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WP&Drinks (Jul'26)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As my second term as President begins, I'm honored to continue serving alongside such an incredible group of women and to welcome our 2026–2027 Board of Directors. I wish the 2025-2026 Board all the success, as it was a privilege to serve alongside them.

Over the past year, we've continued to create spaces for women to connect, grow, and lead through networking, professional development, student engagement, and supporting women- and minority-owned businesses. One of my favorite moments was reconnecting with our founding members and learning more about the remarkable women whose vision built the organization we enjoy today.

As we continue navigating economic uncertainty, changing legislation, and challenges facing our industries, WP&D remains committed to building community and creating opportunities. I continue to be inspired by the leadership, resilience, and dedication of the women in this organization.

This newsletter highlights the exciting work we're doing and what's ahead. I hope you'll stay connected, share your ideas, and join us at our upcoming events. Thank you for being part of WP&D. Here's to another year of collaboration, leadership, and impact.

With gratitude,

Rashanah Baldwin,
WP&D President



MEET THE BOARD

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President
Rashanah Baldwin (she/her)

Vice President
Hannah Bader, *AICP* (she/her)

Secretary
Tamara Fou, *AICP* (she/her)

Treasurer
Chelsa Moore (she/her)

Membership
Consuelo Arguilles, *AICP* (she/her)
Prithvi Hegde, *AICP* (she/her)

Marketing
Meghan Volcy, *AICP* (she/her)
Addie Wasikonis (she/her)

Professional Development
Irene Henry, *AICP* (she/her)
Diana Beltran (she/her)

Programs
Angela Esposito, *AICP* (she/her)
Caitin Hartnett (she/her)

As we begin our **2026–2027** board term, we extend a huge thank you to our outgoing Board of Directors for their leadership, dedication, and service. Their efforts have built a strong foundation for continued success.

We are excited to welcome our new Board and look forward to a year of engaging programs, meaningful partnerships, and opportunities for professional growth.

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WP&D Alumnae Event (May'26)

WP&D EVENT RECAP

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Board Alumnae Event

This May, WP&D welcomed current and former board members to the Chicago Architecture Center for a special Board Alumnae Reunion, bringing together leaders from across generations to reconnect and celebrate the community they helped build. The evening featured great conversations, networking activities, and reflections on the future of WP&D, while celebrating the lasting friendships and leadership that continue to shape our organization. Thank you to everyone who joined us and made it such a memorable evening!

WP&D x WPPA Professional PowerPoint Party

WP&D and WPPA hosted an engaging Professional Development PowerPoint Party featuring honest conversations on placemaking, affordable housing, project management, and gender equity. Thank you to our panelists: Abigail Rose, Hannah Bader, Rashanah Baldwin, Caitin Hartnett, and Consuelo Arguilles, for sharing their experiences and inspiring meaningful discussions that continue to shape the planning profession.

WP&D Board Spring Retreat

This spring, the WP&D Board spent the day at Pullman National Historical Park, learning about the history and enduring legacy of one of Chicago's most notable planned communities. We thank Ranger Elijah Olomoniyi, Rebecca Conant, Daniela Salgado, and Friends of Pullman for their thoughtful guidance.

WP&D COMMITTEES

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Want to get more involved with WP&D and connect with fellow members? Join our Events & Outreach Committee! We have exciting networking, professional development, and member events planned throughout the year, and we'd love your help bringing them to life.

What will you do as a member?

Attend committee meetings to help plan events and volunteer as you're able to support day-of activities. Whether you can help with one event or many, we'd love to have you join us!

WAYS TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

- BECOME A MEMBER
- DONATE & SPONSOR
- CONTRIBUTE TO THE JOB BOARD
- JOIN THE 2027-2028 BOARD
- JOIN THE WP&D COMMITTEE
- VOLUNTEER TO SPEAK AT AN EVENT

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FOLLOW US AND STAY CONNECTED!

We've included photos of past WP&D Events. And, we hope to see you at future ones!



Small Talks Event with Morgan Chapman (Jun'26)



WP&Drinks Event at Mesler, Hyde Park (Apr'26)



WP&D Alumnae Event, Chicago Architecture Center (May'26)



WP&D Board Retreat to Pullman (Apr'26)



Breaking Ground Panel (Nov'25)



WP&D x WPPA Professional Development Powerpoint Party (Apr'26)