAH *WiA* Center** 9.18.20 (*Siefert, Sokolina*)
  - **Published SAH *WiA* group Bylaws** on group SAH Commons site 9.19.20 (*Siefert*)
  - **Publication of First Center Meeting Minutes** on Commons site 9.19.2020 (*Vickery, Siefert*)
  - **Social Media Team Virtual Meetings** 9.22, 9.29, 10.19, 2020 (*Organized by Franca Trubiano*)
  - Creating a Qualtrics re: SAH *WiA* Social Media initiatives 9.22–27.2020, Media Survey Report: guidelines, strategy, projects 9.29 and 10.19.2020 (*Trubiano*)
  - International Collaboration: project with EAHN 10.12.2020–recent (*Shelley Roff, Jorge Correia*)
  - International Collaboration: project with SAHGB's WAHN 1.13.20–recent (*Elizabeth Darling, Shelley Roff, Anna Sokolina*)
  - National Outreach: Collaborative project with AIA Silicon Valley Chapter's *WiA* Committee 7.18.20–recent (*Kathryn O'Rourke, Dasha Ortenberg, Anna Sokolina*)
  - National Outreach: Collaborative project with BWAf 1.8.2020–recent (*Kathryn O'Rourke, Anna Sokolina, Wanda Bubriski, Cynthia Phifer Kracauer, Aislinn McNamara, Pauline Saliga, SAH Board, Editors-in-Chief of SAHARA and SAH Archipedia*)
  - **SAH *WiA* AG Center, and SAH *WiA* AG Registers Committee:** Meetings Agenda (*Sokolina*), Doodle Polls and schedule (*Siefert*)

## **List of recent activities and upcoming events/discussions**

### **1. SAH *WiA* AG Center**

- **Elected Officers** (Sep.9, 2020, terms start in April 2021 after SAH Annual Conference, currently—projects groundwork): [SAH \*WiA\* Center: Elected Officers – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#) Chair: *Anna Sokolina*, Advising Chair: *Annmarie Adams*, Associate Chair: *Shelley E. Roff*, Communications Officer: *Danielle S. Willkens*, Associate Communications Officer: *Priya Jain*, Web Administrator: *Rebecca Siefert*, Associate Web Administrator: *Franca Trubiano*, Secretary-Treasurer: *Julia Walker*, Acting Secretary-Treasurer: *Margaret B. Vickery*
  - Meeting schedule *Siefert*; Meetings Agenda *Sokolina w/Officers' confirmation Posts – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org)*
  - Letters to SAH *WiA* AG Members and to SAH *WiA* Center (*Sokolina*, Listserv distribution: *Vickery*)

### **2. Online Presence**

- **SAH Commons *WiA* Group Website and Forum** *Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Helena Dean* **6.17.20–present:** development and frequent updates

- Group communications: Create and maintain SAH *WiA* social media platforms: **Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter** SAH *WiA* AG Communications Team (CT): *Priya Jain, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Franca Trubiano, Danielle S. Willkens*
- **SAH *WiA* CT Virtual Meetings 9.22, 9.29, 10.19.2020** organized by *Franca Trubiano and Priya Jain*; Qualtrics re: SAH *WiA* social media initiatives **9.22–27.2020**, Media Survey Report: guidelines, strategy **9.29, 10.19.2020** *Trubiano*; Create/maintain Google sheet Events Calendar *Jain and CT*

### **3. SAH *WiA* AG Registers Committee**

- Founding Initiative: *Anna Sokolina* **Purpose: develop an inclusive trifold database of /Archives, Museums, Libraries**, other centers collecting women’s work; **/Bibliographies** uncovering women’s contributions to the built environment, and **/Networks** of likeminded organizations  
**Sep. 9, 2020**–current, Guidelines, structure, framework, timetable, outreach
- **SAH *WiA* RC Team: Co-Chairs:** *Barbara Opar and Anna Sokolina*, **Committee Members:** *Meral Ekincioglu, Alicia Imperiale, Gül Kale, Gillian Mahoney, Barbara Ann Opar, Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina, Nina Stritzler-Levine, Margaret B. Vickery*
- **Monthly Committee Meetings:** Meetings Agenda (*Sokolina + Members’ confirmation*) [Posts – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#), ongoing collaboration, website (*Siefert, Sokolina*) <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>

