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Jury Chair, RK Stewart FAIA, Hon. FRAIC, Hon. JIA, Hon. AIA

RK Stewart has more than 45 years of experience leading and managing organizations as well as multi-disciplinary teams in the public and private sectors. He received an undergraduate degree in Environmental Design from the University of Kansas and a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan. His professional experience includes 20 years at Gensler as well as SOM, Heller Manus and Perkins & Will.



Mr. Stewart was a member of the full-time faculty at the Louisiana State University and Mississippi State University early in his career. Currently he is a member of the adjunct faculty at the University of Utah. His academic experience also includes service on nine accreditation visiting teams for the National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB), serving as team chair for three of those visits.

His service to the profession includes extensive experience with both the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS). Mr. Stewart has served on the Board and as President of both AIA San Francisco and AIA California Council. After serving as a Director on the AIA National Board he was twice elected a National Vice President before serving as First Vice President / President Elect. In 2007 Mr. Stewart served as AIA President leading the celebration of AIA's 150th Anniversary. During his tenure as President, he advanced sustainable design issues within AIA, hosting former Vice President Al Gore's keynote address at the annual Convention in San Antonio. He has served on the ArchiPAC Steering Committee and Blue-Ribbon Panel on Codes and Standards. Currently Mr. Stewart currently serves on AIA Utah's Government Affairs and Honors and Awards Committees. In addition, he is Chair of AIA's Fellows Jury and a member of the Honorary Fellows Jury. Having previously served on many NCARB committees he recently served on the Resiliency Task Force, Education Committee, and the Ethics Work Group. Mr. Stewart served on the National Institute of Building Science Board for six years where he was Board Chair in 2013.

In recognition of his service to the profession Mr. Stewart was elevated to the AIA's College of Fellows in 2001. He's also an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, an Honorary member of the Japanese Institute of Architects and an Honorary member of the Architectural Institute of Australia.

Katie Wilson, AIA | NCARB | LEED AP | WELL AP, Katie earned her Master of Architecture degree from the University of Idaho and has been a Licensed Architect since 2014. Wilson built her career in Jackson, Wyoming working on a large variety of projects including the schematic redesign of the National Museum of Wildlife Art, the Teton County School District Administration Office Building, multiple education facilities including the Fort Washakie K-12 & High School, and numerous high-end custom homes throughout Teton County, Wyoming.



She possesses a unique ability to work with a wide spectrum of people, facilitating and synthesizing different perspectives into projects. She carries a flexible and optimistic nature that inspires enthusiasm. Familiar with LEED and WELL; Katie is always looking to incorporate green, healthy and sustainable practices into design. She holds great respect toward the power of place and the need to connect people's lives and livelihoods to the landscape.

Wilson has been deeply involved with the American Institute of Architects where she served as the Senior Regional Director of the Western Mountain Region and on the National Strategic Council where she focused on education innovation. She continues to serve on the National AIA Secretary's Advisory Committee. She supports aspiring architects through her work with the Wyoming Architectural Education Foundation.

Katie has been awarded the Louise Bethune Fellowship from AIA National, Young Architect Award from AIA Wyoming, Wyoming Business Report's 40 Under 40, the Pettigrew Leadership Scholarship from the AIA Western Mountain Region, and Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance's Local Roots Honoree. Katie has also taken on multiple local volunteer roles in Jackson and believes the connection to community helps her "better understand the physical, human, political, historical, economic and cultural factors that affect people, natural environments and design."

Wendy Ornelas, FAIA, Professor and Associate Dean Emerita recently retired from Kansas State University. She continues to practice as a principal in the firm Condia + Ornelas Architects. Wendy earned a Bachelor of Science in architecture from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and her master's from Oklahoma State University.



In 2005 Wendy was elevated to AIA's College of Fellows. She is the first and only female and Latinx Fellow in Kansas. Wendy has served the AIA as a Central States Regional Director and as a co-chair of AIA National's Diversity and Inclusion Council; the NAAB as its president; ACSA as a West Central Regional Director and was named a distinguished professor of ACSA. She was designated as a Scholar of Professional Practice, is one of three architecture representatives on the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions and was recently honored with a President's Medal for Distinguished Service from NCARB.