



# AIA Virginia

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## **Five AIA Virginia Members Elevated to College of Fellows**

**RICHMOND, VA March 8, 2017**— Five architects have been awarded the highest membership honor in the American Institute of Architects for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and their communities. “We are delighted about our five new Fellows — the most in recent history we’ve seen elevated from AIA Virginia at one time,” says AIA Virginia Executive Vice President Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA. “As members of the AIA College of Fellows, these members can now place ‘FAIA’ at the end of their name. It is very prestigious within the architecture profession, as judging is quite rigorous. Out of the AIA’s 90,000 members, only about three percent have the honor of becoming Fellows. We are so proud of these Virginia AIA Fellows!”

Reston-based LeMay Erickson Wilcox Architects President and founder **Paul R. Erickson, FAIA, LEED AP**, specializes in fire and rescue facilities, religious architecture and civic leadership. He is nationally recognized for his work in public safety architecture, innovative design strategies called hot zone design inspired by his research into causes of the high incidence of cancer in firefighters. His design of The Station at Potomac Yard is the first in the nation to combine a fire station with apartments to provide affordable housing for teachers, police and other civil servants in the neighborhoods they serve. He is also active in the community holding leadership roles in the National Capital Presbytery, as a trustee of Sibley Memorial Hospital and as an active leader with many roles in AIA Virginia and AIA Northern Virginia.

Richmond-based Glavé & Holmes Architecture Senior and Vice President **Lori Garrett, FAIA**, is known for her work transforming architecturally significant university campuses. She founded her firm’s Higher Education Studio and her understanding of contest, combined with business leadership has been a catalyst for her firm’s significant growth in size and revenue. Garrett is also known for championing opportunities for women in architecture. She has earned the national AIA Women in Architecture and Design Athena Leadership Award, The Virginia Society AIA Award for Distinguished Achievement and AIA Richmond’s Marcellus Wright Award. She served terms president of AIA Virginia and AIA Central Virginia.

Norfolk-based Hanbury Design Principal and Architectural Illustrator **Wesley L. Page, FAIA**, is known for his work as a designer and illustrator of campus communities. His images have been effective in helping win new work as well as facilitating advancement of projects. They have also helped raise millions of dollars making many projects possible. In all, his drawings have positively shaped master plans and development at more than 150 college and universities. Page shares his knowledge as a drawing instructor and lecturer and lectures and hands-on workshops at his own firm. His architectural illustrations and fine art creations have won international awards with some pieces displayed in juried shows in the U.S. and abroad.

Washington, D.C.-based OJT Architects Senior Director of Architecture and Partner **Kevin G. Snead, FAIA, IIDA, LEED AP BD+C**, is advancing the specialization of interior architecture by creating an annual roundtable and the first AIA Interior Architecture enewsletter. He is an advisory board member at George Washington University's School of Interior Architecture and Design and the Maryland State Board Architects. Active in the community, he can be found involved in Construction, Habitat for Humanity, Alexandria Architectural Review Board and Maryland State Board of Interior Designers. Snead is active in AIA having served as chair of the AIA Diversity Committee, president of AIA Northern Virginia and on the board of AIA Virginia. He established a mentoring program for Fellows and young architects for AIA Northern Virginia.

Winchester-based Reader & Swartz Architects Partner **Charles Swartz, FAIA**, is reshaping his hometown. Swartz and his wife started their practice in Winchester during the 1990 building recession. Within three years, he was recognized by Progressive Architecture magazine. He holds as a central value that local architects can make a tremendous difference in the life of a place regardless of a project's aspirations, budget or location. His focus includes respecting history and a sense of place. His work is touching his community in areas of education, childhood development, recreation, culture and quality of life. His firm's published works and design awards are for a diverse range of projects. He has done work for many nonprofit groups, as well as low-income households and disabled adults, both in paid and pro bono capacities.

The new Fellows will be celebrated in Blacksburg at the 2017 Virginia Fellows Fete on Saturday, March 18. They will also be honored at a national investiture ceremony at the AIA Conference on Architecture 2017 in Orlando in late April. In all AIA elevated 178 architects nationwide.

Candidates for fellowship must have at least 10 years membership in AIA in one or more of the nomination categories including: promoted aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession, advanced science and art of planning and building by advancing standards of architectural education, training or practice, leadership in AIA and other professional organizations, advanced living standards of people through improved environment or service to society.

#### **About AIA Virginia**

AIA Virginia is a society of the American Institute of Architects and represents nearly 2,500 architects throughout Virginia. Founded by five architects in 1914, AIA Virginia has represented the professional interests of architects and allied professionals in the Commonwealth of Virginia for more than 100 years. For more information, contact AIA Virginia at [\(804\) 644-3041](tel:8046443041) or visit [www.aiava.org](http://www.aiava.org).

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