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EDRA Members Meeting

Saturday, June 22, 2024

2023 EDRA MEMBERS' REPORT



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REPORT OUTLINE

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CHAIR'S REPORT



It is my pleasure to welcome you all to our annual members meeting. The past year has been a remarkable one for our organization, and I am excited to share with you the highlights and accomplishments we have achieved together.

This short document is meant to acquaint you with EDRA's Board of Directors, as well as with some of the facts and figures that describe our organizational efforts during 2023.



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Chair of the Board

Associate Professor of Interior
Design - Virginia Tech

EDRA'S MISSION AND VISION



OUR MISSION

EDRA's purpose is to advance and disseminate **research, teaching, and practice** toward improving an understanding of the **relationships among people, their built environments, and natural ecosystems.**

The mission of EDRA is to provide **a collaborative, multidisciplinary community** to connect theory, research, teaching, and practice to recognize, create and advocate for environments that are responsive to diverse human needs. EDRA is committed to equity, inclusion, and respect for all persons.

OUR VISION

EDRA bridges theory, research, teaching, and practice to:

- Recognize and create more **humane environments in collaboration with global stakeholders/communities**
- Promote **cutting-edge research and practice** that is essential to improve quality of life for all people
- **Transcend disciplinary boundaries and industry sectors** in collaborative pursuit of environments that are responsive to diverse human needs.
- Advocate for **diverse voices** in the pursuit of social justice

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Chair-Elect

Officer - The Pew Charitable Trusts | Adjunct Faculty - University of Maryland



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Assistant Professor of Interior Design - Ball State University



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Board Member - Secretary

Applied Research Practitioner - Environmental Psychology + Health Innovation



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Assistant Professor of Architecture - Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology



B. Sanborn, Msc

Board Member

Principal and Design Research Leader - DLR Group



Alina Osnaga

Board Member & Student Representative

MArch Student and Graduate Research Assistant - Lawrence Technological University



Celen Pasalar, Ph.D.

Board Member

Associate Professor Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning - North Carolina State University



Deni Ruggeri, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Associate Professor, Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture - University of Maryland



Lorraine E. Maxwell, Ph.D.

Emeritus Board Member, Ex-Officio

Emeritus Professor of Human Centered Design - Cornell University



Bo Zhang, Ph.D.

Board Member

Associate Professor of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture - Oklahoma State University

