AIA Potomac Valley

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE 2027 AIA POTOMAC VALLEY (AIAPV) BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Krutika Shah, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, SEED, COA

Architectural Studio Director at Sheladia Associates, Inc. – Rockville, MD



Krutika Shah has served as a Director on the AIA Potomac Valley Board since 2024 and is a secretary for 2026. Originally from Mumbai, India, her fascination with the relationship between people, nature, and the built environment led her to earn a Bachelor of Architecture from Sir J.J. College of Architecture and a Master of Urban Design from Carnegie Mellon University.

Over the past decade, Krutika has contributed to award-winning public and community-focused projects throughout the Washington, DC region, including citywide master plans for DC Parks and Recreation, recreation centers, schools, and the District's flagship St. Elizabeths shelter project. Her work reflects a commitment to social equity, sustainability, and creating inclusive places that strengthen communities.

A passionate advocate for mentorship, leadership development, and the future of the profession, Krutika currently serves as a mentor with the AIA International, Immigrant Architects Coalition, University of Maryland, the USGBC mentorship program, and as a mentee with the ALIGN Mentorship Program through AIA National. She is committed to supporting emerging professionals and helping create pathways for future leaders in architecture and design.

Krutika is also a recognized thought leader and frequent speaker at AIA National, local AIA chapter events, and Greenbuild conferences, where she shares perspectives on design, sustainability, professional development, and the evolving role of architects in shaping communities. In recognition of her professional achievements and industry

leadership, she was selected as one of Building Design+Construction's 40 Under 40 2026 Cohort.

Since joining the AIAPV Board, Krutika has been actively involved in developing programs and partnerships that strengthen member engagement and community connections. She is currently working with Montgomery County Public Libraries to connect AIAPV members with local library branches and create opportunities for public outreach and education around architecture, design, and the built environment.

As President-Elect, Krutika hopes to leverage one of her greatest strengths: building strategic partnerships with allied organizations such as ACEC, AIA DC, AIA MD, DCCSEA, and other community and professional groups to broaden AIAPV's reach and impact. She is particularly interested in revisiting and strengthening the chapter's programming by identifying opportunities to connect people, ideas, and resources in meaningful ways. Having successfully brought initiatives to life by "connecting the dots" among stakeholders, partners, and volunteers, she looks forward to fostering innovative programs that promote collaboration, professional growth, leadership development, and community engagement while advancing the value of architecture throughout the region.

SECRETARY:

HOANG DUONG LE, LEED GA., WELL AP, ASSOC. AIA, NOMA

HCM – Alexandria, VA



Duong Le is an architectural healthcare designer, community advocate, and an avid mentor at regional schools with 6 years-experience in crafting meaningful clinics and hospitals inside academic campuses.

Graduating as a distinguished UMD Presidential Scholar, Duong reinforces his backgrounds in construction management and GIS to transform architectural concepts into meaningful places. From designing nine-story complex ziggurat-like public health building to renovation of cardiology clinic at local hospital, integrated sustainable approach across disciplines is at the heart of Duong’s effort to enhance medical staff and patients’ journeys. Leading sustainability research for HCM’s Healthcare Studio, Duong brings in a holistic understanding of what truly makes a habitable and thriving environment.

Consistently pushing the boundaries of education, planning, and buildings' performance, Duong emerged from the AIA Potomac Valley fellowship program to connect with local thought leaders with the recent recognition at 2026 AIA national conference. In regional scale, with notable pro bono renovations in Baltimore and PG County, Duong collaborated with Neighborhood Design Center to address pressing concerns that plagued community at-large with revitalizing communal gathering spaces for food security to mobilize functional retrofitted workroom for people-with-disability.

Outside of work, Duong strives to assist community colleges' architectural programs by fostering mentorship with students in seasoned crit sessions and workshops. While pursuing professional licensures, Duong also represented underserved communities in different forums namely Immigrant Architects Coalition and featured in D.C. NOMA.

