SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (AG) Report 2021

Date: March 15, 2021
Name of Committee/AG: SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group
Chair: 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 Siebert, 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 Harriss, 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)
- Operation/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)
    - 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/
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- **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](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)*
- International Collaboration: project with EAHN **10.12.2020–recent** *(Shelley Roff, Jorge Correia)*
- International Collaboration: project with SAHGB’s WAHN **11.13.20–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**
     - 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


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 Opal and Anna Sokolina, Committee Members: Meral Ekincioglu, Alicia Imperiale, Gül Kale, Gillian Mahoney, Barbara Ann Opal, 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”
   - Feb. 11 SAH WiA AG Center Second Virtual Meeting Agenda: Sokolina, time table: Siefert
   - Electronic flyer--design: Sokolina, distribution to listserv: Vickery, online publication: Sokolina
   - Mar. 1 Greeting Letter to SAH WiA AG Members: Sokolina, listserv distribution: Vickery
   - Mar. 1 Launch of the SAH WiA AG Registers Committee page in SAH Commons: Siefert, Sokolina, https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee
   - Mar. 4 Third Meeting of the SAH WiA AG Registers Committee
   - 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

381 registrants, 242 attendees from 21 countries
   - Mar. 22 SAH WiA AG Communications Team Meeting

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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 Espegel, Harriet Harriss, Mary Anne Hunting, Kevin Murphy, Shelley Roff, Margaret Birney Vickery. Tech support & promo: SAH, +WiA, Pratt

6. National Outreach
   - Collaboration: SAH WiA AG + BWAF + 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 BWAF 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 Yanni
   Kathryn’s Report: Progress on building connections with BWAF. We are preparing to publicize opportunities for SAH members to contribute to the BWAF’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 Annmarie 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?

**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.**