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**Members, mark your calendar to attend our IN-PERSON Annual Business Meeting  
being held at the Hawaii Convention Center during PBX Hawaii**

**When:** Wednesday, October 2, 2024, from 9:30am - 10:30am

**Where:** Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Kalakaua, Ave, Honolulu – Room 319A

**Lunch:** Lunch is provided to PBX attendees and can be found on the expo floor

**Register:** [PBX Hawaii](#). \$29 Early Bird. \$35 after 8/31

\*\*\* 10% membership attendance required for quorum.

## ENCLOSED FOR YOUR REVIEW

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- 1) Agenda for 2024 Annual Business Meeting
- 2) Minutes of 2023 Annual Business Meeting
- 3) Proposed Bylaws Amendments
- 4) Nominees for AIA Honolulu Officers & Directors and Representatives to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors

## ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD TO FILL THE FOLLOWING EXPIRING TERMS

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### AIA Honolulu Officers:

- Vice President/President-Elect\* (2025)  
\* automatically elevates to President in 2026
- Secretary (2025-2026)

### AIA Honolulu Directors:

- Four Architect Member Directors (2025-2026)
- One Architect Member Director, Hawaii Island Section (2025-2026)
- One Associate Director (2025-2026)

### AIA Hawaii State Council:

- Two AIA Honolulu Representatives to serve as Directors on the AIA Hawaii State Council Board (2025-2027, 3-year term).

## ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

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As stated in the Bylaws, all AIA (architect) and Associate AIA members in good standing assigned by the Institute to this Chapter as their primary membership are eligible to vote at this meeting. Local Allied members may attend but may not vote at this meeting.

LIMITED VOTE BY PROXY (4.5.3): An eligible member may vote by proxy for the limited purpose of the election of directors and officers, provided that the member certifies he/she will not be in a 25-mile radius of the meeting location at the date of the meeting. The proxy shall be executed in writing and sent to the Secretary of the Chapter prior to the meeting.

## VOTING FOR CANDIDATES

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Section 4.7.1 of the Chapter Bylaws specifies that Nominations of officers and directors of this Chapter about to become vacant, excluding public director vacancies as noted in section 6.2, shall be made at the annual meeting from the floor.

In this package, you will find written statements from a slate of candidates prepared for you by the 2024 Nominating Committee to fill upcoming vacancies on the 2025 AIA Honolulu Board of Directors and the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors. This information will also be available as a link from our home page [www.aiahonolulu.org](http://www.aiahonolulu.org).

**To include your name in the running for this year's and future Board slates, please submit your interest to [contact@aiahonolulu.org](mailto:contact@aiahonolulu.org).**



# 2024 Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Hawaii Convention Center – Room 319A  
1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

9:30 am – Annual Business Meeting Begins:  
Presiding Officer: Wayne Goo, AIA – 2024 President, AIA Honolulu

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## 2024 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

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- Call to Order & Welcome 2 min
- Verification of Quorum 2 min
- Approval of Agenda & 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes 5 min
- Proposed Amendments of Chapter Bylaws 5 min
- Election of Officers & Directors 10 min
  - AIA Honolulu
  - AIA Hawaii State Council
- Treasurer’s Report: Laura Crane, AIA, 2024 Treasurer 5 min
- Presidents’ Reports 15 min
  - AIA Honolulu: Wayne Goo, AIA
  - AIA Hawaii State Council: Reid Mizue, AIA
- Incoming President’s Remarks: Phil Camp, AIA, 2025 President 5 min
- Committee Spotlight 2 min
- Closing & Adjournment 5 min

2023 Meeting Minutes  
AIA Honolulu Annual Business Meeting  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023  
Hawaii Convention Center (Room 319A)  
1801 Kalakaua Ave, Honolulu, HI 96815

- I. Welcome and Call to Order  
President Todd Hassler, AIA welcomed attendees to the Annual Business Meeting and called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.
- II. Verification of Quorum  
Of the 710 eligible voting members of AIA Honolulu, approximately 76 members were present. This is more than the 10% required. The quorum was established at 9:39 am.
- III. Approval of Minutes of 2022  
The 2022 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- IV. Candidate Introductions  
The candidates, as nominated and in attendance, were introduced. Prior to presenting candidates, President Todd Hassler, AIA asked for nominations from the floor. There were no further nominations, and the ballots were confirmed to be correct as printed. As the ballot contained only the needed candidates for each vacant position, and there were no objections by members present, he declared these results of the elections to stand by unanimous consent.  
  
