

Vice-President Membership VALERIA PASSETTI

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Election Statement:

As current VP Membership I feel that consolidating our position at the heart of RIBA is now of paramount importance but the challenge is to maintain the drive and momentum gained over the past two years, working with members and RIBA staff across the organisation. I started my first term by saying I was revolutionary and a reformer, I hope my work so far has proven that. I believe I have helped to increase N&RC's visibility and relevance, I have changed the format of the N&RC and Membership meetings to provide greater opportunities for discussions and proposals among the members and I have taken their real issues, propositions and requests to the attention of Senior Members, Board and Council. I have insisted that the needs of the membership are recognised and actions taken, including a fairer financial redistribution of resources derived from subscriptions, to acknowledge and support the work done by members and staff and to enable policy lobbying and influence at local, regional and national level. We have spent time discussing and identifying priorities and where investment would significantly benefit our members and I will continue to work hard to ensure our Nations and Regions will receive the additional funding and resources they need. During my term we also achieved a large increase in LIF to continue supporting the work of our members within their communities. I believe there is more work to be done to deliver on the aspirations we have so strongly defined. I believe we now need continuity to be able to work immediately to further consolidate the role of the Membership and N&R committees at the heart of RIBA and its future strategic direction. I promise to continue devoting all my energies to ensure that our members' voice is heard.