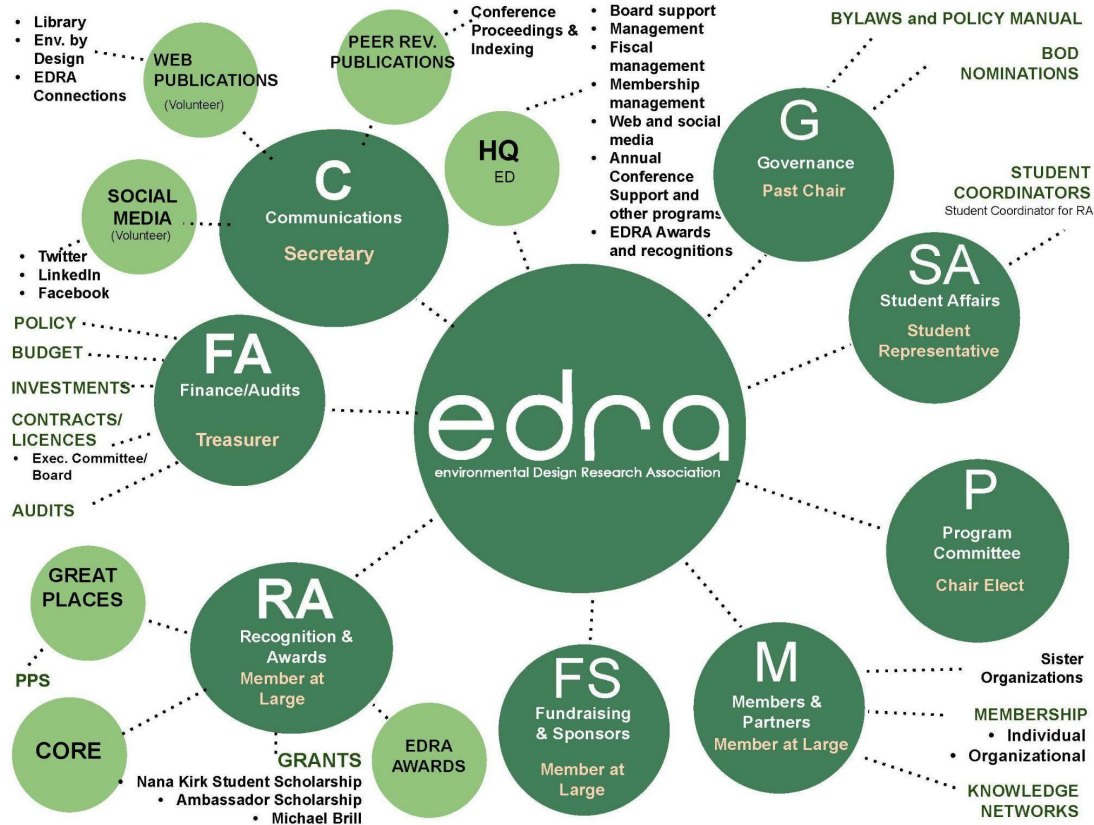


Julie Stevens, MLA

Board Member

Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture - Iowa State University

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



CHAIR'S REPORT - Highlights and Achievements



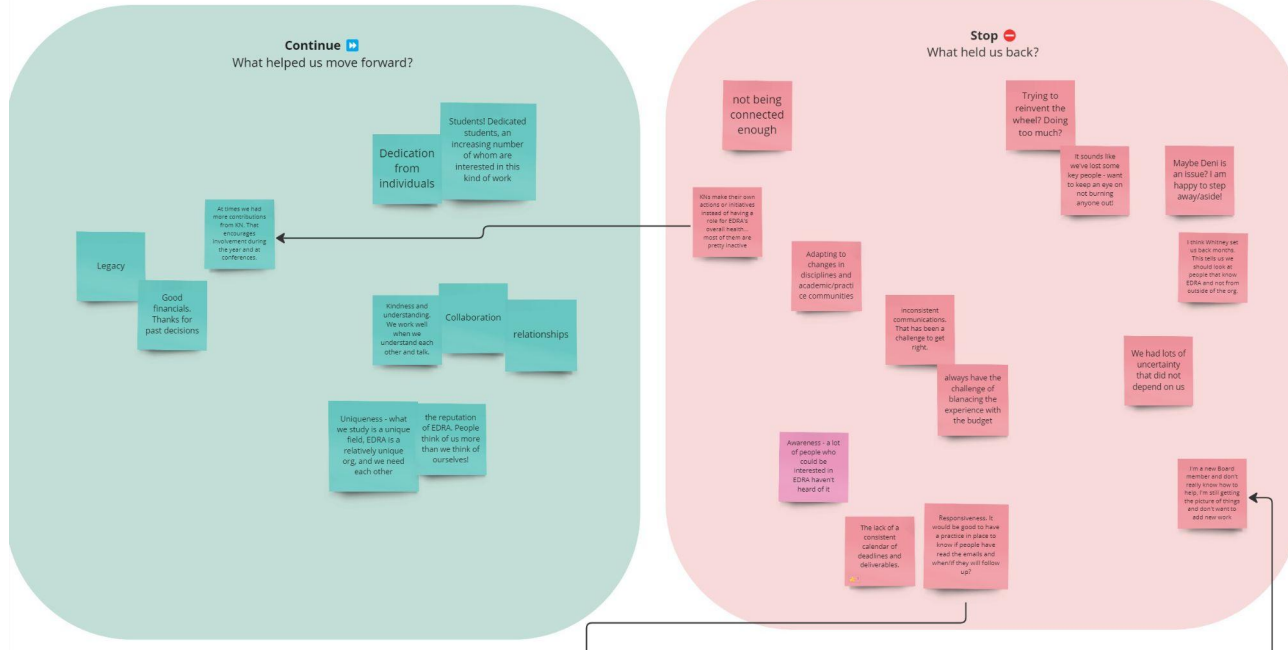
Board Retreat and Strategic Initiatives

On November 11, 2023, our board held a virtual retreat to discuss better ways to communicate among ourselves and with our members, as well as to explore potential partnerships and initiatives. As a result, we are revising our procedures for **board operations, partnerships and sponsors, communications, and knowledge networks**. One of our main goals for the next year will be to balance the workload distribution of our board members, ensuring that we can continue to serve our community effectively.

CHAIR'S REPORT - Highlights and Achievements



Board Retreat and Strategic Initiatives



Continue - What helped us move forward

- Financial stability
- Uniqueness of EDRA
- Dedication of individuals/students

Stop - What held us back

- Ineffective communications
- Uncertainty
- Procedural unclaritys

CHAIR'S REPORT - Highlights and Achievements



New Additions and Partnerships

First and foremost, we welcomed to our **five new board members and our new assistant executive director**. Their expertise and dedication will undoubtedly contribute to the continued growth and success of EDRA.