### **4. Program “March 2021: SAH *WiA* AG Celebrates Women’s History Month”**

- o **Feb. 11 SAH *WiA* AG Center Second Virtual Meeting** Agenda: *Sokolina*, time table: *Siefert*
- o **Electronic flyer**--design: *Sokolina*, distribution to listserv: *Vickery*, online publication: *Sokolina*
- o **Mar. 1 Greeting Letter** to SAH *WiA* AG Members: *Sokolina*, listserv distribution: *Vickery*
- o **Mar. 1 Launch of the SAH *WiA* AG Registers Committee page** in SAH Commons: *Siefert, Sokolina*, <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>
- o **Mar. 1–30 Wikipedia Editing for the Women in Architecture Edit-a-Thon**, Project sponsored by SAH *Women in Architecture* AG [bit.ly/37Tcl2T](https://bit.ly/37Tcl2T), lead and SAH announce: *Danielle Willkens*
- o **Mar. 4** Third Meeting of the **SAH *WiA* AG Registers Committee**
- o **Mar. 8** 12:00–1:30pm CST, **First SAH CONNECTS Webinar**, “The Advent of Women Architectural Professionals, a US-UK Comparative Perspective; organized by *Shelley E. Roff* and *Elizabeth Darling*, with contrib. by *Anna Sokolina*, sponsored by **SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group** and **SAHGB Women’s Architectural Historians’ Network**, tech support and online promo: *Helena Dean, Christopher Kirbabas, the UK team, Jain, Siefert, Sokolina, Willkens* [https://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/sah-connects/the-advent-of-women-architectural-professionals?\\_zs=BfSgX&\\_zl=knSQ2](https://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/sah-connects/the-advent-of-women-architectural-professionals?_zs=BfSgX&_zl=knSQ2)  
**381 registrants, 242 attendees from 21 countries**
- o **Mar. 22 SAH *WiA* AG Communications Team Meeting**
- o **Mar. 25** 10:00–11:30am CST, **Second SAH CONNECTS Webinar**, “New Histories and New Practices,” organized by *Kathryn O’Rourke* and *Dasha Ortenberg*, with contrib. by *Anna Sokolina*, sponsored by **SAH *Women in Architecture* Affiliate Group** and **Women in Architecture (WIA) Committee of the American Institute of Architects Silicon Valley Chapter**, tech support and promo: *Helena Dean, Christopher Kirbabas, Jain, Siefert, Sokolina, Willkens* [https://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/sah-connects/new-histories-and-new-practices?fbclid=IwAR3HJROpM\\_1hUk4NnMvvPpc7-VzICiiOlsDA-cpAzaGVw7I7YHvO1TNGh60](https://www.sah.org/conferences-and-programs/sah-connects/new-histories-and-new-practices?fbclid=IwAR3HJROpM_1hUk4NnMvvPpc7-VzICiiOlsDA-cpAzaGVw7I7YHvO1TNGh60)

- **End of March** (*Tentative*): Initial online publication of **General Bibliographies List by the SAH WiA AG Registers Committee** *Barbara Opar, Anna Sokolina, Meral Ekincioglu, Rebecca Siefert, Margaret Vickery, Hannah Deichler, with contrib. by Dean Harriet Harriss*
- **All Program Updates:** SAH Weekly Roundups *Helena Dean, designated SAH WiA group members*  
SAH WiA Commons: <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org> *Siefert, Sokolina*  
Facebook: [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group | Facebook](#) *Trubiano, Sokolina*  
LinkedIn: [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group: Overview | LinkedIn](#) *Jain, Sokolina,*  
Instagram: [@sahwiaag](#) *Siefert*, Twitter: [@SAHWiAag](#) *Willkens*

## **5. SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable**

- **May 12, 2021** 12:00-1:30pm CST, “Textbooks in Focus: *Women in Architecture* Survey”  
Moderators: *Anna Sokolina and Rebecca Siefert*, Panelists: *Carmen Espejel, Harriet Harriss, Mary Anne Hunting, Kevin Murphy, Shelley Roff, Margaret Birney Vickery*. Tech support & promo: SAH, +WiA, Pratt
- **Init. Proposal:** “SAH WiA AG: Creating a *Women in Architecture* Survey Textbook” *Anna Sokolina and Rebecca Siefert, 14 confirmed panelists*. Proposal discussed at the First Meeting of the SAH WiA AG Center, submitted **9.12.2020** to SAH Conference Committee, reviewed, and revised

