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**Six architecture industry leaders elected virtually at AIA Florida
and AIA Florida/Caribbean Region Annual Meeting**
Lourdes Solera, FAIA, elected 2021 AIA Florida president-elect

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Six new leaders were elected on Saturday, August 15, 2020, to the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) Board of Directors and to the AIA Florida Caribbean Region at the 2020 Annual Meeting, held virtually.

At the meeting, AIA Florida and Caribbean delegates elected:

- Lourdes Solera, FAIA, AIA Miami, AIA Florida 2021 President-elect/2022 Principal at MCHarry Associates in Miami
- David Hugglestone, AIA, AIA Tampa Bay, AIA Florida 2021-2022 Secretary/Treasurer Senior Capital Projects Coordinator at the City of St. Petersburg
- Rhonda Hammond, AIA, AIA Tallahassee, AIA Florida 2021-2022 Vice President Principal at Hammond Design Group Architects in Tallahassee
- Joshua Shatkin, AIA, AIA Gainesville, AIA Florida 2021-2022 Vice President Principal at Shatkin Architecture in Gainesville
- Briana Johnson, Assoc. AIA, AIA Orlando, AIA Florida 2021-2022 Associate Director at Large Designer at DLR Group in Orlando
- Bill Hercules, FAIA, AIA Orlando, AIA Florida/Caribbean 2021-2023 Representative to the AIA Strategic Council President and CEO of WJH Health in Orlando

Lourdes Solera, FAIA, 2021 President-elect/2022

With over 20 years of service to the AIA, Solera currently serves on AIA Florida's Board of Directors as Vice President of Professional Development, is co-founder of AIA Miami's Women in Architecture Committee and sits on Miami-Dade County's Historic Preservation Board. She was AIA Miami Chapter President in 2004, member of the 2010 AIA National Convention local steering committee and served on the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design. Solera is Principal at MCHarry Associates. She earned a M. Arch. from University of Virginia and a B. Arch. from Mississippi State University.

"I believe that the AIA plays a vital role in all our professional lives," Solera said. "Through the AIA, we are one larger voice that can make an impact in diversity, public advocacy and community involvement."

David Hugglestone, AIA, 2021-2022 Secretary/Treasurer

Hugglestone has held several key leadership roles in the AIA, including President of AIA Tampa Bay and Vice President of AIA Florida. David is currently State Director on both AIA boards. Currently an architect for the City of St. Petersburg, David is overseeing construction of the new St. Pete Pier™. David earned his M. Arch. at the University of South Florida School of Architecture and Community Design and his Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from the University of Miami.

Rhonda Hammond, AIA, 2021-2022 Vice President

Hammond has served as AIA Tallahassee’s Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President/President Elect, and President in 2019. At the state level she participates in the Annual Legislative Day, and in 2020, serves on the Annual Convention Committee and as Vice Chair of Board of Trustees. Hammond further serves her community on the Tallahassee-Leon County Architectural Review Board and as Chair for the annual Market Days event supporting the local Natural History Museum. Rhonda Hammond is a principal at Hammond Design Group Architects. She received her B. Arch. from Florida A & M University’s School of Architecture and Masters of Sustainable Design from the University of Florida.

Joshua Shatkin, AIA, 2021-2022 Vice President

Shatkin has served in every board position for AIA Gainesville and is currently serving his second term as state director on the AIA Florida board. Shatkin also served and chaired the Development Review Board for the City of Gainesville from 2003 through 2009. He is Principal at Shatkin Architecture and earned his B. Arch. and M. Arch. from the University of Florida.

Briana Johnson, Assoc. AIA, 2021-2022 Associate Director at Large

Johnson began her involvement with AIA during graduate school at the University of Florida City Lab-Orlando where she earned her M. Arch. Johnson serves on the Young Architects Forum (YAF)-Orlando and contributed on the NEXT Event committee of YAF-Orlando Board to develop highlighting up-and-coming professionals. She also serves as Co-Chair of Black Architects in the Making (BAM)-Orlando; a grassroots organization dedicated to educating and inspiring minority youth on the importance of architecture. Johnson was recently selected for the Jacobs Leadership Institute (JLI) Class of 2020. Johnson is a Designer at DLR Group, she continues working on the path to licensure.

Bill Hercules, FAIA, 2021-2023 Regional Representative to the AIA Strategic Council

Hercules is one of two global triple-Fellows in the AIA, the American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA), and the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). A recent Past-President of the international ACHA, the certification body for healthcare architects, he currently serves on the select national AIA’s COVID-19 Rapid Response Safety Space Assessment taskforce which advises federal officials. He is a Past President of the Florida Foundation for Architecture and served as a subject matter expert to the AIA Florida/Caribbean Strategic Council, and he is currently serving as the Senior Regional Representative to the AIA’s College of Fellows. He is also leading an ad hoc investigatory taskforce within AIA Orlando to define, amplify, and clarify an architect’s longitudinal career arc. Hercules is President and CEO of WJH Health. He earned his M. Arch. from Boston Architectural College and B. Arch. from Washington University in St. Louis

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