We have also forged exciting new partnerships with the **Cities and Health Journal, Moving Boundaries, and the Healthcare Facilities Symposium & Expo (HFSE)**. These collaborations not only provide financial benefits and publication opportunities for our members but also increase EDRA's visibility and impact within our field.



MOVING BOUNDARIES
COLLABORATIVE 2024



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symposium and expo

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Financial Stability and Membership

I am pleased to report that EDRA remains financially stable, with a steady membership base. While we rely primarily on our annual conference for our budget and operational costs, we are committed to exploring new revenue streams and opportunities to further strengthen our financial position.

Student Community and Scholarships

Continuing our tradition of supporting the next generation of environmental design researchers, we remain dedicated to prioritizing our student community.

The Nana Kirk Scholarship and other initiatives have provided invaluable opportunities for students to engage with our organization and contribute to the advancement of our field.



CHAIR'S REPORT - Highlights and Achievements



Expanding International Reach

In June 2023, EDRA made a significant stride in expanding its international community by hosting a highly successful conference in Mexico City. This event drew an impressive attendance of **over 500 participants** from diverse backgrounds and regions, solidifying EDRA's global presence and influence.

The conference provided a platform for professionals, researchers, and students to exchange ideas, forge collaborations, and explore innovative approaches to environmental design. The overwhelming response and engagement from attendees highlighted the growing demand for EDRA's expertise and the organization's ability to foster meaningful connections across borders.



EDRA 54 STATISTICS

REVIEWERS	NUMBER
FIRST ROUND	184
SECOND ROUND	62
TOTAL	246

ACCEPTANCE AVERAGE	NUMBER OF SESSIONS
62%	142

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	ACCEPTED	REJECTED	TOTAL
ABSTRACT	282	134	416
POSTERS	72	12	84
PAPER	22	10	32
GSW	18	20	38
WORKSHOP	15	12	27
SYMPOSIA	10	11	21
SHORTS	8	2	10
COLLAB	7	8	15
INTENSIVE	6	3	9
TOTAL	440	212	652



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Mexico City
June 20-23, 2023
Hosted by UNAM

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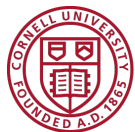
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Closing Remarks

Despite the many seen and unforeseen obstacles we have faced, I am proud to say that EDRA continues to make its mark toward improvements in human environments, true to its origins.

I extend my sincere gratitude to all of our board members, volunteers, and the entire EDRA community who have contributed to these achievements. Together, we will continue to push boundaries, forge new partnerships, and advance our mission of creating better environments for all.

Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to EDRA.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Welcome to all EDRA members

- EDRA membership is stable, with more student, Institutional members
- Financial stability and reserves are solid
- Conference attendance is stable despite uncertainties/international location
- Hiring of an ED Assistant (Welcome, Melika Rezaei)
- Over the past 5 years, I have tried to manage the organization, emphasis on:
 - a. Promoting better communications with members
 - b. Streamlining our operations/processes
 - c. Financial stability
 - d. Upholding the EDRA story



Deni Ruggeri, Ph.D.

Executive Director

*Associate Professor,
Department of Plant Science
and Landscape Architecture -
University of Maryland*

Would like to work on

- Enlisting volunteers and greater participation/engagement of KN and members
- Strengthening governance, clarify procedures and responsibilities
- Nurturing existing programs while seeking new partnerships (such as CEB-ASC, China Environmental Behavior-Architectural Society Committee *(formerly EBRA)*)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - 2023 members by country

