



Hello ACD Members,

We need your help to complete nominations for New Board Members. We closed our applications on March 31, 2017, and are now at the membership voting phase of the process.

According to our By-laws, Section 7.03, the Board Development Committee was tasked with creating a slate of nominees for the 2017-2018 ACD Board cycle. Operating under the auspices of the BDC, a nominating committee (Directors Mallory Baches, Nikia Hill, and myself) has reviewed applicants to the ACD Board. At the beginning of the 2016-2017 cycle we started with 15 Board Members. Three of our current Board Members will be rotating off officially on August 14.

Outgoing Board Members:

Mallory Baches. Board Director, Founder and Director at The Civic Hub

Gilad Meron. Co-Founder and Director at The Blue House Nola

Edward Orlowski. Past President, Associate Professor at Lawrence Technological University

Ryan Rinn. Board Director, Executive Director at the Storefront for Community Design

James Wheeler. Board Director, Director of Education and Community Partnership at Public Design Exchange

We have selected the slate proposed below because we feel that they can lend their wealth of knowledge and experience to the Board, complement our initiatives going forward, and represent new opportunities for growth.

Proposed Incoming Board Members:

Shalini Agrawal. Director, Center for Art + Public Life at California College of the Arts

Allie O'Neill. Community Design Works Program Manager at the Neighborhood Design Center

Heidi Schattin. Graduate Architect at Gulf Coast Community Design Studio

Proposed Returning Board Members (eligible for second term):

Ashley Flintoff. Interim Director of Planning & Space Management at Wayne State University

Theresa Hwang. Founder and Director at Dept. of Places

VOTING

Include Name, Organization, and written 'Yes' or 'No' Vote. If you have an Organizational Membership, you have up to 5 votes - include the name of the votee along with their vote. [VOTE HERE:](#)

<https://goo.gl/forms/hae8UH3mFB4RbTGO2>

If you vote No, we ask that you explain why, in case we need to re-create the slate. The slate will be approved with a majority Yes-vote.

Please cast your vote by Tuesday, April 18.

NEXT STEPS

If the slate is approved, we will send the nominations to the Full Board for final ratification, and announce to our candidates and our membership by May 1, 2017. If not, we will create a new slate and hold another vote.

We will announce to our candidates publicly announce after our Full Board meeting in September.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at edward@communitydesign.org

Thank you very much. We look forward to the upcoming Board year, and anticipate having much to share with you in the coming months.

Have a great day!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. O'Brien". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and "O".

Past President, Association for Community Design
Chair, Board Development Committee