

SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (AG) Report

Memo: Since the creation of **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group** on June 10, 2020, two Reports have been submitted to the SAH Board: No 1 /October 28, 2020; No 2 /March 15, 2021

Date September 29, 2021
Name of Committee/AG SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group
Chair Anna Sokolina

Main current objectives (100 words max):

The Mission of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group is to support the breadth of interests of the SAH members, to advocate the international, national, and regional contributions of women in architecture, to champion the cause of gender equity and the diversity of professional engagements in the integral field of the built environment. **The Objectives** of the Group are to provide a platform for collaborative scholarship and a forum for discussion; to document, support, and advance, research, publication, education, and exhibition initiatives; and to integrate professional standing of women in architecture with broader studies across cultures and geographies.

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

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

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities (April–September 2021)

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1. Guidelines and Organization

- **SAH WIA AG Elected Officers** (terms started 04.2021); **Additional Elections** (6.14–28.2021)
<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/sahwiaag-elected-officers/>
- **Organization:** c. 400 Membership Directory (9.25.2021)
- **Meetings' Agenda:** <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/posts>
- **SAH WIA AG primary website:** <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>; <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/>
- **SAH WIA AG Communications/Media Admin Team—5 Online Platforms:** **SAH Commons:** *Rebecca Siefert, Anna Sokolina*, support by *Helena Dean*, contrib. *Meral Ekincioglu*; **Facebook:** *Elisa Dainese, Anna Sokolina, Franca Trubiano*; **Instagram:** *Yan Wencheng, Elisa Dainese*; **LinkedIn:** *Avni Gor, Priya Jain*; **Twitter:** *Danielle Willkens*

2. Registers Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee/>

- **Objectives:** create an inclusive global thematic database; **Projects:** 1) WiA Bibliographies; 2) WiA Archives/Libraries/Collections; 3) WiA Networks. **Founder:** *Sokolina*; **Co-Chairs:** *Barbara Opar* and *Anna Sokolina*; **Members:** *Laura Sánchez Carrasco*, *Meral Ekincioglu*, *Alicia Imperiale*, *Gül Kale*, *Gillian Mahoney*, *Rebecca Siefert*, *Nina Stritzler-Levine*, *Margaret B. Vickery*
- **Meetings' Agenda:** <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/posts>
- **First accomplishment: SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography—a comprehensive project-in-progress;** first edition: **edited list of over 1,100 titles of books and theses**, two rounds of peer review; publication: **07.15.2021**—**Commons website:** <https://sahwiabibliography.sah.hcommons.org>; **08.03.2021**—**SAH Publications/Research website:** www.sah.org/docs/default-source/bibliographies/sah-women-in-architecture-bibliography-2021.pdf?sfvrsn=70e9269b_4

3. Legacy Committee

- Established 06.01.2021. **Mission:** To preserve, advocate, and promote the legacy of women in architecture, and celebrate scholars, academics, activists, and other noted professionals who have contributed to the cause of gender equity across borders, demonstrated remarkable professional record, and championed the broad and progressive knowledge in the integral field of the built environment. <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/2021/08/21/sah-women-in-architecture-ag-legacy-committee-first-meeting-agenda-08-09-2021>
- **Organization: First Meeting** 08.09.21, **Chair/Founder:** *Anna Sokolina*; **Committee Members:** *Esra Akcan*, *Jelena Bogdanovic*, *Sigal Davidi*, *Catherine Erkkila*, *Carmen Espejel*, *Diane Elliott Gayer*, *Mary Anne Hunting*, *Elizabeth Martin*, *Kiwa Matsushita*, *Mari Nakahara*, *Katherine Kaford Papineau*, *Atsuko Tanaka*, *Thaisa Way*, *Julie Willis*, **Ex-officio:** *Barbara Ann Opar*, *Rebecca Siefert*
- **Programming:** 1) Events and Projects; 2) Recognition Program; 3) The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive: **2 and 3—awaiting feedback of the SAH Board and Strategic Planning Committee**

4. SAH 2021 Conference

- **SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable:** 05.12.21, “Textbooks in Focus: *Women in Architecture Survey*” www.sah.org/2021-virtual-conference/roundtables/textbooks-in-focus-women-in-architecture-survey?zs=BfSgX&zl=bCGb2
- **SAH WiA AG Leadership Meeting** 04.19.2021
<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/2021/05/02/sah-women-in-architecture-ag-center-third-meeting-agenda-04-19-2021>