2024 Vice President/President-Elect (one vacancy):  
Phil Camp, AIA  
  
2024-2025 Treasurer (one vacancy):  
Laura Crane, AIA  
  
2024-2025 Directors (four vacancies):  
Laura Ayers, AIA  
Jason Davis, AIA  
Jill Edelman, AIA  
Charlotte Lu, AIA  
  
2024-2025 Associate Directors (one vacancy):  
Ireland Castillo, Assoc. AIA  
  
Chapter Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors (one vacancy):  
Richard Furst, AIA (3-year term)  
  
2024 Public Director (one vacancy):  
Karen Hong, Local Allied Member
- V. Hawaii State Council Report  
Reid Mizue, AIA, gave an oral report.

- VI. President's Report  
Todd Hassler, AIA gave an oral report.
- VII. Treasurer's Report  
Willa Trimble, AIA, presented the treasurer's report of the 2022 and partial 2023 fiscal year.
- VIII. Incoming President's Report  
Wayne Goo, AIA gave an oral report.
- XI. Election Results  
As reported by Todd Hassler, AIA, none of the positions on the ballot ran unopposed for the vacant positions, and after confirming there were no objections by members present, he declared these results of the elections to stand by unanimous consent.

2024 President: (automatically moves from 2023 Vice President/President-Elect)  
Wayne Goo, AIA

2024 Vice President/President-Elect: by acclamation  
Phil Camp, AIA

2024-2025 Treasurer: by acclamation  
Laura Crane, AIA

2024-2025 Directors: by acclamation  
Laura Ayers, AIA  
Jason Davis, AIA  
Jill Edelman, AIA  
Charlotte Lu, AIA

2022-2023 Associate Director: by acclamation  
Ireland Castillo, Assoc. AIA

Chapter Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors: by acclamation  
Richard Furst, AIA (3-year term)

2024 Public Director: by appointment  
Karen Hong, Local Allied Member

- XII. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.  
Respectfully submitted,



Deirdre Stearns, AIA  
2023 Secretary, AIA Honolulu  
September 27, 2023



## **Resolution for Edits to the Chapter Bylaws**

The following AIA Honolulu Bylaws changes are set forward to the Chapter members for vote at the 2024 Annual Meeting:

- Addition of a Student Director position on the Board of Directors
- Clarification of the number of Board Members and how Section Representatives are counted on the Board of Directors

### **Reasoning:**

Whereas, AIA Honolulu is committed to fostering engagement and representation within its governance structure; and

Whereas, the inclusion of a Student Director position on the Board of Directors will provide a unique perspective and valuable input on matters relevant to student initiatives and

Whereas, the establishment of a transparent and merit-based selection process is essential to ensure fairness and inclusivity in appointing the Student Director;

Therefore, be it resolved that the following amendments be made to AIA Honolulu's Chapter Bylaws:

### **AIA Honolulu Bylaws Revision:**

- 1) **ARTICLE 4.7.1 Nominations**
- 2) **ARTICLE 4.7.5 Public Directors;**
- 3) **ARTICLE 6.1 Membership**
- 4) **ARTICLE 6.2 Public Directors as Members of the Board;**
- 5) **ARTICLE 6.3.4 Directors Terms**

#### **4.7. Election of Officers and Directors**

##### **4.7.1. Nominations**

Nominations of officers and directors of this Chapter about to become vacant, excluding **student and** public director vacancies as noted in section 6.2, shall be made at the annual meeting from the floor. However, at a meeting of the Board of Directors held at least one month prior to the annual meeting, the President may select a nominating committee to prepare and present to the members a slate or slates of candidates for offices and directorships.