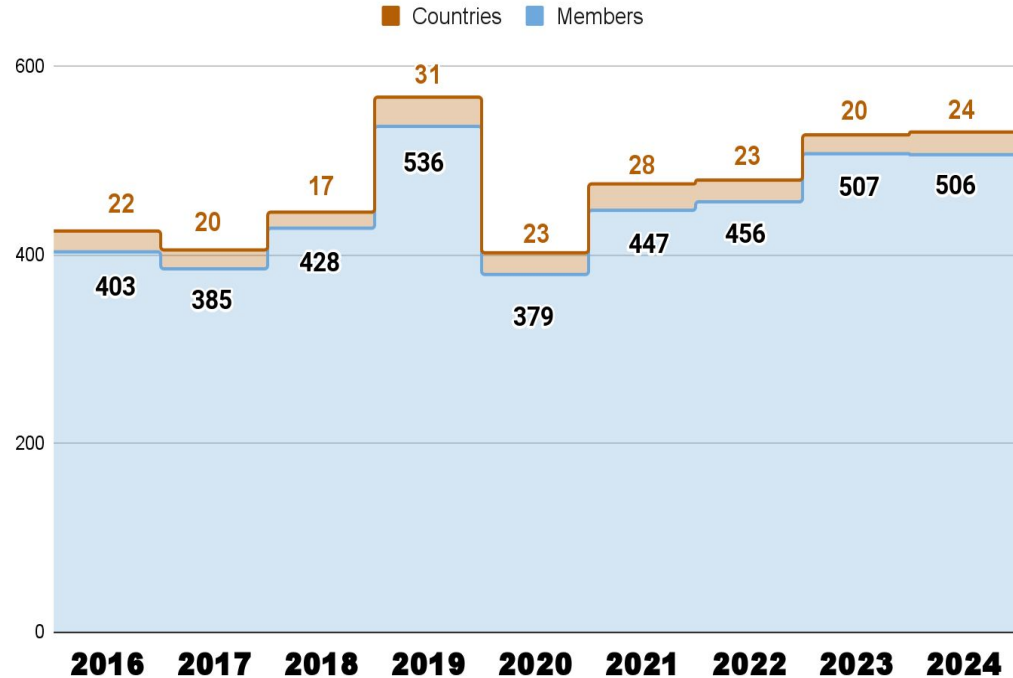


NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND COUNTRIES



We are steadily growing

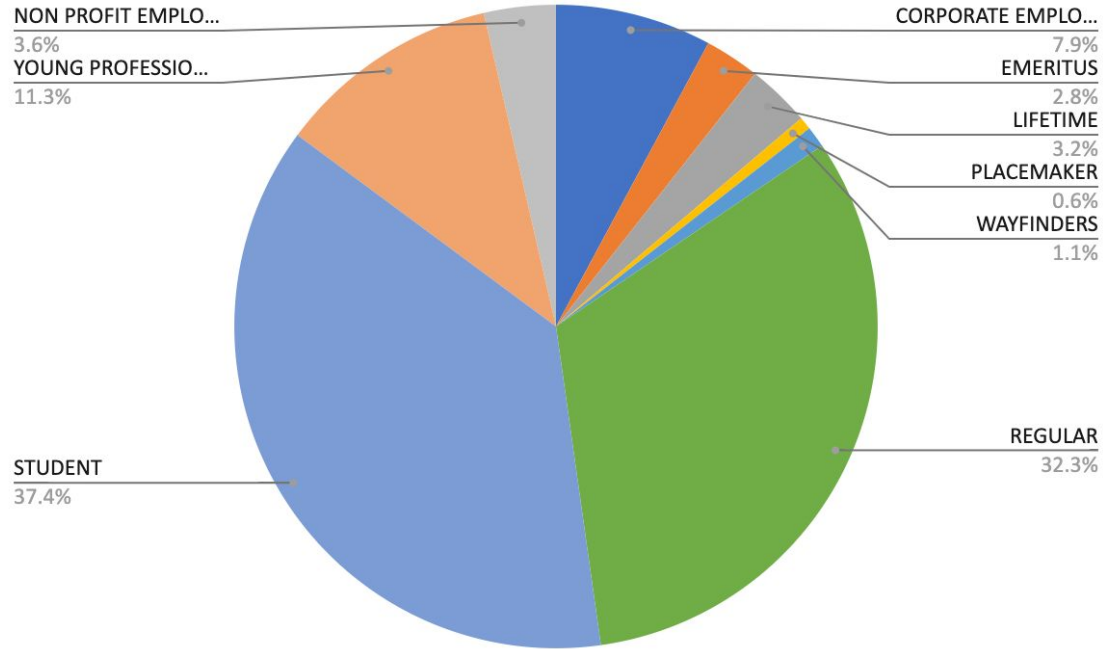
- Membership is stable
- *More international* members
- Membership is still highly dependent on conference registration fee structure
- We are favoring discounted rates for members



