



Election Statement from Jonathan B Wimpenny AIA RIBA

Candidate for Presiding Chair RIBA-USA

Nominated by: Nial Saunders

James Karl Fischer AIA RIBA and John Steigerwald AIA RIBA

I have steered the RIBA NY Chapter these past years and my record can be reviewed through the past years of diary events on www.riba-usa.org. From Exhibitions, Symposiums, lectures, field trips, meetings and events, RIBA-USA has ensured a strong voice in the US. Our delegation to China broadened that voice worldwide. Our links and alliances with the AIA has helped and I believe we must continue and encourage this dialogue with Portland Place. The British Consulate and the DTI have also been of enormous help these past years and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them.

With my professional experience of over 20 years now of practice in the United States, I understand the issues confronting British architects working in the US -- Students too, a vital and enthusiastic section in the NY Chapter, which I have always encouraged; promoting participation, guiding visiting interns through visa requirements, arranging portfolio peer reviews and interviews with those NY practices seeking interns.

Our US Region of chapters is growing (as I write this, members in the Pacific North West are rallying to form a chapter based in San Francisco). If elected, I will encourage this. Now is NOT the time to neither rest on our laurels nor leave it to others to let chapters drift rudderless without direction. Now the time to grow our membership and look to a future where RIBA membership dues will channeled into the RIBA-USA region.

I ask at this time for your vote.

Let's build on our foundation and grow.

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