##### **4.7.5 ~~Public-Appointed~~ Directors**

This section 4.7 Election of Officers and Directors shall not apply to the **Student or** Public Director positions, the nomination and election process for which is outlined in section 6.2.

#### **6.1. Membership**

The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

President – As presiding officer  
Vice President/President-elect  
Secretary  
Treasurer

Director(s): Eight (8) Architect Members  
One (1) Architect Member Section Representative for each approved Section of this Chapter, **these may be included in the 8 architect members**  
Two (2) Associate Members  
**Up to two (2) Student Directors as described in section 6.2**  
Up to two (2) Public Directors as described in section 6.2

## **6.2 Public-Appointed Directors of the Board**

- 6.2.1** Student Directors. There shall be up to two Student Directors. Student Director(s) shall be current students and represent the interests of the student body and potential new members within the organization. Student Director(s) shall actively participate in Board meetings, providing insights and perspectives on matters concerning student initiatives, and liaise with relevant committees and stakeholders to advocate for student-related concerns and initiatives. The Student Director(s) shall serve as non-voting members of the Board of Directors.
- 6.2.2** Power to Appoint Student Directors. The Board of Directors has the authority to appoint the Student Directors.
- 6.2.3** Term of Office. A Student Director shall serve a term of two (2) years, beginning with the August meeting date of each year, with the option to apply for reappointment for additional 1 year terms as long as they remain a student.
- 6.2.4** Nomination of Student Director. Interested students shall submit applications to the chapter outlining their qualifications, experiences, and motivations for serving as the Student Director. The chapter shall review all applications in accordance with the procedure outlined by the chapter. Based on the merits of the applications and interviews, candidates shall be recommended for appointment to the Board of Directors.
- 6.2.5** Appointment of Student Directors. The Student Director(s) shall be appointed by a majority of the Board of Directors at a meeting of the Board no later than the meeting pre-dating the August Board meeting.

**Renumbering of sections 6.2.1-6.2.5 (Public Directors) to accommodate the new section as described above.**

### **6.3.4. Directors Terms**

- 6.3.4.1. Director – Architect Member (8) shall serve two (2)-year staggered terms with four new directors elected every year.
- 6.3.4.2. Director – Associate Member (2) shall serve two (2)-year staggered terms with one new director elected every year.
- 6.3.4.3 ~~Section Representative shall serve for two years~~ Student Director – Student Director(s) shall serve for one (1) year with the option to reapply for appointment.
- 6.3.4.4 Public Director (s) - Public Director(s) shall serve for up to two (2) years

# Nominees for AIA Honolulu Chapter Officers and Directors

The 2024 Nominating Committee has prepared and presents the following slate of candidates to fill upcoming vacancies on the 2025 AIA Honolulu Board of Directors.

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## AIA Honolulu Executive Committee Candidates

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### Officer Candidates for AIA Honolulu Executive Committee (listed by position order)

**Position: Vice President/President-Elect, 2025 (One Candidate)**

**Lance Hirai, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Lance Hirai, AIA, WELL AP, is an Associate Principal at G70, serving as a Project Manager and Architect for projects of varying scale and typologies – from educational and hospitality to residences and workplaces. With his commitment to building a better Hawaii, Lance brings a keen interest in sustainability and wellness to our communities. He recently oversaw the design and construction of an award-winning LEED Gold office building and is currently overseeing a Waikiki showroom for a Cirque Du Soleil show, opening this December! Lance continually nurtures the next generation throughout the practice, profession, and community – as chair for AIA Honolulu's 5x5x5 mentorship program and a mentor to G70 interns and designers. He continues supporting the UH School of Architecture as a juror and adjunct lecturer, while mentoring teens from the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii and ACE Mentor Hawaii. Lance volunteers as a Board Director for AIA Honolulu and Iolani Alumni Association and will be President of the Boys and Girls Club Alliance Board this October.

