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**Jennifer Space, Assoc. AIA**  
President (2017)

Jennifer is a project manager at nlelml d architects, inc. based in Providence, Rhode Island. She joined nlelml d in 2009 after working for three years with Vision 3 architects, also located in Providence. Jennifer specializes in designing healthcare environments, ranging from free standing medical office buildings to small hospital clinics. Her clients include Women & Infants' Hospital, West Bay Orthopaedics and Ocean State Veterinary Specialists. Her focus is designing creative environments that encourage healing and well-being while utilizing the newest healthcare technologies.

Entering the field from an unconventional background in medical science, Jennifer received her Masters of Architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2006. While at RISD, she was an active member of the Urban Design Lab's City-State initiative, which connects students, faculty and local professionals from different disciplines and institutions to work together to bring design into public action and policy.

Jennifer joined AIA Rhode Island in 2007 as an Associate. She joined the AIAri Board in 2014, and previously served as an at-large Director, and as chapter Vice President.

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**Eric N. Zuena, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**

Vice President/ President-elect (2017)

Eric is the founding Principal of ZDSinc and a lead contributor to the firm's continuing success. The firm focuses on hospitality, commercial, and residential work.

He carries almost two decades of project management experience from the world leading hospitality design firm, DiLeonardo International. He was a Principal, Director of Operations, and Lead Project Director for the 80 person firm for 15 years. Some of his last works included luxury hotels in India, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, and Riyadh. His largest accomplishment was as the Lead Project Manager for a luxury mega-hotel commissioned by the King of Medina, consisting of 2,700 guestrooms, 9 restaurants, 3 spas, and a 350,000sq.ft underground mall that he managed through design and construction. After 15 years, Eric turned back to his hometown to build a firm that threads those international experiences into the more regionalized fabric of New England.

Eric's daily quest for a successful balance between creative thinking, exceptional design, and efficient execution, reinforces his passion for the design industry and his persistent desire to provide his clients with profitable and successful properties.

He received his B.Arch from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island. He is licensed to practice architecture in his home state, is NCARB certified, and is LEED accredited.

Eric was born and still a proud resident of Rhode Island.

His wife, Edina, works part time with the State and together they raise their seven year old daughter, Valentina, and 1 year old son, Nicholas in Cranston, Rhode Island.

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**Jonathan Matthew Taylor, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**  
Secretary (2017-2018)

Jonathan is an Associate at LLB Architects in Pawtucket RI; he is a senior project manager, and the firm's Director of Design Implementation. He is licensed to practice architecture in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, is NCARB certified, and is LEED accredited. Current projects include Commonwealth Landing in Fall River, MA, office renovations at Bryant University, and residence renovations at Brown University.

He has over 16 years of extensive experience in planning for governmental and institutional clients, including courthouses, office buildings, and academic facilities. He is a successful coordinator of both small and large scale, complex projects and programs, managing them through construction contract administration until completion, close-out and occupancy.

Jonathan graduated from Syracuse University with a BArch, and a minor in architecture history. While at Syracuse, he was actively engaged in the University Senate, Student Government, and was a founding member of the Syracuse Community Design Center. Jonathan worked for George Hodosh Architects (New City, New York) while at Syracuse, and Gorman Richardson Architects (Hopkinton, Massachusetts), the immediate year after graduation.

Prior to joining LLB Architects, Jonathan practiced in Boston at Goody Clancy. Clients included: Babson College, Bridgewater State College, Georgetown University, Harvard University, Yale University, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the General Services Administration. Federal projects with the G.S.A. included work on the St. Elizabeths Campus for U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, and most notably a seven-year role managing the award-winning \$160 million-dollar renovation/restoration of Cram and Ferguson's 1932 John W. McCormack (POCH) Building, Boston. Federal tenants of the POCH included U.S. Dept. of Education, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Bankruptcy Courts.

Jonathan has been a member of the AIA since 2000, and an active member at the chapter level, through both the Boston Society of Architects/AIA, and AIA Rhode Island, and at the regional and national levels in numerous roles. He is an inaugural recipient of the AIA Associates Award (2008), and was awarded Richard Upjohn Fellowship (2012) for service on the AIA Board of Directors. He joined the AIA Rhode Island Board in 2014. Jonathan is also active with the Syracuse University Alumni Association, and SU Student Association/Government alumni group.

He and his wife Kelly L. Swan Taylor, Esq. reside in Providence, with their spoiled cats: Otto & Kona.

