

SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (AG) Report

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Memo: Since the creation of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group on June 10, 2020, the following Reports have been submitted to SAH Board: **No 1** /10.28.2020; **No 2** /3.15.2021; **No 3** /9.15.2021

Date **March 30, 2022**
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 contribution of women in architecture, to champion the cause of gender equality 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.

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities (October 2021–March 2022)

(500 words max; attach additional page if necessary):

1. Organization

- **Membership Directory:** c. 400
- **Primary website:** <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org>
- **Group Forum:** <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>
- **Group Leadership: Council**—14 members <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council>
Registers Committee—10 members <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>
Legacy Committee—17 members, <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee>
- **Communications/Media Team**—Lead: Yan Wencheng, 9 members, 1 intern, 5 platforms; **Administration Team**—Lead: Rebecca Siefert; **Development Team**—Lead: Margaret B. Vickery, 5 members
- **SAH WiA AG Bylaws Amendment** 1.27.2022, according to [SAH Updated Guidelines 1.14.22](#): <https://hcommons.org/app/uploads/sites/1001859/2022/03/SAH-WiA-AG-BYLAWS.pdf>; **Additional Elections** 3.4–4.4.2022 <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council>

2. SAH WiA AG National Outreach

- **SAH Archipedia and SAH WiA AG collaboration:** [Launch](#) on the International Women’s Day of the [Women in Architecture Series](#) in *SAH Archipedia*, peer reviewed entries organized by Managing Editor Catherine Boland Erkkila

3. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

- **SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable in collaboration with Carleton University, Canada**, “Challenges of writing architectural histories of undocumented/underrepresented groups with a focus on women,” moderator: Gul Kale, panelists: Omeasoo Wahpasiw, Anooradha Siddiqi, Ipek Tureli, Helen Hills—3.23.22, <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group/forum/topic/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group-student-mentoring-program>

4. Registers Committee

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

- **Objectives: to create an inclusive database** on women's professional leadership and contribution to the discipline, with the focus on Registers, Lists, and Catalogues of: 1)WiA Bibliographic Resources; 2)WiA Archives/ Collections; 3)WiA Networks of Likeminded Organizations; **4)NEW:** WiA Oral History Interviews, initiative: Pauline Saliga, coordination: Anna Sokolina, implementation: Rebecca Siefert, Barbara Ann Opar, SAH WiA AG interns
- **Chronologies, Meeting Records, Projects Implementation:** [Search Results for "registers committee" – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)
- **Two Interviews** conducted/recorded by Rebecca Siefert, one transcription completed/edited, second--in progress by SAH WiA AG intern Hannah Deichler, Syracuse University, College of Arts & Sciences, School of Education, under supervision by Barbara Ann Opar

5. Legacy Committee

<https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee> --**website launch:** 3.20.2022

- **Mission:** To preserve, advocate, and promote the Legacy of Women in Architecture and celebrate and honor remarkable SAH members: scholars, academics, activists, and other noted professionals who have contributed to the cause of gender equality across borders, demonstrated remarkable professional record, and championed the broad and progressive architectural knowledge.
- **Chronologies, Programs, Meeting Records:** [Search Results for "legacy committee" – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)
- **Programs Implementation:**
 - o Submission to SAH Board Officers of **The Proposal to Create The Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture**, 3 rounds of peer review in collaboration with SAH WiA AG Council and consulted by SAH Executive Director Pauline Saliga—3.24.2022
 - o **March 8 Informal Zoom Meeting** of SAH WiA group leaders and members of SAH Board

6. Annual Program "March 2022: Celebrating Women's History Month"

[March 2022: Celebrating Women's History Month – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)

7. New Programs

- **SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program:** announcement 3.18.2022 on 5 WiA media platforms, Inauguration: 3.23.2022
- **The Development Team creates the Grants and Fellowships List** of sources that support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, leadership, and institutional projects on women in architecture; ongoing project, updated regularly by Ipek Mehmetoglu, WiA Development Associate. **March 2022 List published:** 3.11.22
https://sah.hcommons.org/?get_group_doc=1003651/1648133034-SAHWiAAG_GrantsandFellowshipsDirectory_Mar2022.pdf