**Statement:** To be considered a candidate for Vice President of AIA Honolulu is a tremendous honor. I am grateful for the opportunity to join such an esteemed group of past presidents. When I entered the 5x5x5 Mentorship program as a mentee in 2018, it opened my eyes to the immense benefits of mentorship. Ted Garduque, a program mentor, spurred my interest and confidence in seeking mentorship beyond my firm and the architectural profession. Since then, as a coordinator and now chair of the 5x5x5 program, I hope to connect our emerging professionals with our state's business leaders. As I wrap up my second term as a Director, I've witnessed the dedication and effort it takes to run our chapter. Recognizing this, I'm determined to make a difference in our profession, particularly for our future architects, and bring value to our members and the community.

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**Position: Secretary, 2025-2026 (One Candidate)**

**TBD**

This could be you!

If interested, please contact us at [contact@aiahonolulu.org](mailto:contact@aiahonolulu.org)



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## AIA Honolulu Director Candidates (2025–2026)

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### Four (4) Candidates for 4 available at-large positions

(listed in alphabetical order by last name)

Position: Director, Architect Member:

**Mary Rose Cacchione, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Mary Rose Cacchione, AIA, LEED AP is an Associate and Project Architect at Peter Vincent Architects. Mary Rose specializes in the design and coordination of complex commercial, healthcare, and residential projects, working with diverse teams to address and execute each project’s specific needs. Mary Rose is a licensed architect in New Mexico and Hawaii. Mary Rose has a Master of Architecture from Tulane University. During her time at Tulane, she had the unique experience of studying architecture before and immediately after Hurricane Katrina. As a student, she participated in a grant-funded research project to analyze the impacts of the storm and develop rebuilding strategies. The project culminated in a traveling exhibition and a publication promoting a responsible approach to rebuilding based on historical local data and culture. This experience informed her approach to design throughout her seventeen-year career.

**Statement:** I have been an active member of AIA Honolulu over the years and appreciate the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors. I am interested in advocating for the value of the profession in the face of rapidly changing technology. My experience at Tulane emphasized to me that the value of architecture stems from the built environment’s ability to respond to rapid change, whether from technology, climate, or cultural shifts. Architects have the unique opportunity to harness the latest technology and engineering in combination with a deep understanding of place and history to create resilient, healthy, and safe communities. An important aspect of that advocacy is fostering strong mentorship and outreach programs for the next generations of architects. I hope to work with AIA Honolulu to promote an understanding of the profession as one that connects local culture, stakeholder goals, and technological possibilities to create resilient, place-based communities.

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Position: Director, Architect Member

**Bryan Fujiwara, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Bryan Fujiwara, AIA, is a valued architect and project manager at Design Partners Incorporated. Being born and raised in Hawaii has given him a deep understanding, respect, and appreciation for the local culture and history.

Bryan earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology and has over 12 years of experience in the industry. During that period, Bryan worked on multiple projects related to affordable housing, education, healthcare, government, and retail.

Bryan has been instrumentally involved with past AIA Honolulu committees and events. He has also assisted with various non-profit fundraisers and emerging professional events. Bryan has also enthusiastically been involved in local keiki sports clubs, through coaching and mentoring the neighborhood youth. He continues to be a positive role model within his profession and community.

**Statement:** I was fortunate to have supportive colleagues and mentors who guided me along my professional journey, and I am eager to pay it forward to the next generation of promising architects. Since I recently obtained my license in 2020, I have a current and applicable understanding of the commitment, and concepts required to assist young aspiring architects. By having the opportunity to serve on the AIA Honolulu Board, I would offer dynamic and alternative options to address permitting issues and add insight into exploring how digital programs can change our industry. I believe I can bring value to the organization by providing a fresh vision from a younger generation that is not only eager to honor and learn from those who shaped our profession but also to enrich and prepare the profession to thrive in the future.

**Position: Director, Architect Member**

**Kevin Raley, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Kevin Raley, AIA is a Project Architect and Associate at Architects Hawaii, Ltd. With licensure in Hawaii and California. He has 10 years of experience which includes education, commercial, mixed-use, places of worship, and other project types. He is currently serving as a coordinator for the Honolulu AIA 5x5x5 mentorship program. With a focus on education design, he will also be serving on the A4LE Board of Directors in the coming year. Recent work includes K-12 master planning and architectural design, as well as design services for the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) expo village in Honolulu. Kevin received his Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning. His academic work has been featured in various publications and exhibitions, including a series of documentary shorts on urban farming and archaeology initiatives in Detroit that were part of the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology 'Urban Biographies' exhibit.