5. National Outreach

- **Collaboration: SAH, SAH WiA AG, SAH Archipedia, BWAf:** WiA Group: *Sokolina*, SAH: *Catherine Erkkila*, *Pauline Saliga*, *Editors-in-Chief of SAHARA*; BWAf: *Cynthia Phifer Kracauer*, *Aislinn McNamara*; cc SAH Board
- **SAH WiA AG and AIA SVC WIA Committee: virtual panel** “Inspired by History to Form the Future” / **hybrid** “Architectural Intelligence” Symposium, 09.28.2021; **organization:** *Anna Sokolina* and *Dasha Ortenberg*, Symposium Co-Chair; **moderators:** *Priya Jain* and *Sokolina*; **panelists:** *Eva Alvarez*, *Carlos J. Gomez*; *Mary Brush*, *Yan Wencheng*—**postponed to covid**
- **SAH WiA AG, Pratt Institute SoA, in-person Panel & NYC Book Launch:** *Sokolina*, *Dean Harriet Harriss*, *Ashley Simone*—**pending to covid**

6. International Collaboration

- **SAH WiA AG, SAHGB's Women Architectural Historians' Network:** organization: *Shelley Roff*, *Elizabeth Darling*, *Anna Sokolina* (First project: March 8, 2021 SAH CONNECTS Webinar [The Advent of Women Architectural Professionals \(sah.org\)](http://www.sah.org)—**381 registrants, 242 attendees, 21 countries.**)

- **Women in Architecture Wiki Edit-a-Thon:** 04.23.2021--01.01.2022 <https://bit.ly/3aCN9ix> Yielded: 4.69k article views; goal: 100k views; facilitator/editor: *Danielle Willkens*

List of recent activities and upcoming events/discussions

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1. Registers Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>

- **Call for Bibliographic References to Expand the Women in Architecture Bibliography** (9.10-11.10.21): www.sah.org/jobs-and-careers/opportunities/recent-opportunities/2021/09/10/default-calendar/call-for-bibliographic-references-to-expand-the-women-in-architecture-bibliography? zs=BfSgX& zl=DEdI2
- **Call for Bibliographic References: Women’s Contribution to Pittsburgh Architecture** (9.10-11.15.21): www.sah.org/jobs-and-careers/opportunities/recent-opportunities/2021/09/10/default-calendar/call-for-bibliographic-references-women-s-contribution-to-pittsburgh-architecture? zs=BfSgX& zl=GEEdI2
- **New: (4) WiA Oral History Interviews**—put forward: *Opar, Sokolina*; interviews: *Siefert*; transcription: *Opar, Deichler*; edits: *Siefert*
- **Project: WiA Archives/Libraries/Collections**—*Ekincioglu, Opar, Sokolina*
- **New: (5) Student Mentorship Program**—*Gul Kale*

2. Legacy Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/2021/08/21/sah-women-in-architecture-ag-legacy-committee-first-meeting-agenda-08-09-2021> Established 06.01.2021; Inauguration 08.09.2021;

Website: **by 12.2021.** **Programming:** *submitted; awaiting confirmation of the SAH Board and SAH Strategic Planning Committee*

3. “March 2022: SAH WiA AG Celebrates Women’s History Month”

- **E-flyer**
- **Mar. 1 Greeting Letter** to SAH WiA AG Members
- **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography, second edition**—online publication
- **Oral History Interviews website launch**
- **Collaborative Publication: SAH WiA AG and SAH Archipedia:** <https://www.sah.org/jobs-and-careers/opportunities/recent-opportunities/2021/08/20/default-calendar/call-for-authors-sah-wia-ag-sah-archipedia-publication-project-on-the-work-of-women-architects? zs=BfSgX& zl=W7Dj2>
- **3 Leadership Meetings:** SAH WiA AG Center; Registers Committee; Legacy Committee
- **3 SAH CONNECTS Webinars**—*proposals submitted 9.24.2021*
 - o **Mar. 8 Webinar**, “Transnational Connections: Women’s Role in Disseminating Architectural Trends in the Twentieth century” organizer: *Vickery*, contributor: *Siefert*; moderator: *Margaret B. Vickery*, panelists: *Svava Riesto, Henriette Steiner, Patricia Santos Pedrosa, (Barbara Penner)*
 - o **Webinar #2**, “Intersections: Architectural History and Conservation in South and East Asia,” moderators: *Priya Jain* and *Yan Wencheng*; panelists: *Cecilia Chu, Bai Ying, Jigna Desai, Bhawna Dandona*; commenters: *Delin Lai, Mary N. Woods*
 - o **Webinar #3**, “Women in Architecture: Critical Histories,” organized by *Sokolina*; moderators: *Shelley E. Roff* and *Anna Sokolina*; panelists: *Margaret (Molly) Lester, Carmen Espejel, Kate Reggev, Nerma Cridge, Rebecca Siefert*
- **Program Updates:** *SAH Opportunities; SAH Commons; Facebook; LinkedIn; Instagram; Twitter*