List of activities in progress and upcoming events/discussions (500 words max; attach additional page if necessary):

1. SAH 2022 Annual International Conference

- SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Business Meeting 4.28.2022

2. Organization

- **April Zoom Meeting** of the Council to welcome new members and discuss planned projects
- **SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program:** Website Launch, Internship Program announcement, publication of the List of first SAH WiA AG Interns
- **The Grants and Fellowships List:** E-platform launch, collection in SAH WiA AG Commons Group forum, open access. Implementation and updates: Ipek Mehmetoglu, coordination: Margaret B. Vickery, Anna Sokolina

3. SAH WiA AG National Outreach

- **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group virtual panel "Inspired by History to Form the Future,"** in section: "Equity," at [AI.22](#)—The Architectural Intelligence Symposium organized by The American Institute of Architects,

Silicon Valley Chapter, in collaboration with Dasha Ortenberg, Chair of AIA SVC Women in Architecture Committee, moderators: Anna Sokolina and Priya Jain, speakers: Yan Wencheng, Meral Ekincioglu, Eva M. Alvarez Isidro, and Carlos J. Gómez Alfonso—4.19.2022

4. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

- **The US-UK collaboration project**, organized by Shelley E. Roff, SAH WiA AG Associate Chair, Associate Professor, University of Texas at San Antonio, and Elizabeth Darling, Convener of the Women Architectural Historians' Network, SAHGB, Reader in Architectural History, Oxford Brookes University—in progress
- **SAH CONNECTS webinar “Architectural History and Conservation in South and East Asia”** organized by Priya Jain, AIA, Assistant Professor, College of Architecture, Associate Director, Center for Heritage Conservation, Texas A&M University, and Yan Wencheng, Lecturer, California State University; speakers from Hong Kong, China and the US—in progress
- **SAH CONNECTS webinar “Transnational Connections: Women’s Role in Disseminating Architectural Trends in the Twentieth Century”** organized by Margaret B. Vickery, Lecturer in Art and the History of Art, University of Massachusetts, Amherst; panelists from Denmark, Portugal and England—in progress

5. Registers Committee

- **“SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography”**—an ongoing project, Call for submission of new references (books and theses) [here](#)—second edition in progress
- **“SAH Women in Architecture Oral History Interviews”**—new website launch: Siefert and Sokolina; transcription of second interview: SAH WiA AG Intern, supervision Barbara Opar; new interviews to feature SAH past presidents, leadership, and outstanding SAH members—in progress

Financial Impact (250 words max)

SAH WiA AG is seeking support of our programs and financial guidance of the SAH Board on:

- 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. Also, for our new ongoing project, updated regularly: **The Grants and Fellowships List** of sources that are essential and support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, leadership, and institutional projects on women in architecture.
- We seek SAH support to hire someone to professionally assist us with the tremendous work that must be going into the Registers, development/edits/transcription of **Oral History Interviews**; development/edits of updated editions of **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography**; other projects and events, e.g., the annual **March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month, SAH WiA AG international Outreach Program: Annual Book Festival**, et al.
- We seek administrative, collegial, and fiscal support of the SAH Board of our Program: **The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive** (No. 3: [LEGACY COMMITTEE – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#))

Recommendations for SAH Board (250 words max)

We are committed to contribute to the SAH mission, collaborate with our members across continents, and bring new members to SAH. We aim to advocate our cause of women in architecture by celebrating women’s pioneering achievements, with particular focus of professional leadership and scholarship of SAH members. **Therefore, we are seeking approval of the SAH leadership of our annual academic participation in SAH International Conferences through presenting a SAH WiA AG session or a post-Conference virtual roundtable**, to consistently and productively discuss historically silenced questions of gender equity, and to champion and feature female leaders and role models in our world-largest learned society of scholars in architecture.

We are in hope that our many innovative projects and proposals, e.g. The Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture, The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive, et al., will be continuously sustained by the SAH, and endorsed both academically and through appropriate funding advice and practice by SAH Board.