**Kevin Raley, AIA, continued. Statement:** I am excited for the opportunity to contribute to our community of architects and thinkers. I have had the benefit of many great mentors throughout my career, and I have been fortunate to have had opportunities to engage with designers and stakeholders across many regions and communities. These opportunities have afforded deep connections that inform my approach to research and design in service of project stakeholders. I feel strongly that our profession depends on a culture of mentorship for our own--I also believe that we hold a responsibility to advocate for the communities we serve, and I look forward to working with the AIA to serve both the next generation of Architects and the greater community.

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**Position: Director, Architect Member**

**Ethan Twer, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Ethan J. Twer, AIA, NCARB is the Director of Planning and Design at Mid-Pacific Institute, which is home to 1,400 students and 300 faculty and staff in Mānoa. His leadership role at Mid-Pacific includes executing and re-examining the campus master plan, overseeing and managing Mid-Pacific's planning, design, and construction projects, setting forth the school's sustainability goals, and governing the utilization of space on campus. Prior to joining Mid-Pacific, Ethan worked as a Project Architect and Senior Associate at Architects Hawaii, and in architectural firms in New Mexico, California, New York City, and Japan. Ethan has 28 years' experience, delivering all project types in private and public sectors, but he has always been passionate about education and design. Ethan is a member of A4LE (Association for Learning Environments) and holds his architectural license in Hawaii and New Mexico.

**Statement:** Hawaii is one of several large crossroads in our global community, yet our local architectural profession is challenged to fully represent the breadth and depth of our state's own cultural, ethnic, and gender diversities. In support of the AIA's commitment to action on issues related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, I pledge to create meaningful, long-lasting change in Hawaii. I look forward to partnering with fellow board members, colleagues, and the community to expand inclusiveness, increase participation, and otherwise provide influential opportunities to underrepresented communities of architects and aspiring architects. Using our national AIA organization as a guide, I aim to support: 1) racial, ethnic, and gender equality; 2) women in architecture; 3) leadership education; and 4) the K-12 Pathway Initiative. It is with great humility, respect, and calling that I take on this pledge.

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## Hawai'i Island Section Director Candidate (2025-2026)

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**Position: (1) Hawai'i Island Section Director (One Candidate)**

**Chris Netski, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Chris Netski, AIA, NCARB, is a licensed architect and founding partner of Fujita-Netski Architecture. Established on Oahu in 2010, Fujita-Netski Architecture is a residential practice which opened its second office in Waimea on the Big Island in 2023. As one half of the two-person firm, Chris has been involved in nearly every project the office has completed over the past 14 years. Notable projects include the 2020 AIA USGBC Hawaii Sustainability Award winning, Hale Ahiki, and the 2016 AIA People's Choice and Hawaii Home & Remodeling Editor's Choice Award winning, Hale Kilo I'a.

Chris was integral in establishing the firm's commitment to teaching in 2023, having led an Architecture Studio at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, as well as an Introduction to Architecture for high school students at Dreamhouse 'Ewa Beach Public Charter School. Chris holds a Master of Architecture from Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Harrington College of Design.

**Statement:** For many years, as a member of the AIA Honolulu, I have been a beneficiary of all the amazing work done by so many colleagues to inspire and advance our professional organization, it would be an honor to now be a contributor. I look forward to representing the interests of our members from across the Islands, and particularly advocating for our role in housing solutions. Mahalo for your consideration.

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## AIA Honolulu Associate Director Candidate (2025-2026)

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Two (2) candidates for 1 available position.