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**Cecelia E. Hallahan, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**

Treasurer (2016–2017)

Ms. Hallahan is a Capital Project Manager for the State of Rhode Island, Department of Administration, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance. Since joining the State of Rhode Island in 2015, following 16 years in the private sector, she is currently managing some of the State's largest construction projects. Her past experience with Federal clients such as the Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, and General Services Administration has made her well suited for this role. Additionally, she has managed projects for local municipalities and higher education clients within New England. Her current projects include the construction of the new Rhode Island Veteran's Home in Bristol, as well as a portfolio of construction underway with the Rhode Island Department of Public Safety. She enjoys working closely with end user agencies and assisting them in navigating project planning, design and construction in the public realm.

An upstate New York native, Cecelia received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from Syracuse University. She is NCARB certified, LEED accredited and is licensed to practice architecture in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York. Her roles with the AIAri include Treasurer, member of the Board of Directors/Executive Committee, member of the Finance Committee, member of the Emerging Professionals Committee and Education Director for the annual GreenRI program, a collaborative event between AIAri, IIDA and the ASLA. In addition to her roles with the AIAri, she serves as the Vice President of the East Greenwich Library Board of Trustees and as a committee member for the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission, State Preservation Grants Program.

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**Christen M. Robbins, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**  
Past President (2017)

Christen is an associate at Brewster Thornton Group Architects in Providence, RI, a firm which provides full architectural services for residential and institutional clients. Their main goal is to bring residential clients' desires to fruition, creating great homes, and to successfully achieve institutions' agendas.

Christen believes the greatest achievement as an architect is to exceed the client's expectations, while maintaining a balance between the wants and needs, budget, and schedule in a project. She works predominately with the institutional clients, using her past experience in healthcare, hospitality and higher education to meet these goals and develop inviting, functional buildings. Christen is currently working with the State of Rhode Island on the construction of the Rhode Island Veterans Home, to be completed in 2018.

Christen graduated from Roger Williams University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Architecture and a minor in structural engineering and art/architectural history. While at Roger Williams, she was involved in their AIAS chapter, both as an active member and a board member. Christen is licensed to practice architecture in Rhode Island, is NCARB certified, and is LEED accredited. She has been a member of AIA since 2006, and has been a member of the AIARI Committee on the Environment since 2007. She became chair of the committee in 2013. She joined the AIARI board as a director in 2013, and was the chapter president in 2016. She is the past president for 2017. Her goal is to share the skills she has learned and her experiences with those striving to be architects.

Christen resides in West Greenwich, RI with her husband, daughter and four cats. She has a deep love of animals and music and when not in the office, she enjoys going to the zoo with her family or seeing a play/musical with her husband.

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**Julie Jancewicz Bartlett, AIA, LEED AP BD+C**  
Director (2017-2018)

Julie is a Project Manager and Associate with ZDS Inc. She brings with her close to ten years of experience working on a variety of projects in Greater New England. At the start of her professional career, she worked at TRO/Jung Brannen in the Boston area focusing on large-scale international hospitality / master planning projects. She began working in Rhode Island shortly thereafter to focus more on local, New England architecture with LLB Architects. With a passion and interest in historic structures and adaptive reuse, Julie has led multiple renovation and rehabilitation projects through successful design and construction efforts, developing strong relationships and producing high quality projects.

She joined ZDS in 2015 and brought with her a background of high-profile Higher Education projects as well as experience working on challenging publicly-funded projects that required care and expertise in effectively producing an economical, timeless, and beautiful buildings.

In her role as an Associate with ZDS, she contributes to the firm's management and leadership, mentoring staff throughout the entire process of architectural projects from conception through documentation and ultimately in overseeing construction of their built projects. She has contributed to the growth of the firm and assists in leading the firm's commercial/mixed-use, multi-unit residential and hospitality architectural projects. An advocate for thoughtful design and practical execution, as a leader in the firm, she ensures collaboration from the entire design team takes place from the onset of every project, and continues with the same team members throughout the project. Successful design depends on strong, fluid relationships between client, architect and consultants.

Julie graduated from Northeastern University with both her Bachelors of Science and Masters of Architecture Degrees. She is a registered architect and a LEED accredited professional. A lover of the outdoors, she enjoys hiking, boating and camping. She and her husband, Matt live in eastern Connecticut.

