

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
Memo: Preceding reports submitted to SAH Board: [No 1](#) /10.28.2020; [No 2](#) /3.15.2021; [No 3](#) /9.15.2021; [No 4](#) /3.30.2022; [No 5](#) /10.17.22, [No 6](#) /3.22.23.

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 discussion; to document, support, and advance, research, publication, education, and exhibition initiatives; to integrate professional standing of women in architecture with broader studies across cultures and geographies.

With gratitude to SAH Board and Staff for lasting support.

Summary of recent accomplishments and current activities (Apr–Oct 2023)

1. Organization

- SAH Commons: Primary website <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org>
- SAH Commons: Group Forum <https://sah.hcommons.org/groups/sah-women-in-architecture-affiliate-group>
- Group Leadership:
Council <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/council>
Registers Committee <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/registers-committee>
Legacy Committee <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/legacy-committee>
Mentoring Program <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program>
- Media Team—Platforms: Facebook [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group](#); Instagram www.instagram.com/sahwiaag;
LinkedIn [SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group: Overview | LinkedIn](#); Twitter (X) [@SAHWiAag](#)
- Most recent Leadership Meeting Agenda: [SAH WiA AG 10th Joint Leadership Meeting 5.31.2023](#)

2. SAH WiA AG Programs

1/ SAH Conference contribution; 2/ SAH CONNECTS contribution; 3/ Annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month; 4/ Collaboration with SAH Board and collectives: *SAH Archipedia*, SAH AGs, SAH IDEAS Committee; 5/ Mentoring Program; 6/ Registers & Legacy Committees; 7/ National Outreach; 8/ International Collaboration; 9/ SAH WiA AG Archive; 10/ WiA Grants and Fellowships Directory.

3. SAH Conference Contribution

- SAH 76th Annual International Conference, Montréal, Canada, 4.12–16, virtual 9.20–22, 2023: Submitted two session proposals (not confirmed by Conference Committee); group members were invited to reception organized by Minority Scholars Affiliate Group for SAH affiliate groups.
- SAH 77th Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4.17–21.2024: Submitted session proposal (not confirmed)
 - Communications with Christopher Kirbabas regarding SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Meeting.
 - WiA group members are invited to be part of the panel organized by SAH Architectural Studies Affiliate Group.

4. Mentoring Program <https://sahwomeninarchitectureaffiliategroup.sah.hcommons.org/mentoring-program>

- The SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program represents the breath of interests of the SAH community and aims to support and provide direction, training, and advising to SAH student members and junior faculty. Objectives: to create, advance, and implement proposed initiatives, with a vision towards equity, diversity, and inclusion.
 - Feb 2022–Jun 2023: Intern Julia M. Kazubowski, B.Arch. student, Syracuse University, mentor: Barbara Opar. Assignment: Tech support and assistance with second edition of SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography.

5. SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Archive

Archival project: Groundwork documentation, 20 folders containing overall 385 files of professional documentation submission on 7.19.2023 to the International Archive of Women in Architecture at Virginia Tech University Libraries.

6. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

– VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender ICAG 2023, School of Architecture, Valencia Polytechnic University, Spain, Oct 3–6, 2023—Invited keynote lecture, session chair, speaker, paper reviewer, other participation <https://icagvlc.webs.upv.es> **SAH WiA AG is grateful to SAH Board and SAH Staff for vital support of this collaboration.**

7. Members' participation in SAH Membership meetups, SAH CONNECTS, other events organized by SAH Board.

List of activities in progress and upcoming events/discussions

1. Organization

– SAH WiA AG next Leadership Meeting 10.16.2023 <https://sah1365.zoom.us/j/82167120552>
– Communications: SAH Board; SAH Commons group's site and forum; media platforms and listserv.

2. 2024 SAH Conference Virtual Program: CFS for a SAH WiA AG-supported virtual session—to follow SAH CFS.

3. SAH CONNECTS—panels: discussion in progress.

4. March 2024 Program: Celebrating Women's History Month—plans and initiatives.

– SAH WiA AG Staple Program
– SAH WiA AG Special Event: Celebrating March 8—The International Women's Day

5. Mentoring Program—discussion in progress.

Virtual panels; Internship Projects; Legacy: The Inclusion and Social Justice Program, SAH IDEAS & Affiliate groups

6. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

– Participation in alliance supporting the Symposium, WoArch: Women as Builders, Designers, and Critics of the Built Environment Before 1800, The University of Arkansas Rome Center, Italy, Jan 25–26, 2024—in progress

7. 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 Oral Histories.
– The SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography: first edition <https://sahwiabibliography.sah.hcommons.org>; second edition in progress.
– Women in Architecture Oral Histories—interviews to feature SAH past presidents, outstanding SAH members

8. The Women in Architecture Grants and Fellowships Directory

[Files – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group – SAH Commons](#)

An open access digital platform: The list of sources 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.

Financial Impact

SAH WiA AG is seeking guidance of SAH Board—advice on creating websites in collaboration with SAH Staff with a lineup of essential recordings contributing to SAH Mission: Oral History Interviews, Special events, and the Grants and Fellowships List of sources that support research, publications, travel, student work, teaching, and institutional projects on women in architecture.

Recommendations for SAH Board

We are grateful to SAH Board of Directors and SAH Staff for vital generous support and are committed to contribute to the SAH mission, collaborate with our members across continents, and bring new members to Society. 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 will be continuously endorsed and supported by SAH Board.