**Position: Associate Director**

**Stephanie Ing, Assoc. AIA**



**Qualifications:** Stephanie Ing, Assoc. AIA, LEED Green Assoc., is a Designer and Associate at Architects Hawaii Ltd. Being born and raised in Hawai'i, and a graduate of Kamehameha Schools Kapālama, Stephanie has always felt connected to the islands and holds much respect for the unique culture we have in Hawai'i. It is because of these feelings she decided to start her career in the place she calls home after graduating with her Doctor of Architecture from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Before arriving at AHL, Stephanie was employed at a few architecture firms in the Honolulu area where she gained experience in various project types, some of which include hospitality, retail, education, and institutional. Nowadays at AHL, she is focused on her work with education, athletics, and institutional projects while working on her licensure. Stephanie has been involved with AIA Honolulu since her graduation from architecture school and has since participated in many AIA Honolulu events in addition to serving on various AIA committees. She is currently serving as a co-chair of the Design Awards Committee and a member of the Construction Committee, both of which she has been an

active member for several years.

**Statement:** For the last few years, I have had the honor and pleasure of working with our wonderful AIA Honolulu Staff and many of our AIA Honolulu members through my participation in several AIA programs, events, and committees. My beginnings with AIA Honolulu were small, but I soon found myself involved with much more than I ever imagined.

**Stephanie Ing, Assoc. AIA continued. Statement:** For I am where I am today because of my mentors and those who supported and pushed me to do more and go beyond my comfort zone and limits. I am excited for this opportunity to join the board an Associate Director as it is one way for me to honor those who have mentored me and pay it forward to our members. As an active member of our chapter, I feel it is our responsibility to help and support each other as we grow the chapter in its diversity and evolve with the times. Hawai'i is a special place and I feel it is our responsibility as designers and architects to engage with our community and do our best to create places that enhance this environment and the diverse culture. As an aspiring future architect, I hope to engage more with our Associate AIA members and support our current programs for these members, since I am a beneficiary of many of these programs, but also advocate for new opportunities for our members to seek mentorship and support. Mahalo for this opportunity and I look forward to continuing working with AIA Honolulu.

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**Position: Associate Director**

**Carlos Orlando Ruiz, Assoc. AIA**



**Qualifications:** Carlos Orlando Ruiz, Assoc. AIA, is an Architecture Engineering Technician with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) at Fort Shafter, HI. A proud product of Hawaii's public schools, graduating from Leilehua High School, Carlos pursued his bachelor's from Ripon College with a double major degree in Art and Theatre. Post-graduation, Carlos joined the military serving in the United States Army Reserve. He returned to Ripon College and received his minor in secondary education. From there, Carlos taught high school in Chicago Public Schools until he was called to serve his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Post-deployment, Carlos returned to Chicago to receive his master's degree in architecture with an emphasis in Interior Architecture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Most of Carlos' architecture career was in the Midwest but has returned to Oahu, Hawaii to continue his passion for design and education. In addition to his project design work, Carlos has served as a subject matter expert in BIM and emerging technologies. He looks to continue his commitment to his local AIA chapter and its emerging professional membership.

**Statement:** Since his induction into the architecture profession, Carlos appreciated the importance of apprenticeships to bridge knowledge gained in school to practice. During his time with AIA Chicago, Carlos participated in the chapter's Bridge mentoring program, which paired associate AIA members with FAIA leaders and designers from the architectural community. There he promoted the importance of relationships between professionals of all ages to be a two-way venture of mentoring up and mentoring down. For AIA Honolulu, Carlos has participated as a mentee and now serves as coordinator for the 5x5x5 mentorship program for the past three years. Carlos understands important issues affecting emerging professionals new to the AEC industry. By hosting meetings with students, interns and young designers, Carlos has assisted in identifying the knowledge, tools and resources needed to be successful in today's market. From those conversations, Carlos has facilitated events from job shadowing opportunities for high school students to facilitating a firm's internship program. If elected, Carlos looks to continue these important initiatives to Honolulu's emerging professional community by providing transparency, loyalty, and service driven opportunities for everyone's future success while serving as AIA Honolulu's Associate Director.

--- End of AIA Honolulu Board of Director Candidates as Presented by 2024 Nominating Committee ---

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## Introducing our 2025 AIA Honolulu Public Director

The Board of Directors appoints up to 2 Public Directors.