4. SAH 2022 Pittsburgh Conference

- **SAH WiA AG Membership Meeting:** inquiry for a room *submitted*
- **Post-Conference Virtual Program: SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable Proposal** "Women in Architecture: Scholarship and Discoveries," moderators: *Sokolina and Siefert*; panelists: *Sigal Davidi, Harriet Harriss, Shelley Roff, Christopher Wilson, Paola Zellner*—*submitted*

5. National Outreach

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA AG + BWAf + SAHARA and SAH Archipedia**—in communication: *pending*
- **SAH WiA AG and AIA Silicon Valley Chapter WIA Committee:** panel "Inspired by History to Form the Future" at AIA SVC WIA Annual Symposium; organization: *Sokolina and Dasha Ortenberg*; moderators: *Priya Jain, Anna Sokolina*; panelists: *Eva Alvarez and Carlos J. Gomez; Mary Brush, Yan Wencheng*—*postponed till Mar 2022, to covid*
- **Pratt SoA: SAH WiA AG Panel, New York Book Launch, Exhibition at Seigel Gallery**—*pending*
- **Funding sources** to support research and scholarship on women in architecture: *Meg Birney Vickery and Ipek Mehmetoglu*—*guidance appreciated of the SAH Executive Committee*

6. International Outreach

- **Collaboration: SAH WiA AG and SAHGB**—Application (04.2022) to Small Grants Program of the U.S. Embassy to the United Kingdom <https://uk.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/london/ukpa/grants-programs/>
- **SAH CONNECTS Webinar (04.2022):** working title: "Women in Architecture: An International Book Launch Festival," moderator: *Shelley E. Roff*; panelists: *Esra Akcan, Open Architecture; Sigal Davidi, Building a New Land; Rebecca Siefert, Into the Light; Anna Sokolina, The Routledge Companion to Women in Architecture; Consuelo Lollobrigida, Plautilla Bricci. Pictura et Architectura Celebris.*

Financial Impact

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SAH WiA AG is seeking the SAH leadership and financial guidance. 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 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.

We appreciate SAH financial guidance: concerning SAH support of our projects in general, and in particular—**support of our US-UK Grant Application, and other grant applications.**

We seek the SAH Board and Executive Committee advice on:

1. A specialized support of software/advice/funding to publish our **Registers** projects, i.e.: 1) the website for the continuously expanding **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography**, 2) the website for **SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews Project**, 3) the **Global Women in Architecture Network** crosslinked database.

2. Are we allowed to hire someone (with SAH support) to assist us with the tremendous work that must be going into the Registers, developing/editing **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography** and **Oral History Interviews**; other projects and events, e.g., the **Annual March Program: Celebrating Women's History Month**?

3. We seek the SAH Board and Executive Committee support of our SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee Program: **The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive**—*Program description and inquiry for support submitted to SAH Executive Committee on 08.16.2021; follow-up insights submitted on 09.10.2021.*

Recommendations for SAH Board

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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 are looking forward to further 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 aim to advocate our cause of women in architecture, by celebrating women’s pioneering achievements and professional leadership, **therefore we are seeking approval of our Recognition Program**, developed to address historically silenced questions of gender equity, advocate change, and proposed to champion female leaders and role models in our world-largest learned society of scholars in architecture—the program is currently on hold, awaiting feedback / confirmation by recently formed SAH Strategic Planning Committee—*Program description and inquiry for support submitted to SAH Executive Committee on 08.16.2021, discussed, and forwarded for further consideration to the SAH Strategic Planning Committee.*

We seek the SAH Board and Executive Committee administrative, collegial, and fiscal support of our SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee Program: **The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive**—*Program description and inquiry for support submitted.*

We are in hope that our many pioneering plans and innovative projects, such as The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive, SAH WiA AG Recognition Program, et al., will be continuously sustained by the SAH, and endorsed both academically and through appropriate funding advice and practice by the SAH Board.