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Boston Society of Architects/AIA congratulates 2014 BSA President Emily Grandstaff-Rice FAIA on being elected 2023 President of the American Institute of Architects

(Boston, June 24, 2021)–The Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA/AIA) is pleased to announce that Emily Grandstaff-Rice FAIA has been elected 2023 President-Elect of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Emily has been an active and dedicated member of the BSA, serving as President in 2014, and she has long been a passionate advocate for women in the profession.

“As a past president of the BSA, Emily has been such an exceptional leader in advancing equity and justice within the organization and firmly believes in the power of design to make a better world. We are so proud of all that she has accomplished and look forward to her upcoming presidency,” says Gregory Minott AIA, 2021 BSA/AIA President.

In a recent interview with the BSA, Emily spoke to what it is like to be a woman in the profession:

“I haven’t always had a sense of belonging within this profession. While I’ve seen some shifts in the culture over the past 25 years, I’m still too often the only woman in the room. When I began my architecture career, 11% of AIA licensed architects were women. Now, that number is 22%. This trend is good, but the pace is abysmal. We cannot assume that progress will happen on its own, and we need to fight the fatigue that comes with pushing for change over an extended period of time.”

The BSA extends congratulations to the following candidates on being elected to serve on the AIA National Board of Directors.

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About the Boston Society of Architects/AIA

The Boston Society of Architects/AIA (BSA/AIA) is the eastern Massachusetts chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and is New England's largest building industry association. Established in 1867, the BSA is the second largest chapter of the AIA with more than 4,500 members. The BSA is dedicated to strengthening the profession by producing a diverse array of programs and editorial content to push thought leadership in architecture and providing forums for conversation, discovery, and debate about design. The BSA community is committed to improving the quality of life for everyone through architecture and design. By hosting professional and youth education programs, fostering community engagement and membership networks, and initiating civic transformation, the BSA is making this a region where architects thrive and communities flourish. For more information, visit architects.org.



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