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### **Ed Bourget, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**

Director (2017-2018)

Ed is a senior project architect in the Providence office of Symmes, Maini & McKee Associates. He joined SMMA in 2014 after 19 years with Burt Hill Associates, where he was the Practice Leader of the Boston Office. He is licensed to practice architecture in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut, is NCARB certified, and LEED accredited.

Ed graduated from Roger Williams University, with a BArch and a minor in art history, and a MArch from the Glasgow School of Art of Glasgow University, Scotland. While in Europe, he was able to work with a variety of firms, including Historic Scotland and Atelier Fuchs in Vienna, Austria. Over the past 25 years, Ed has served as Project Architect and/or Project Manager for projects ranging from historic preservation to high rise buildings.

Since joining SMMA, Ed has primarily worked on Rhode Island K12 and Higher Ed projects, with a focus on upgrading aging school buildings, to enable the delivery of first-rate education in comfortable healthy environments. He has been a member of the Boston Society of Architects/AIA since 2004, and joined AIA Rhode Island in 2014, now that he is based in a Rhode Island office.

Ed is originally from Lincoln, Rhode Island, and lives with his wife and two daughters in the historic Armory neighborhood, on the west side of Providence.

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**Timothy Kennedy, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP**

Director (2017-2018)

Timothy has been practicing architecture since 1981, and at n|e|l|m|d architects, inc. in Providence for the last 13 years, currently as Associate Principal, and Project Manager.

Tim's work focuses on the architectural design and construction of health-care facilities. While at n|e|l|m|d Tim has implemented numerous successful healthcare projects, including operating rooms, simulation laboratories, infusion suites, radiology and oncology facilities, dermatology clinics, psychiatry suites, and new medical office buildings. Previous to n|e|l|m|d Tim gained a broad spectrum of building and design types throughout the United States, China, and Singapore.

Tim's expansive resume includes innovative projects for Brigham and Women's Hospital, South Shore Hospital, Cambridge Health Alliance, South County Hospital in RI, and Coastal Medical in RI to name a few.

Tim earned his bachelor of Architecture at the University of Miami, and Architectural Historic Preservation from the University of Florida. He is licensed to practice architecture in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, is NCARB certified, and LEED accredited. He is an active member of the AIA and was previously the AIARI Secretary for six years, and a Board member for eight years. He volunteers for the ACE program, and is a thesis advisor at the BAC.

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### **Daniel A. Kwasniewski, AIA, NCARB, IIDA**

Director (2016-2017)

Dan is a Principal at Northeast Collaborative Architects based in the Newport RI location. He joined NCA in 2001 he is NCARB certified and is an IIDA member. He earned a B.S. in Architecture from Roger Williams University. He taught first year and third year design studio at RWU for 15 years. He is licensed to practice in R.I., Mass. and New York.

Kwasniewski recently worked as the Project Manager for the Cliffside Inn in Newport, R.I. This boutique hotel project earned the 2014 Doris Duke Award.

As Well as His community work includes volunteering for the Newport, R.I. Building Code Board of Review and the Board of Directors WaterFire Providence.

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**Manuel Cordero, AIA, NCARB**

Director; RISD Education Liaison

Manuel is an educator, architect, and advocate based in Providence. His interest in expanding the audience of architectural practice and discourse led him to found DownCity Design, a non-profit design organization dedicated to improving civic life while offering inquiry-based, experiential learning opportunities. He enjoys sharing his passion for design with students of all ages, including high school and middle school students for DownCity Design and as adjunct faculty in the Architecture Department of the Rhode Island School of Design. His research and teaching has recently focused on the shifting focal point of planning in post-industrial cities, urban resilience and infrastructure, and the role and efficacy of participatory engagement practices in public placemaking.

Manuel is a licensed architect in Rhode Island, with several years of experience in large-scale institutional projects, with a focus on educational and community planning projects. He works at the School Building Authority at the Rhode Island Department of Education where he oversees approximately \$70M in annual public school construction in the State and monitors compliance with the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools protocol, a green building rating system for schools.

Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Manuel received his undergraduate degree from Yale University and earned a Masters of Architecture degree from the University of California, Berkeley. He is an active member of the community, serving on several boards including the West Broadway Neighborhood Association and the Providence Redevelopment Agency.

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**Stephen White, AIA**

Director; RWU Education Liaison

Stephen is Dean of the Roger Williams University School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, Bristol, RI. He is committed to architectural education and practice existing as a continuum serving the public at local and global scales.

