

SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Membership Meeting

April 28, 1:30 pm –2:30 pm Westmoreland West, 2nd floor
[SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Meeting \(guidebook.com\)](https://www.guidebook.com/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group-meeting)

Meeting Agenda

Welcome to Women in Architecture Affiliate Group of the Society of Architectural Historians!

Moderator: *Rebecca Siefert*, Executive Administrator | Brief intro of attending group leaders’ area of contribution—*Barbara Ann Opar*, Mentoring Program and Co-chair of Registers Committee; *Priya Jain and Maristella Casciato*, National Outreach Coordinators; *Neena Zutshi*, Archivist, *Ipek Mehmetoglu*, Anchor; *Catherine Erkkila*, Member of SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee, (*Anna Sokolina*, chair, not present due to personal circumstances). Agenda rendered by *Anna Sokolina*, approved by SAH WiA AG members of the Council.

Outline: a/Inaugural in-person meeting; b/Group: Mission, Bylaws, Programs, Projects; c/Recognition letter to Pauline Saliga

Introduction

The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) is a Board-approved SAH affiliate group of members of the Society of Architectural Historians who share a common, scholarly, or other, interest aligned with the SAH mission. It was established on June 10, 2020.

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. **The Group operates by SAH WiA AG Bylaws and SAH Bylaws.**

We join the initiative of SAH IDEAS COMMITTEE of strengthening a partnership with our members based upon transparency, accountability, and fairness, and **invite you to share your ideas, questions, comments, about concrete steps our SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group could undertake to further equity and inclusion, as well as the broader principles and values that should guide us.**

SAH WiA AG Statement on war in Ukraine was published on Feb 24, across five group platforms: THE SAH WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE AFFILIATE GROUP CONDEMNS IN THE STRONGEST TERMS POSSIBLE THE UNPROVOKED AND UNJUSTIFIED RUSSIAN MILITARY ATTACK ON UKRAINE. THIS INVASION IS HORRIBLE AND INHUMANE. WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY THIS BRUTAL WAR.

Our group joined the **SAH Statement, published on March 3, [The Society of Architectural Historians Condemns the Russian Invasion of Ukraine \(sah.org\)](https://www.sah.org): We stand united with the people of Ukraine and all who oppose this war.**

1. Organization

- **Membership Directory:** c. 400

- **Group Leadership is an elected team. The Group has a Chair and is managed by elected members of the SAH WiA AG Council—15 members. Group’s SAH Board Liaison is the SAH Second Vice President.**
- Twice a year, SAH WiA AG Council submits a **Report to SAH Board.**
- We formed two committees: **Registers Committee—10 members**, and **Legacy Committee—17 members**, both committees have their websites.
- **5 Online platforms: 1/Primary website and Group forum in *sah.hcommons.org*; and social media pages: 2/Facebook, 3/LinkedIn, 4/Twitter, 5/Instagram**, coordinated and maintained by **Communications/Media Team—9 members, 1 intern. All our information:** documents, reports, meeting agendas, projects outline and logistics, calls for papers & other participation, are published online—**please join us, register with us, follow us!** We also publish announcements in *SAH Opportunities*.

2 SAH WiA AG Programs

- 1/ National Outreach (sessions/roundtables/events)
- 2/ International Collaboration (sessions/webinars/events/publications)
- 3/ March Annual: Celebrating Women’s History Month—Program leaflet published online across all group e-platforms and distributed to members through group listserv
- 4/ SAH Conference
- 5/ SAH CONNECTS virtual panels
- 6/ Collaboration with/Registers & Legacy Committees—ongoing projects: SAH WiA Bibliography; SAH WiA Oral History Interviews, et al.
- 7/ Collaboration w/*SAH Archipedia*
- 8/ Mentoring Program (internships lineup, collaborative projects, webinars, sessions, special events)
- 9/ Publication of Women in Architecture Grants and Fellowships List

3. Submission to SAH Board of The Proposal to Create the Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture, on March 24, 2022 following 3 rounds of peer review in collaboration with SAH WiA AG Legacy Committee and SAH Executive Director Pauline Saliga.

4. Publication of the Women in Architecture Series in SAH Archipedia

On March 8, 2022, as part of the SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group’s Annual Program, “**March 2022: Celebrating Women’s History Month**,” *SAH Archipedia* editors and the SAH WiA AG announced the publication of the **Women in Architecture Series in SAH Archipedia**. Thirteen authors contributed original content for this publication series. This collaborative publication project highlights the work of women architects and significant sites in women’s history.

5. The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Registers Committee has been established and announced at the First Meeting of the Committee on December 18, 2020, as a global SAH WiA AG initiative open to proposals and projects that support the SAH mission.

- **The SAH WiA AG Registers Committee** represents the breath of interests of the SAH community by creating a comprehensive database on women’s professional leadership and contribution to the discipline, with the focus on Registers, Lists, and Catalogues of: WiA Bibliographic Resources; WiA Archives/Libraries/Collections; WiA Networks of Likeminded Organizations; WiA Oral History Interviews.

The Objectives of the Committee are to create, maintain and advance:

- 1/ **SAH WiA Bibliography**—a Register of Bibliographic References that integrates:
 - the list of ***books written ABOUT women’s contribution*** to the built environment integrating works in broader diversity, border- and cross-disciplinary studies, covering various geographies, and areas relevant to understanding and teaching the subject;

- the list of **books** on the built environment **authored/edited BY women**, who are architectural and art historians, educators, curators, critics, other protagonists in our profession;
- the list of **theses ABOUT women's contribution** to the discipline;
- the list of **books** on contribution of women to the built environment **in Spanish**.

First edition of this Bibliography was published in July 2021 and it contains 1100 titles. Second edition in progress—**please engage and submit your titles!**

Discussion: possibilities for collaboration; create a *feedback form* on the website for scholars to submit suggestions for additional sources to be included in the bibliographies; assign certain geographic areas to certain people with more knowledge in that area to work on the bibliography; keep a broad view and later separate into distinct geographies/topics as those distinct areas/topics become more developed

2/ SAH WiA AG Register of Archives, Libraries, Museums, other learned centers, of all scale, across continents, that collect, preserve, and promote women's contributions to the built environment.

3/ SAH WiA AG Networks—a Register of likeminded organizations, institutions, and other alliances across borders and disciplines.

4/ SAH WiA AG Oral History Interviews—a collection of recorded interviews documenting personal histories of women in profession, new interviews to feature SAH past presidents, leadership, and outstanding SAH members.

ALL NEW INITIATIVE and engagement welcome!

6. The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Legacy Committee was established on June 1, 2021, as a global SAH WiA AG initiative that supports the SAH mission.

- **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.
- **The Objectives** of the Committee are to create, maintain, and advance events, programs, and recognition efforts contributing to the cause of women in architecture.

1/ Events and Projects

- **SAH Women in Architecture Day:** Celebration on March 8, The International Women's Day
- **Book Launch Annual Festival:** a virtual, hybrid, or in-person event
- **Special Events** celebrating scholarship and leadership of remarkable women

2/ Recognition Program

- **The Proposal to Create an Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture**

- Collaborate with the SAH Award Selection Committee appointed annually by SAH President

3/ The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive—an ongoing effort: **ALL INITIATIVE welcome!**

- **Develop The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive**, in collaboration with the SAH Board
- Create digital entries of records in collaboration with **SAH Archipedia** and **Buildings of the U.S.**
- **Allocate the physical venue to house the collection**
- **Digitize, publish, and provide electronic access** to the records collected in the SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive

7. The SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Recognition Letter to Pauline Saliga, the outgoing SAH Executive Director