

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 |
| 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, No 7 /10.12.2023 |
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Main current objectives

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 (Oct 2023–March 2024)

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](#); [Registers Committee](#); [Legacy Committee](#); [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](#); X [@SAHWiAag](#)
- Leadership designations: New members joining/transferring to WiA AG Council, Legacy and Registers Committees
- Most recent Leadership Meeting Agenda: [SAH WIA AG 12TH LEADERSHIP MEETING 8.1.2024](#)

2. SAH WiA AG Programs

1/SAH Conference: Scholarship and Contribution; 2/SAH CONNECTS: Scholarship and Contribution; 3/Annual March Program: Celebrating Women’s History Month; 4/Collaboration with SAH Board and Collectives: *SAH Archipedia*, SAH AGs; 5/Registers Committee: SAH WiA Bibliography, SAH WiA Oral Histories; 6/Legacy Committee: Special Events, Film Screenings & Discussions, SAH WiA AG Archive; 7/Mentoring Program: Internships and Practicum; 8/Virtual Programs and Webinars; 9/National Outreach; 10/International Collaboration.

3. SAH Conference Contribution: SAH 77th Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 4.17–21.2024

- 3 session proposals to be supported by WiA Affiliate Group were reviewed, one confirmed by SAH WiA AG Council – submitted but not selected by Conference Chair.
- Communications of SAH WiA AG Council with Christopher Kirbabas regarding Group’ Membership Meeting—event omitted in solidarity toward meetings with other affiliate groups.
- Participation in SAH Reception for Affiliate Groups sponsored by *Lynne Horiuchi*, PhD, SAH Secretary, 4.17.24.
- SAH WiA AG contribution in solidarity, to Architectural Studies Affiliate Group brownbag panel 4.18.24, in partnership with other invited affiliate groups: Asian American & Diasporic, Indigenous Architecture, Race & Arch. History, Minority Scholars.
- Support of individual sessions chaired/co-chaired by WiA AG leaders, and papers by SAH WiA AG members.

4. SAH CONNECTS: Scholarship and Contribution

Celebrating The International Women’s Day, March 8, 2024: SAH CONNECTS Roundtable, *Indigenous Women in Architecture in the US and Canada* [Indigenous Women in Architecture in the US and Canada \(sah.org\)](#), This roundtable pioneers first collaboration of SAH Affiliate Groups—Women in Architecture and Indigenous Architecture. Speakers presented their positions regarding Indigenous design, their values, sustainability, and resistance to colonialism. [SAH NEWS | March 6, 2024](#)

5. Annual Program March 2024: Celebrating Women’s History Month | SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Initiatives

This is a staple program of SAH WiA AG featuring the International Women’s Day on March 8. 2024.

Program Link: [March 2024: Celebrating Women’s History Month](#). Program Highlights:

- SAH WiA AG Leadership Meeting—March 1, 2024. Meeting Agenda: [SAH WIA AG 12TH LEADERSHIP MEETING 8.1.2024](#)
- Celebrating The International Women’s Day—March 8, 2024: www.sah.org/programs/sah-connects/2024/indigenous-women
- SAH WiA AG at Annual SAH Conference
- SAH WiA AG Registers and Legacy Committees
- SAH WiA AG International Collaboration
- Collaboration with SAH Board and collectives
- SAH WiA AG Mentoring Program
- SAH WiA AG Archive.

5. Collaboration with SAH Board and collectives

- Contribution to the *Journal of Society of Architectural Historians* “Tribute to Pauline Saliga by the SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group.” *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* (2023) 82 (4): 489–490. <https://doi.org/10.1525/jsah.2023.82.4.489>
- Participation in Members Meetups organized by SAH Board and Staff; registration/contribution to SAH CONNECTS.
- Weekly support of our members and sister AGs and organizations, and SAH news reposts: publication of relevant news across WiA AG platforms.

5. SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group Archive

Archival project: Groundwork documentation, 20 folders containing overall 385 files of professional documentation submitted to the International Archive of Women in Architecture at Virginia Tech University Libraries – confirmed, accessioning in progress.

6. SAH WiA AG International Collaboration

- WoArch | Women as Builders, Designers, and Critics of the Built Environment Before 1800. First edition of the conference series, Women in Architecture. Rome, Italy, Jan 25–27, 2024, organized by the University of Arkansas Rome Center in collaboration with the School of Architecture + Planning at the University of Texas at San Antonio. [WoArch](#)
Convenors: *Shelley E. Roff, Consuelo Lollobrigida, Francesca Riccardo*. SAH WiA AG invited contribution: Collegial support, promotional efforts, SAH WIA AG members scholarship.

- ICAG: VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender. Universitat Politècnica de València, School of Architecture, Valencia, Spain, Oct 3–6, 2023. [ICAG 2023 | VI International Conference on Architecture and Gender | speakers & chairs | program | committees | call for papers | registrations | instagram CUG | sponsors](#)

Organizers: *Eva M. Alvarez, Carlos J. Gomez*. SAH WiA AG invited contribution: Sponsor, collegial support, promotional efforts; Scientific Committee and keynote lecture by *Anna Sokolina*, and other contribution: session chair, exhibition participation, special events, scholarship. Complex contribution by remarkable SAH WiA AG members.

SAH WiA AG is grateful to SAH Board and SAH Staff for support of this collaboration.

- Promotional support of events organized by women in architecture centers and programs worldwide.

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

Communications: SAH Board; SAH Opportunities; posts across SAH WiA AG Commons site and forum; media platforms, listserv.

2. SAH Virtual Program 9.19–21, 2024

Session proposals in progress by group members: submitted to, reviewed, and voted by SAH WiA AG Council.

3. Mentoring Program [Mentoring Program – SAH Women in Architecture Affiliate Group \(hcommons.org\)](#)

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. Mentor: Barbara Opar—Tech support and assistance with second edition of SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography.

6. SAH WiA AG National Outreach

Under consideration: Individual invitation of *Anna Sokolina* to present about SAH WiA AG mission and programs in support of women’s agency in architecture at AIA Queens NY national event, Oct 2024

7. Registers Committee

- Objectives: to create an inclusive database on women’s professional leadership and contribution to the discipline: 1/WiA Bibliographic Resources; 2/WiA Networks of Likeminded Organizations; 3/WiA Oral Histories.
- The SAH Women in Architecture Bibliography: 1st edn <https://sahwiabibliography.sah.hcommons.org>; 2nd edn in progress.
- Women in Architecture Oral Histories—conversations to feature 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 Histories, 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 and 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.