SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG) Report


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Name of Committee/AG SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (SAH WiA AG)
Chair Anna Sokolina, PhD

Main current objectives (100 words max)
The Mission of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group is to support the breadth of interests of 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 (Oct 2022–Mar 2023) (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) https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council
     Registers Committee (10) https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee
     Legacy Committee (18) https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee
     Mentoring Program (4) https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program

Media Team—Lead: Yan Wencheng (8 admins), 5 platforms:
   - SAH Commons: Site SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org) + Group Members – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons; Facebook SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group; Instagram www.instagram.com/sahwiaag; LinkedIn SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group: Overview | LinkedIn; Twitter @SAHWiAag
   - Administration/Communications—Lead: Rebecca Siefert and Priya Jain
   - Mentoring Team—Lead: Gül Kale and Barbara Ann Opar
   - Recent Group Leadership Meetings:
     o Feb. 22, 2023 (virtual) Meeting Agenda: SAH WiA AG 9th Joint Leadership Meeting 02.22.2023
     o Nov. 7, 2022 (virtual) Meeting Agenda: SAH WiA AG Registers and Legacy Committees | Joint Meeting 11.7.2022

2. SAH WiA AG Programs and Scholarship
3. **SAH Conference Contribution**
   - **SAH 76th Conference**, Montréal, Canada, Apr 12–16; virtual program Sep 20–22, 2023
     - CF SAH WiA AG session published; received proposals reviewed by group leadership team; supported proposals selected, chairs informed, sessions submitted to Conference Committee via online portal: in-person session “Women and Public Housing: Broader Margins,” virtual “Iconographies of Women Architects: Portraits and Representations.”
     - April 12 SAH Affiliate Group Leadership Event: Listserv compiled, submitted to organizers.
   - **SAH 77th Conference**, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 17–21, 2024
     - CF SAH WiA AG session published; received proposals reviewed; supported proposal selected, chair informed, session submitted to Conference Committee via online portal: “Matronage in a New Light: Alternative Facets of Premodern Patronage.”

4. **SAH CONNECTS**
   - SAH WiA AG-supported webinar, “Conserving Histories: Women and Transnational Collaborations,” Jan 26, 2023. Moderator: Dr. Margaret B. Vickery, speakers: Dr. Kathleen James-Chakraborty, Dr. Patrícia Santos Pedrosa, Dr. Svava Riesto, Dr. Brinda Somaya, Dr. Henriette Steiner.

5. **March 2023 Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month | SAH WiA AG Initiatives**
   **March 2023: Celebrating Women’s History Month – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org)**
   - Program logistics leaflet and page, letter to group, recognition of SAH WiA group members
   - SAH WiA AG Leadership Meeting
   - Celebrating March 8—The International Women’s Day
   - SAH WiA AG Committees
   - SAH WiA AG Virtual Programs: New page in SAH Commons
   - SAH WiA AG Archive

   - **Program** developed, leaflet & page created, letter to group members distributed via group listserv, promo support in collaboration with SAH Director of Communications and Director of Programs, WiA Group Media Team and Communications Lead: **SAH Opportunities, SAH Newsletter**, across group platforms, and WiA Group Forum Discussion — SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group — SAH Commons.

   - **SAH WiA AG 9th Joint Leadership Meeting 02.22.2023 (Meeting Agenda)**: Virtual meeting of members of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Council, Registers Committee, Legacy Committee, Ex-Officio: SAH Board and Staff, convened to mark the start of Women’s History Month Program.


   - **SAH WiA AG Registers Committee** Registers Committee – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org)
     - **SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography**—ongoing project, NO DEADLINE. First edition HERE. Call for submission of new references Feb 2, 2023: HERE. Second edition in progress. Lead: Barbara Opar; contributor: Dr. Laura Sánchez Carrasco, Polytechnic University of Madrid, Spain; ed. Anna Sokolina, progressive review: SAH WiA AG lead team.
     - **SAH Women in Architecture Interactive Oral Histories**—ongoing project spearheaded by Rebecca Siefert and Barbara Opar, with group interns supervised by Barbara Opar.

- **SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Archive**

**Celebrating SAH WiA AG groundwork years:** First submission of records to International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA), Virginia Tech University Libraries—project in progress

6. **Collaboration with SAH Board and SAH Archipedia**

- **SAH Archipedia Highlights: Women's History Month**
  

  In celebration of Women’s History Month, SAH Archipedia editors feature the essays from the Women in Architecture series, published in collaboration with the SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group, and other essays from SAH Archipedia collection.