## **6. National Outreach**

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA AG + BAAF + SAHARA and SAH Archipedia** *Kathryn O’Rourke*  
We are exploring this type of collaboration, currently in communication on behalf of the project *O’Rourke and Sokolina, the BAAF Staff, in collaboration with the SAH Officers and Editors-in-Chief of SAHARA and SAH Archipedia: Pauline Saliga, Gabrielle Esperdy, Catherine Erkkila, Jacqueline Spafford, Mark Hinchman; cc Victoria Young, Carla Gianni*  
*Kathryn’s Report:* Progress on building connections with BAAF. We are preparing to publicize opportunities for SAH members to contribute to the BAAF’s Dynamic National Archive Collection. We would like to explore ways to link contributions to the DNA project to contributions to SAHARA, i.e. members write a DNA entry and submit images to SAHARA at the same time, so that women are more fully represented in SAHARA. SAHARA is the first of SAH’s publications to associate with DNA entries because authors could upload images of buildings designed by the architects, they write about at the same time they submit to the DNA (*SAH Archipedia* entries requiring additional and distinct writing).
- **Pratt Institute School of Architecture: New York Book Launch, SAH WiA AG Panel, and Exhibition at Seigel Gallery** *Dean Harriet Harriss, Anna Sokolina, Ashley Simone*  
Stage: correspondence, tentatively planned for 2021–22 acad. year

## **7. International Outreach**

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA AG + EAHN** *Shelley Roff*  
*Shelley’s Report:* Progress on building international connections. Ongoing conversation with EAHN President Jorge Correia on how to make the SAH WiA AG known to EAHN members.

## **8. Listserv updates and distribution (select Meeting Minutes)** *Margaret Vickery, Anna Sokolina, Anne Bird*

## **9. General Advice** *Annmari Adams*

## **Financial Impact**

As a new group with no professional financial analyst onboard, **SAH WiA AG** is currently attempting a Financial Impact analysis at a rather low level of our financial sophistication, to calculate the expected stream of expenditures and revenues associated with our primary projects and programs, in order to assess the actual feasibility of our plans. This early-stage evaluation of our proposals and plans would make it clear, if and how fast we can proceed with our endeavors and further efforts. Therefore, our Group is seeking financial advice from the SAH leadership. By analyzing the impact of changes brought through our activities, we will get the information about the areas that may be affected thank to the difference we will bring to the SAH and in particular, to specific areas we aim to develop and innovate, to our contribution, and to broadening the SAH membership base.

To discuss the impact of our activities and plans, **we seek the SAH leadership and financial advice** in terms of:

- Careful financial assessment of each of our projects;
- Predicting the consequences of a disruption, if any, of our plans;
- Prepare a Financial Research Plan;
- Carry out the analysis of results.

**We appreciate SAH guidance with five elements:** Sponsorship of our projects in general; Understanding how the SAH is planning to support our initiatives; and the Basis of the SAH Financial Impact Tools, Processes, and Findings for our SAH *WiA* AG.

### **We seek the SAH Board advice on the particular questions:**

1. Do we need a specialized software to make our **Registers** project available online?
2. Are we allowed to hire someone to assist us with the tremendous work that must be going into the Registers, and other projects underway?
3. Would the SAH Board support us **if we organize a symposium** that celebrates the forthcoming (2021) Routledge textbook for academic modules, *The Routledge Companion to Women in Architecture*? [www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Companion-to-Women-in-Architecture/Sokolina/p/book/9780367232344](http://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Companion-to-Women-in-Architecture/Sokolina/p/book/9780367232344)—33 contributors, 29 chapters, hard cover, 435p, 143 ills, most contributors and respected reviewers are SAH members.

## **Recommendations for SAH Board**

We are grateful to the SAH Board for the leadership, the collegial and administrative support we have received during the establishment and the early stages of the **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group**. We look forward to advocate our cause, contribute to the SAH mission, collaborate and reach out to advance our endeavors, expand our membership base, and bring new members to the SAH.

**We are in hope that our many pioneering plans and innovative projects will be continuously sustained by the SAH, and endorsed both academically and through appropriate funding advice and practice by the SAH Board.**