
CANDIDATE FOR THE RIBA PRESIDENCY

PHILIP DAVID ALLSOPP

- a. **Nominated by at least 60 Chartered Members of the RIBA**
- b. **Name and address of Practice:** KAMBRIO/Smart Pad Living, 420 West Roosevelt Street, Suite 106, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, USA - Relocating to UK if elected
- c. **Position/title:** Principal/Chief Design Officer
- d. **Qualifications:** D.Arch (Kingston), M.S.(Health Services Planning & Design-Columbia University, NY), RIBA, FRSA, CSBA (Certified Sustainable Building Advisor, USA)



Phil was born and educated in the United Kingdom, becoming a licensed architect and Chartered Member of the RIBA. Receiving a Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Scholarship, Phil earned a Master of Science degree in Health Services Planning and Design from Columbia University, New York and went on to serve as a United States Public Health Service Fellow with the U.S. Surgeon General's Office in Washington, D.C. His diverse business and professional career in architecture is exemplified by leadership positions in public health, and management consulting with global firms including EDS, A.T. Kearney, SAIC, and Perkins and Will with whom he was Vice President, based in Chicago. As President and CEO of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, Phil led major changes to the Foundation's strategy, governance structure and finances and the re-accreditation by the NAAB of the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. He has remained active through his work in shaping public policy pertaining to physical environments and urban infrastructure, leading the World Business Council on Sustainable Development's Phoenix initiative, as a senior sustainability scientist with the Julie-Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability at Arizona State University, and as President of RIBA-USA.

- e. **Declaration of interests:** As stated in Declaration 2; current employment, current volunteer appointments; RIBA-USA, ASU, Fellowship of RSA and professional relationship with RIBA Council member via Board of RIBA-USA, Inc.

Election Statement:

Our huge resource of Ideas and Innovations from the world's best architecture schools and practices underscore my confidence in our profession's ability to lead a new technology-enabled era in the development, financing, design and assembly of built environments. As President of the RIBA, I will champion this burgeoning evolution, ensuring that we continue to inspire new generations of clients, architects and kindred professionals to work inclusively and deliver solutions that improve wellbeing and foster greater economic potential. The RIBA's role as a catalyst for this vital work is profound. It is now time to act.

In order for the RIBA to continue to lead the global profession of architecture I regard its ongoing governance and operational reforms as essential and would take these further in the coming years, especially to grasp opportunities post-Brexit such as international reciprocity and accreditation. As President, I would oversee RIBA's full transition into a socially and economically diverse and inclusive global organization that inspires and celebrates opportunity for everyone. But this isn't enough. Success for the profession requires the RIBA to address the insidious erosion of the architect's role. It can no longer be a bystander to pervasive real estate speculation that consistently fails to meet a growing range of unmet human needs, and to protect the biosphere on which we depend.

Illustrative of this situation, the 2016 United Nations' Habitat 3 conference was attended by delegations from several prominent architectural institutions, yet the UN's publication on reshaping living conditions and physical infrastructures makes no mention of the word "architect" or "architecture." It is therefore incumbent upon the profession to counter such glaring omissions by becoming a more active and sought-after player in the corridors of political and economic power wherein public perceptions of architects and architecture are shaped. To do this, we must strengthen and expand the evidence basis for design decisions through research and in practice and become more fluent in the language of business, policy-making and science. I am confident about our collective ability, and that of the RIBA, to achieve this because of what I know about my professional colleagues and the opportunities before our profession to engage confidently with the economic engines of our global economy. This includes the \$5.6Trillion being invested in Impact Funds to address the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals for 2030. Architecture—so often left out of economic, investment and legislative equations—clearly has a major role to play, as does the RIBA under my presidency, in driving the sustained impact everyone is seeking.

MY PRIORITIES AS PRIBA: see more at www.philallsopp.com

- 1) Tangible returns on career-long investments in the profession of architecture - Reciprocity and Accreditation Post Brexit and Beyond - Globally;
- 2) Restructure and simplify RIBA governance focused on the exercise of transparent, fiscal/fiduciary responsibilities;
- 3) Strengthen Inclusion and Opportunity for every chartered member, student or member of staff regardless of geography, gender, age or ethnicity;
- 4) Direct and support policy initiatives involving all RIBA regions and chapters to measurably de-marginalize the profession, increase the RIBA's relevance to our rapidly-evolving role, and our profession's expanding technological underpinnings.