



Elections to Council 2019

Vice-President Membership

The information presented in this leaflet is as follows:

CANDIDATE NAME

- a. Name and Address of Practice
- b. Position/title
- c. Qualifications

Election Statement

Note:

Candidates have produced their own entry in this leaflet by completing a template downloaded from the RIBA website, from the ERS website, or by completing the form online, through the ERSvotes Nominate platform.

There is a word limit of 300 words for candidate statements. After providing the information required in points a, b and c the remainder of the page is available for candidates to use for the presentation of their election address.

The contents have not been edited nor have mistakes been corrected.

In 2019, the listing of candidates starts from the letter B.

There are three candidates for one seat as follows:

Gerard Bareham
Nadi Jahangiri
Valeria Passetti

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GERARD BAREHAM

- a. **Name and Address of Practice:** The Grenfell-Baines Institute of Architecture, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE.
- b. **Position/title:** Senior Lecturer in Architecture.
- c. **Qualifications:** BA(Hons) DipArch PG Cert ARB RIBA FRSA FHEA.



Election Statement:

I am passionate about Architecture. I believe that Architecture resides in the Regions, that Members are the RIBA, that the RIBA should reflect your needs, wants, desires, to better serve YOU, and that if you wish to commission Architecture you should ask an Architect.

I understand the trials and tribulations of Practice, and the adversity of recession driven insecurity. Despite, I remain committed and passionate, and believe that Architects and Architecture share a great future. I understand the hardship faced by Students, the frustration to career aspirations, but ultimately the satisfaction of contributing to something in this world that is both creative and tangible, and contributive to the World itself. I recognise the kinship that exists between Architects borne of shared experience and empathy, whilst the differences that make each of us unique are to be celebrated. We are a collective of individuals that defy categorisation but share passion. The innate skills and experience that we as Chartered Architects take for granted everyday are not merely ordinary but are in fact extraordinary. The professional standards integral to each and everyone of us are core to our Services, with Chartered Architects and Practice continuing to be heralded as representing the international gold standard.

The RIBA is a great Institution and an Internationally recognised Super-brand. It is both a repository of knowledge and a member driven organisation. It represents great people and does great work. I remain proud to be a member. I currently serve Membership Committee, with previous experience serving RIBA Council, School Validation Panel, and past-Chair of Professional Education Committee. As a continual evolution of needs, much great work remains to be done. If elected I will ensure that we continue to evolve to best serve our Membership.

If you share my ideals I welcome your support. **Gerard Bareham.**

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NADI JAHANGIRI

- a. **Name and Address of Practice:** SCALA architects, Studio 10,
Bouton Place, Waterloo Terrace, London, N1 1TR
- b. **Position/title:** Managing Partner
- c. **Qualifications:** BA(Hons) DipArch(Hons) RIBA ARB



Election Statement:

I am the Managing Partner of a small firm of architects based in North London. I have been a practicing, chartered architect for over 26 years and as well as running my own practices, have worked for a number of well-known firms including Foster and Partners and YRM.

I have always been passionate about the liberating power of design, the quality of the built environment and the role of architects in making the lives of all of us, better through design.

It has never been more important than it is now for the RIBA to have a strong and clear voice in supporting our profession and ensuring we are playing an influential and active part in making the buildings and places of the future.

I also believe strongly in the power of technology to make both the design process easier for practitioners to achieve their aims and their ability to express those aims to non-architects.

There is much that new technology can offer, right across the board, in both the delivery of design and the services of the RIBA.

I believe that my background in business and technology will give me an excellent position from which to disseminate my skills and experience for the benefit of all the membership.

Architects come from wide and diverse backgrounds and the RIBA is making great inroads into ensuring that is reflected in our professional body. As Vice-President Membership, I want to support, encourage and, where necessary, accelerate that process. We are best when we are all able to contribute.

I am married and have two daughters. I am a keen runner, currently holding 5 club records, from the Mile to Half Marathon and am also studying for a Masters in Art History at Birkbeck College.

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VALERIA PASSETTI

- a. **Name and Address of Practice:** Conception Architects, Gothic House, Barker Gate, Nottingham
- b. **Position/title:** Principal Architect
- c. **Qualifications:** Doctor of Architecture, MA in Philosophy



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.