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TREASURER:

Tom Nyein, AIA

Tom Nyein, Architect – Darnestown, MD



Tom Nyein has served on AIAPV's board as Director in 2006-7, as Treasurer from 2008 – 21, as Secretary in 2022-25. He also works with the chapter's outreach activities and provides much of the event photography used in chapter promotions. Tom is currently serving as Treasurer on the AIAPV board.

Tom has been providing architectural design and construction management services for projects in the Washington, D.C. Metro area, Maryland, Northern Virginia, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Maine since 2008. The diverse range of projects include religious facilities, restaurants, dental offices, supermarkets, retail and warehouse facilities, residential new construction and modifications.

He began his career in 1989 at ArchGroup, Inc. working his way up from Assistant Architect to Construction Manager. Tom then spent 15 years with Phoenix Land Design, Inc. first as a Planner, later moving to a Project Manager position, where he served as primary contact for clients ranging from builders and developers to individual property owners, provided site design services for projects ranging from single and multifamily subdivisions, town homes, mixed use developments, religious and institutional facilities to individual properties.

Originally from Myanmar (Burma), Tom attended Mandalay University and the Rangoon Institute of Technology, where he received his bachelor's degree in architecture. He received his NAAB accreditation for licensing in Architecture from Virginia Tech University.

DIRECTORS:

Nicholas Di Bella, Assoc. AIA, LEED® Green Associate

Project Manager, *Miner Feinstein Architects LLC – Frederick, MD*



I am a Project Manager at Miner Feinstein Architects, where I have spent the past six years growing professionally from an intern to my current role. I was a member of the 2024 Emerging Professionals Award Program (EPAP) class through AIA Potomac Valley. I am passionate about strengthening the local architectural community through mentorship, professional development, and engagement opportunities. I am interested in continuing to serve on the AIAPV Board to encourage connections between emerging and established professionals, support programming that benefits members at all career stages, and contribute to the chapter's continued growth and impact. I hope to bring my professional experience, enthusiasm for the profession, and commitment to helping my community to the board.

Greg Goldstein, AIA

Associate, Torti Gallas + Partners - Washington, DC



Greg Goldstein is an Architect at Torti Gallas + Partners in Washington, DC, where he works on multifamily and mixed-use projects with a focus on thoughtful design, and the technical details that turn ideas into reality. Beyond project work, Greg has been active in the Architectural community through AIA Potomac Valley, supporting emerging-professional programming and environmental advocacy.

Sylvan Miles, AIA

Acting Assistant Division Chief in the Capital Planning and Development Division at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)



I am Sylvan Miles, a licensed architect, public sector-leader, and proud Jamaican immigrant whose personal and professional journey has shaped my perspective on architecture, leadership, and community.

Born in Jamaica, I moved to the United States with my family at age nine. I came to architecture as a second career after working in advertising, where I valued creativity and communication. This nontraditional path expanded my approach to design and collaboration and deepened my understanding of the people we serve.

My architectural career began in private practice after receiving a Master of Architecture degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, where I gained experience across residential and multifamily developments, commercial office buildings, commercial interiors, and master planning. Working across these project types provided a foundation in design, client relationships, and project delivery before transitioning into the public sector. I currently serve as Acting Assistant Division Chief in the Capital Planning and Development Division at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), helping lead multidisciplinary teams and overseeing significant capital investments throughout Prince George's County.

My interest in serving on the AIA Potomac Valley Board of Directors stems from a desire to give back to a profession that has provided me tremendous opportunities. As an architect who entered the profession through a nontraditional path, I recognize the importance of representation, mentorship, and creating opportunities for future generations.

If elected, I hope to leverage my experience across private practice, public sector leadership, and creative industries to strengthen connections between architects, public agencies, and the communities we serve. I am particularly passionate about mentoring emerging professionals, expanding access to the profession, and advocating for architecture's value in shaping stronger communities.

Our diverse backgrounds and experiences strengthen our profession, and I humbly welcome the opportunity to contribute to my experience.

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Robert J. Tarbell, Jr., AIA, NCIDQ, NCARB

Architecture Studio Manager, Washington, DC | GFT, Inc.