- **Recordings of SAH Programs supported by SAH WiA AG** are generously added by SAH Director of Communications to SAH website: www.sah.org/about-sah/sah-affiliate-groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group

7. **Mentoring Program**

https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program

- **The SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program** represents the breadth of interests of the SAH community. The program aims to support and provide direction, training, and advising to SAH student members and junior faculty. Leaders: Gül Kale and Barbara Ann Opar. The Objectives are to create, advance, and implement proposed initiatives, with a vision towards equity, diversity, and inclusion:
  
  - The program identifies occasions to engage students in research, introduces new venues to improve student support, and promotes student training and funding opportunities.
  - The program organizes workshops to provide mentorship for students in diverse areas such as: 1) Proposal preparation workshops for grant applications; 2) Application preparation workshops for graduate school; 3) Workshop for graduate students’ job applications; 4) Roundtables to promote and publicize projects on women in architecture.

  - **Projects Implementation:**
    
    - SAH WiA AG Virtual Roundtable, “Doing Fieldwork: Opportunities and Challenges,” a free virtual event held Nov 30, 2022. Organizer/moderator/poster: Dr. Gül Kale, Canada; panelists: Dr. Annapurna Garimella, India, Dr. Zeynep Kuban, Turkey, Dr. Bethany Walker, Germany. Promo: in SAH Opportunities; across group media platforms; via group listserv and in Group Forum: Discussion – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons. SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group is thankful to Society of Architectural Historians for generous support of this virtual event.
    - Internships and Practicum Projects | List of SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Interns

9. **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 Networks of Likeminded Organizations; 3) WiA Interactive Oral Histories

- **Projects Implementation**
  
  - **The SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography:** Ongoing project of SAH WiA AG and SAH WiA AG Registers Committee, a groundbreaking effort to document and recognize the essential role women have played in the creation of the built environment. First edition went through two rounds of peer review and has been published on SAH website sah-women-in-architecture-bibliography-2021.pdf. The WiA Bibliography website was created in SAH Commons: https://sahwiabibliography.sah.hcommons.org.
  
  - **Oral History Interviews:** implementation by Barbara Ann Opar, Rebecca Siefert, SAH WiA AG interns. All initiative welcome, website in progress.

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

1. **Organization**

- Meetings of leadership teams: according to the urgency of updates

- Communications: group listserv in collaboration with SAH Director of Membership; digital platforms and web
news leadership

- **SAH WiA AG upcoming elections and routine revision of Bylaws**: May–June 2023

2. **SAH WiA AG International Collaboration**
- A series of collaborative panels: Dr. Shelley E. Roff, SAH WiA AG Associate Chair—logistics in progress
- VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender, School of Architecture, Universitat Politècnica de València (Spain), Oct 3–6, 2023—Invited lectures and participation: [https://icagvlc.webs.upv.es](https://icagvlc.webs.upv.es)

3. **Mentoring Program**
- Virtual panel in progress by Dr. Gül Kale: SAH WiA AG in collaboration with Carleton University
- Internships and Practicum Projects: The Inclusion and Social Justice Program with Legacy Committee, SAH IDEAS & Affiliate groups

4. **Registers Committee**
- “SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography”—an ongoing project, 2nd edition
- “SAH Women in Architecture Interactive Oral Histories”—WiA group Lead team discussions on research, questionnaire, broader scholarship, interviews to feature SAH past presidents, outstanding SAH members

5. **Legacy Committee**
- Legacy Committee [LEGACY COMMITTEE – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group (hcommons.org)](https://commons.org)
- The SAH Women in Architecture Archive—collection submission to the IAWA

Files – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons
E-platform, open access, an ongoing project. The list of sources that support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, leadership, and institutional projects on women in architecture, reviewed by SAH WiA AG lead team, is intended to help SAH WiA AG members identify resources instrumental for students, scholars, educators, and a diverse range of professionals within and beyond the field of the built environment.

7. **CFS: SAH WiA AG-supported virtual session at 2024 SAH Conference Virtual Program**

Financial Impact
SAH WiA AG is seeking support of our programs and advice/financial guidance of the SAH Board and Staff:
- Advice on software 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 Interactive Oral Histories Project, 3) the Global Women in Architecture Network crosslinked database, 4) 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.
- Advice on hire, to professionally assist us with the tremendous work that must be going into the Registers, development/edits/transcription of Oral History Interviews; development of updated editions of SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography; other projects and events, e.g., the annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month, and SAH WiA AG international Outreach Program: Annual Book Festival.

Recommendations for SAH Board
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. We are in hope that our innovative projects and proposals, e.g. The Annual Award for Distinction in Scholarship on the History of Women in Architecture, and The SAH Women in Architecture Library and Archive, will be endorsed and supported by the SAH Board.