During his tenure since 1997, the School has established several unique programs advancing this goal: the Teaching Firm in Residence Program bringing multiple practitioners from noted architecture firms for semester long teaching; the Career Investment Program investing in students and firms by providing paid internships for undergraduate and graduate students supported by federal, university and donor funding; and the Women's Leadership Network linking students, faculty, alumni and senior professionals. As AIA Rhode Island President in 2006, White and colleagues co-founded the AIA Rhode Island Window on Architecture, one of only three AIA Chapters to be located at a university, which won a 2010 AIA Grassroots Honorable Mention. At Roger Williams University he has also co-founded two university centers—the Community Partnerships Center, and the Center for Macro Projects and Diplomacy. These engage students and faculty with professionals and the public on local and global issues through project-based undertakings--the first with Rhode Island communities, the second with cross-sector teams of academic, corporate, government and non-profit leaders who have convened (so far) to address complex and large scale issues including reconstruction after war or disaster, water, renewable timber technology for urban construction, and reforestation for climate change.

Prior to coming to Rhode Island, White worked at architecture offices including Architectenburo Hertzberger, Amsterdam; Stein Doshi Bhalla, New Delhi; HOK London, Hoffmann Partnership, St. Louis; and Richard C. Marshall Associates, San Francisco. He taught at Washington University in St. Louis and as a Visiting Critic at the School of Architecture, Ahmedabad, India. White received a BA summa cum laude in Architecture, a Master of Architecture with the AIA Henry Adams Medal, and an MA in Literature and History supported by an NEH Fellowship, from Washington University in St. Louis.

White's book, *Building In The Garden: The Architecture of Joseph Allen Stein in India and California* (Oxford University Press, 1993/94/98) was supported by several grants from the Ford Foundation. A subsequent US Information Service-supported exhibition and lecture program toured India, several US and Canadian universities and AIA San Francisco. White recently contributed a book chapter to *Le Corbusier, Chandigarh and the Modern City* (Mapin/Grantha, 2010) addressing the pressures for inclusion and expanding populations on the city. He has lectured and served on design studio reviews in the US, UK, India and The Netherlands, and was US Correspondent to India's *Architecture + Design* magazine in the early 1990's.

White has served nationally on the ACSA Board of Directors, the NCARB Education Committee, and the AIA Membership Committee. He currently serves on the Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation Advisory Committee, ACSA New Faculty Awards and the AIA Rhode Island Architectural Forum, in addition to AIA Rhode Island.

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**Mallory Demy, AIA, NCARB**

Emerging Professionals Director (2016-2017)

Mallory practices architecture as an Architect and designer with LLB Architects in Pawtucket RI.

She received a Bachelors of Design Studies in Architecture and a Masters of Architecture from the Boston Architectural College in 2013. Mallory has been working in the architecture field since starting at the BAC in 2007 and was recently licensed in 2014. While at LLB, Mallory has had the opportunity to work on many libraries throughout New England. She enjoys the detailing process and figuring out how a building comes together and is developed. Her most recent project is the addition and renovation to the Franklin Public Library.

Mallory is licensed to practice architecture in Massachusetts, and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Mallory joined the AIAri Board in 2016 as the Young Professionals Director after serving on the Emerging Professionals Committee. She is currently the liaison between the board and the Emerging Professionals Committee.

She resides in Seekonk, MA and enjoys updating her home and completing the work herself along with her family.

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**Jennifer Zolkos**  
Executive Director

As the Executive Director of AIAri, Jennifer is charged with the ongoing implementation of the chapter's mission and goals: to be the voice of the architectural profession.

Jennifer has worked as a non-profit leader and consultant for over fifteen years. She comes to AIAri with a diverse professional and personal background that includes previously held positions as the Curator for Digital Resources at the Art Slide Library at Brown University and Director of Programs and Development at the Redwood Library and Athenaeum in Newport, RI. Jennifer has worked on several documentary films including *Loaded Gun: Life, Death and Dickinson* and the current film in progress, *Best Judgment: Ladd School Lessons*. Jennifer is also an avid photographer who enjoys spending time in the darkroom.

As the founder of the Fruit Hill Farmers Market at RI College, Jennifer worked with their planning committee to assist with the creation and implementation of the RI College Sustainability Initiative now in its third year. Jennifer is a community volunteer for both the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council, and Friends of Viscolosi Park.

Jennifer earned a Bachelors Degree in Social and Health Services from Roger Williams University. She resides in Providence with her husband Mick, son Brodie and their dog and chickens.

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