Robert J. Tarbell, Jr., is an architect with 26 years of experience and currently serves as Architecture Studio Manager in GFT, Inc.'s Washington, DC office. His work has included government projects, transportation facilities, mixed-use developments, retail spaces, base building projects, and tenant fit-outs, with opportunities to collaborate with a wide range of clients, consultants, and project teams.

Robert earned his Bachelor of Architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2000 and is a registered architect, NCIDQ certified, and NCARB certified. Originally from the Mohawk territory of Akwesasne in upstate New York, Robert now resides in Prince George's County, Maryland. His background and experiences have shaped his interest in architecture, art, community, and the value of different perspectives. As a Native American and member of the LGBTQ+ community, he values opportunities to support inclusion and representation within the profession.

Robert has enjoyed his involvement with AIA Potomac Valley, serving as Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors. His time with the chapter has allowed him to get to know members of the local architectural community, learn from fellow board members, and contribute where his experience can be useful.

Robert would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving on the AIA Potomac Valley Board. He hopes to remain involved, listen to different perspectives, and support the chapter's members, programs, and ongoing work.

Robert also serves on the board of the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers (AICAE), reflecting his interest in supporting the profession and giving back through volunteer service.

Outside of architecture, Robert enjoys pottery and travel, which provide opportunities to explore creativity, culture, and different perspectives.

Wing Wong, AIA

Founder & Principal, Wing Wong Design (WWD) – Bethesda, MD



Wing Wong, AIA, grew up in Hong Kong and earned his Master of Architecture degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is the founder and principal of Wing Wong Design (WWD), a Bethesda, Maryland-based architectural practice. Prior to establishing his own practice, Wing accumulated more than 20 years of professional experience working on residential, commercial, institutional, and healthcare projects throughout the Washington metropolitan region, across the United States, and internationally.

Wing's approach to architecture is grounded in clarity, thoughtful problem-solving, and an understanding of how buildings are designed and constructed. His work explores the relationship between design, building science, craftsmanship, and emerging technology, with an emphasis on durability, adaptability, and long-term building performance.

His recent work includes Open Eaves House, a new multigenerational residence in Montgomery County, Maryland, where he has taken on the combined roles of architect, owner, and builder. The house applies Passive House principles and advanced building-envelope strategies while addressing accessibility, aging in place, energy efficiency, and long-term resilience.

Wing's professional interests include sustainable architecture, high-performance building design, emerging technologies, and strengthening collaboration between architects, builders, and allied design professionals. He is particularly interested in bridging the gap between architectural design and construction through practical knowledge-sharing and interdisciplinary engagement.

Wing sees serving on the AIA Potomac Valley Board of Directors as an opportunity to give back to the architectural community and share the knowledge and experiences he has gained throughout his career. As a practicing architect and small-firm owner, he understands both the opportunities and challenges facing the profession. He is particularly passionate about bringing people together, encouraging open dialogue, and creating opportunities for architects of different backgrounds and career stages to learn from one another. Through his involvement with the Board, Wing hopes to strengthen professional connections, support emerging professionals and small practices, and foster a more collaborative and engaged architectural community.

CANDIDATES FOR 2027 AIA POTOMAC VALLEY AND AIA MARYLAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

For election December 3, 2026

Officers*

- President-Elect: Krutika Shah, AIA
- Secretary: Hoang Duong Le, Assoc. AIA
- Treasurer: Tom Nyein, AIA

Directors to be Elected December 3 to 2-year terms

- Nicholas DiBella, Assoc. AIA
- Greg Goldstein, AIA
- Sylvan Miles, AIA
- Robert J. Tarbell, Jr., AIA
- Wing Wong, AIA

AIA Maryland (AIAMD) Directors to be elected December 3

- John F. Corkill, Jr., FAIA (2-year term)
- Jennifer E. Verbeke, AIA (AIAMD Alternate, 1-year term)

Current Officer Transition:

- 2026 AIAPV President-Elect Caitlin M. Smith, AIA becomes 2027 President
- 2026 AIAPV President Emily H. Lally, AIA becomes 2027 Immediate Past President and assumes a one-year term on the AIAMD Board of Directors.

Additional nominees may be nominated from the floor.