

Tai Ziola – Past Board Chair

Architect, AAA, Architect AIBC, MIRAIC, LEEP AP



Tai has been a member of the board since 2018 and took over the role of Chair in 2022. She is also a member of the Procurements & Contracts Committee and Chairs the Governance Committee.

Tai is an Architect and Partner at DIALOG in Edmonton. She lends her expertise to a wide range of residential, institutional, and commercial projects. Believing that we thrive best in collaborative networks and robust communities, her definition of a successful project is when the ambitions of the design and the community's aspirations are both realized.

Tai is a strong advocate for the role of architecture and urban design in improving the livability of our cities. She consistently connects with stakeholder groups, clients, and members of the broader community in her role as project leader and facilitator. As a conscientious team player, Tai's cooperative approach to design has earned the respect of municipal authorities, client groups, and community advocates alike.

Tai has contributed to her community by serving on numerous charitable and municipal boards. She is a founding member of the Infill Development in Edmonton Association (IDEA) and actively engages in industry committee work. She has also participated in Edmonton's Growth Market Intelligence Committee, the Energy Transition Leadership Network, and the Emissions Neutral Buildings Steering Committee. Tai is also Vice Chair of the Edmonton Design Committee, and chairs its Council Sub-committee.

Michele Roach – Vice Chair & Secretary/Treasurer
AAA, FIDA, IDC, NCINQ, WELL AP, LEED AP, Firwel Ambassador



Michele has been a board member of The Consulting Architects of Alberta since 2020, currently serving as Vice Chair & Secretary Treasurer, and is also part of the Communications Committee. As a Principal & Licensed Interior Designer at Wolski Design Group Ltd. in Edmonton, Michele excels in transforming everyday spaces into extraordinary environments. With almost four decades of experience, she is renowned for her expertise in space planning and design, bringing a thoughtful and imaginative aesthetic to each project. Michele's extensive background in corporate, medical, government, and retail spaces has earned her a reputation as an expert in commercial interiors. She was elected as a Fellow of the Interior Designers of Alberta for her contributions to the field.

Hemna Marwah - Director
AAA, OAA, MRAIC, LEED® AP



Hemna has been a member of the board since 2018 and has held various Offices during her tenure. She is also a member of the Scope & Fee Committee.

Hemna is an Architect and Architecture Practice Lead at STANTEC in Calgary. Passionate about designing public amenities that bring communities together, Hemna strives to promote accessibility for citizens while supporting the people that keep our neighborhoods safe. Hemna has over 20 years of diverse experience leading design teams on large, technically complex, public safety and justice projects across all phases of planning, design, and construction. She brings considerable experience in leading the collaborative delivery of large-scale justice facilities with strict security requirements, including new and existing RCMP detachments, forensic labs, prisons, provincial courthouses, police headquarters, training facilities, and specialized warehouses. Whatever the project that she's working on, Hemna promotes best practices in public safety design.

Allan Colpitts – Board Chair

AAA, MRAIC, MRICS, DiplArch, BScArch, LEED AP BD+C



Allan has been a member of the board since 2022. Allan is also the Co-Chair of the Procurements & Contracts Committee.

Allan is a Principal & Architect at ACI Architecture Inc. in Edmonton and brings over 23 years of valuable project management, architectural design, and contract document preparation to the team. He has strong technical skills with experience on a range of different project types and scales including several large acute care hospitals. His excellent communication skills with clients, consultants, and team members have been instrumental in building highly effective teams and solving complex technical challenges. His thoroughness and proactive approach to project management has contributed significantly to the success of past projects.

Chris vander Hoek – Director
Architect, AAA, MRAIC, CanBim P2



Chris vander Hoek has been a member of the board since 2022.

Chris is the Principle at entr architecture inc. in Edmonton. Chris is driven to leverage new methods and technologies to improve the process of design, project delivery, and final output. With experience in a generous breadth of typologies, he is involved with and leads projects from early design through to the end of construction.

Chris is specifically interested in how new design and construction processes can link with traditional forms of building. This means exploring how certain advantages gained from technologies and programs can streamline the construction process and create better buildings and outcomes. These advantages result in buildings with less cost, both in design and resource conservation. He is also interested in generating more value for clients with these processes, by utilizing new platforms for communication and visualization during the design process. Furthermore, he is a strong collaborator and works well with teams, contributing with skills in modeling and building information workflows.

