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Iowa Architectural Foundation Elects New Trustees and Officers

DES MOINES, IOWA, December 15, 2011 – The Iowa Architectural Foundation elected new members to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting earlier this week. New trustees serving a three-year term include:

Patrick Alvord – Rohrbach Associates, PC (*Iowa City*)
Michelle Sacco – RDG Planning & Design (*Des Moines*)

Tom Wollen of FRK Architects + Engineers (*West Des Moines*) will fill the Foundation's Architecture in the Community Committee Ex-Officio position. Dan Drendel of ge Wattier architecture (*Des Moines*) will fill the AIA Iowa Ex-Officio position.

The following Executive officers for 2011 were installed:

Chair: ***Karen Erger*** – Lockton Companies, LLC (*Cedar Rapids*)
Vice Chair: ***Karl Kaufman*** – FEH Associates, Inc. (*Des Moines*)
Secretary: ***Andy Thielen*** – KJWW Engineering Consultants (*Des Moines*)
Treasurer: ***Terry Gebard*** – OPN Architects, Inc. (*Des Moines*)
Past Chair: ***Kim McDonald*** – Vice President, Neumann Monson Architects (*Iowa City*)

Michelle Sacco of RDG Planning & Design (*Des Moines*) was elected to a one-year, at-large position on the Executive Committee.

About the Iowa Architectural Foundation:

The Iowa Architectural Foundation is a charitable organization established in 1989 to promote awareness of the contribution of architecture and community design to the quality of life in Iowa. The Foundation pursues its mission through youth education programs, community design charrettes, architectural walking tours, and an annual lecture series. Visit www.iowaarchfoundation.org for more information.

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New Trustee Biographies

Patrick Alvord, AIA

Rohrbach Associates, PC (Iowa City)

Patrick is currently a Project Architect and Project Landscape Architect with Rohrbach Associates, PC in Iowa City, Iowa. He is a Registered Architect and Registered Landscape Architect as well as a LEED Accredited Professional and holds an architecture license in Iowa and landscape architecture licenses in Iowa and Illinois.

Patrick joined the office of Rohrbach Associates in September 2011 following three years with Confluence, a landscape architecture and planning firm. He was a senior project manager at Jeffrey Morgan Architecture Studio in Des Moines for 3 ½ years and a project designer at Architects Wells Kastner Schipper in West Des Moines prior to that.

Patrick is a two-time graduate of the Iowa State University College of Design with a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree (1996) and a Master of Architecture degree (2001). Patrick lives in North Liberty.

Dan Drendel, Assoc. AIA

ge Wattier architecture, (Des Moines)

A suburban Chicago native, Dan started his professional career as a teacher introducing high school students to drafting and architecture. A deep desire to explore architecture further led him to the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he earned his Masters of Architecture in 2007. Throughout his time at IIT, Dan kept up his teaching skills by working as a teaching assistant for a digital media course and also speaking to high school drafting classes. He also worked part time at Archideas, Inc. learning Revit Architecture and developing his professional skills.

Dan has served on the Iowa Architectural Foundation's Architecture in the Schools Committee, as well as AIA-Iowa's Public Relations and Spring Meeting committees. He lives in Des Moines.

Michelle Sacco, Assoc. AIA

RDG Planning & Design (Des Moines)

Michelle graduated from Iowa State University in 2005 with a Bachelor of Architecture and a minor in History. She began working at Wetherell Ericsson Leusink Architects in the summer of 2003. The firm was later acquired by RDG Planning & Design in the fall of 2007, where she currently works in the restoration and sustainable focus markets.

Michelle is originally from Centerville, Iowa and currently resides in the Drake Neighborhood in Des Moines. She is currently a member of the Salisbury House and Garden's Properties and Collections Committee, and serves as a co-chair for the Iowa Architectural Foundation's Architecture in the Schools Committee. She is a volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation, the Iowa Historical Museum and is heavily involved at The Downtown Church in Des Moines.

Tom Wollen

FRK Architects + Engineers (West Des Moines)

Tom is a project architect with FRK Architects + Engineers in West Des Moines. Prior to this position, he worked as a project architect for INVISION Architecture. He earned his Masters in Architecture from Iowa State University. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from North Dakota State University (1982) and a Masters in Theology from Luther Seminary (1987).

A resident of Des Moines, Tom currently serves as co-chair of the Iowa Architectural Foundation's Architecture in the Community Committee and will serve as chair in 2012.