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**Position:** Public Director

**Allison Maertens**



**Qualifications:** Allison Maertens is committed to promoting the value of architecture and design and its ability to create sustainable and enjoyable spaces in our community. Her recent experience as the project lead for a 70,000-square-foot commercial renovation project has allowed her firsthand insight into the vital role of architects and designers in Hawaii. With her background in strategic marketing and a passion for design, she offers a unique perspective to the board. Allison's goal is to enhance outreach efforts, amplify the organization's mission, and facilitate connections between industry professionals and the public.

**Statement:** I have a professional background in marketing and communications, as well as experience leading a significant commercial renovation project. I believe this allows me to offer a valuable perspective to the AIA Honolulu board. While I am not from the architecture industry, I have collaborated with talented architects and designers, giving me an appreciation for well-designed spaces that prioritize health, wellness, and innovation.

As a public director, I aim to use my expertise in marketing and communications to raise public awareness of AIA Honolulu's mission and the significance of architecture in creating inclusive and sustainable environments. In my role on the board, I plan to ask questions and network with industry professionals to expand my knowledge of architectural principles, ultimately enabling me to better support and advance AIA Honolulu's mission.



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## AIA Honolulu Representatives to serve on the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors (2025–2027)

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Two (2) candidates for 2 available positions.  
January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027 (3-Year Term)

**Position: AIA Honolulu Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors**

**Kevin Loo-Chan, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Kevin Loo-Chan, AIA, is an Associate and Project Architect at G70. Born and raised locally in ‘Aiea, he is a graduate of Mid-Pacific Institute and holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Oregon. A recently licensed architect in 2018, Kevin is passionate in advocating for Emerging Professionals and Young Architects alike. He has supported numerous AIA Honolulu and AIA Hawaii State Council programs including the 5x5x5 Mentorship Program, Emerging Professionals Committee, and Let’s Talk Story: The value of Architecture in Hawaii, a short film and podcast series featuring some of Hawaii’s most respected Architects. Most recently he has served as Hawaii’s Young Architect Representative to the Young Architect’s Forum in 2023 and 2024.

**Statement:** I am honored with the opportunity to serve my fellow colleagues. As an island community, we face so many challenges; cost of living, climate change/resiliency, code cycle adaptations, and the rebuild of Lāhaina to new a few. My goal as Director of the Hawaii State Council will be to bring a fresh perspective to these challenges and hui our resources for the greater good of Hawaii. Aloha!

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**Position: AIA Honolulu Representative to the AIA Hawaii State Council Board of Directors**

**Maziyar Rajaei, AIA**



**Qualifications:** Maziyar Rajaei, AIA, is the principal of Oculus, a Hawaii-based architecture and design firm focusing on residential, commercial, and heritage project types. Maziyar offers solid experience in the AEC industry with nearly twenty years of cross-sectoral leadership in architectural design and construction management extending beyond Hawai‘i’s shores to the South Pacific and Israel, where he focused on the preservation of several UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Maziyar’s broad experience provides him with a keen perspective on integrated project delivery to meet the urgent demands of decarbonization and net-zero buildings. His research interests include coastal resiliency, preservation, and indigenous knowledge in the built environment. Maziyar has served as a Director on the AIA Honolulu Board of Directors since January 2023 and is an active member of the Architecture Youth Committee. He enjoys volunteering his time to spearhead and participate in initiatives that introduce youth to art and the practice of Architecture.

**Statement:** It has been a great pleasure to serve Hawaii’s architecture community as an AIA Honolulu committee member and Director. The nomination to serve as a Director for the AIA Hawaii State Council is an honor. Architects are fortunate to have opportunities to positively impact the built environment, enhancing the quality of life of individuals, families, and communities. The great State of Hawaii has much that it can contribute on the national and global stage in asserting what it will take to ensure a resilient and sustainable future for rising generations. If elected, I aim to advocate for policy measures that support such a future and defend the state’s architect licensing law while continuing to promote the value of Architects to the public at large. Thank you for your consideration.

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