Michael de Wolf – Director
Architect, AAA, MRAIC, RIBA



Michael has been a member of the board since 2022 and is an Architect and Director of Mode Architecture Inc. Michael brings a wealth of experience from his time working in Edmonton and previously in the UK construction industry. Michael Specialises in works associated with Historic buildings, Rehabilitation and Renovation. His work includes both technical and statutory aspects of conservation works to buildings and sites.

Michael has earned a reputation for adapting buildings for new uses while preserving their historical and cultural significance. This work also includes low-energy construction and retrofitting historic buildings for enhanced thermal performance without compromising their integrity. Michael's commitment to sustainable design extends to contemporary projects, where he integrates modern techniques with a focus on low-energy systems, making his contributions to both historic preservation and innovative building solutions invaluable.

Michael works with the CAA Education and Mentorship committee and is passionate about learning and continued education for all. Michael also acts as a mentor for several Intern Architects for the AAA.



Cynthia Dovell – RAIC Liaison

MArch, Architect AAA, FRAIC

Cynthia Dovell has been a board liaison since 2022.

Cynthia is an Architect and Principal at AVID Architecture Inc. in Edmonton.

Cynthia obtained her Master of Architecture from the University of Toronto and is a licensed Architect in both Alberta and Ontario. Having grown up in both urban and rural places within the prairie province of Alberta, she brings a deep knowledge of the Albertan landscape and the communities that live here. With experience working together with many diverse groups and organizations on community facilities, she is adept at finding solutions to diverse needs. Her resulting designs are both functional and artful, as demonstrated by several award-winning projects. She believes there is no greater calling than employing her talent to empower others to live and work with meaning and purpose.



Allie Grande – CCA Liaison

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Allie Grande has been a board liaison since 2022.

Allie is an Architect and Principal at Group2 Architecture in Calgary.

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Lynn Sedgwick – Executive Administrator



Lynn has been employed by the board as it's Executive Administrator since April of 2022

Before joining the CAA, Lynn started her career as a Paralegal in a small Software Company and then moved into the role of Litigation Paralegal with McLennan Ross LLP where she remained for 10 years before stepping away to be at home with her children.

While at home with her children, her husband's Software Company had a need for a part time Office Administrator/Bookkeeper and Lynn stepped into the role learning payroll and bookkeeping matters and using her legal file management background to her advantage in the Administration field.

Once her children were in school fulltime she decided she could take on a bigger challenge and accepted her current position with the CAA.

Lynn has greatly enjoyed learning the ins and outs of the Business of Architecture and Licensed Interior Design and enjoys the variety of challenges that come with serving the Board and the Members of the CAA.

She looks forward to meeting all of our members at the CAA's future Professional Development Sessions and Networking Events. She is always happy to answer your questions or concerns – connect@consultingarchitects.ca.

Mike Szczesny – Director
Architect, AAA, CAA, MRAIC



With over 40 years of architectural experience, Mike is a pillar of the profession—known for his measured leadership and depth of expertise across project types. His portfolio spans institutional, educational, civic, residential, and commercial work throughout Alberta.

Over the course of his career, Mike has led complex multi-stakeholder projects, shepherded heritage-sensitive renovations, and designed award-winning public spaces. He is equally comfortable navigating municipal processes as he is resolving construction details.

Mike brings to MES an architectural discipline rooted in craft, pragmatism, and respect—for context, for client, and for community.

Josephine Ho – Director
Architect, AAA, CAA, MRAIC



Josephine or “Jo Ho” is a Calgary-based architect with 14 years of experience in both design and construction. She has recently embarked on her own as a female owned principal and founder of Ho Architecture. This latest adventure has allowed her to allocate time to apply her experience from difficult workplace dynamics into fostering a strong community based on equality for creating better spaces through ego-free collaboration. In addition to serving as co-vice chair for Building Equality in Architecture Calgary (BEAC), Jo looks forward to expanding her network and creating opportunities for other architects to be part of the conversation with CAA. Outside of her professional pursuits, Jo enjoys doing art, hiking & biking (e-bike of course) and being a mom.