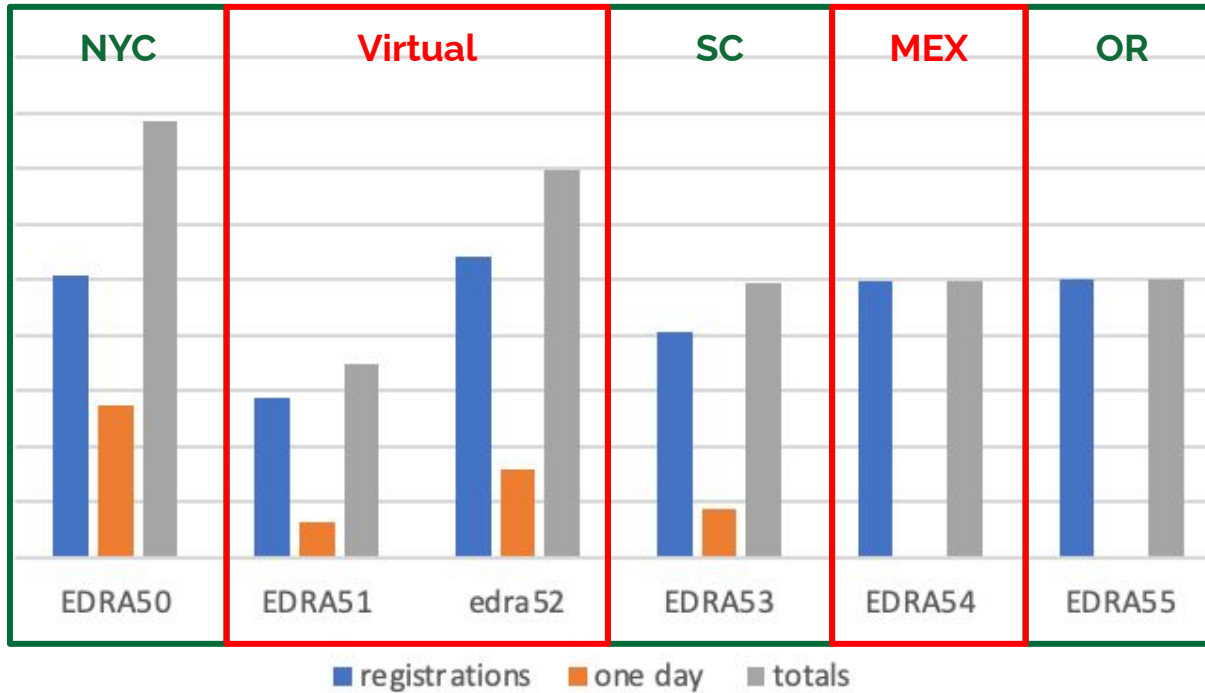
2023 MEMBERS BY MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY



- We are taking on more students and young professionals
- growing non-profit and corporate membership numbers



PAST CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS



NP ORGANIZATIONAL/CORPORATE MEMBERSHIPS



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CORGAN

DLR Group

HGA Architects and Engineers

LAKE FLATO ARCHITECTS

PAGE SOUTHERLAND PAGE,
INC.

SMITHGROUP

HKS Inc.

NON-PROFIT/INSTITUTIONAL

Boston Architectural College

University at Buffalo - School of
Architecture and Planning

University of Colorado Boulder
Program in Environmental
Design

Cornell University - Human
Centered Design

Clemson University

University of Illinois,
Urbana-Champaign - Landscape
Architecture

University of Kansas

Kuwait University

University of Maryland, College
Park - Plant Science and
Landscape Architecture

Michigan State University

Rutgers University - Center for
Green Building

University of Idaho - College of
Art and Architecture

Georgia Tech - SimTigrate Design
Lab

Wentworth Institute of
Technology

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LIFETIME, WAYFINDER, PLACEMAKER MEMBERS



LIFETIME

Clinton J. Andrews
Mohamad Araji
Meredith Banasiak
John Barbour
Mallika Bose
Susan Drucker
Kelleann Foster
Peter Haratonik
Esperanza Harper
Vibhavari Jani
Lisa Lim
Maria Papiez
David Seamon
Nicholas Wise
Julie Zook

EMERITI

Thierry Rosenheck
Chris Burda
Sue Weidemann
Anne Lusk
D. Michael Murtha
Ann S. Devlin
Zena O'Connor
Karen Tinker-Walker
Henry Sanoff
David Stea
Peter R. Hecht
Satoshi Kose P
Muriel Beattie
Sanjoy Mazumdar
Sherry Ahrentzen
Robert W. Marans
Gary Gumpert

PLACEMAKERS

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi
Lynn Paxson
Stephen N. Parker

WAYFINDERS

Cherif Amor
Tatiana Berger
B Sanborn
Daniel Stokols
Richard Wener

EDRA'S KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS



A network of like-minded individuals

EDRA Knowledge Networks are topic-area interest groups that have formed to create community and share knowledge around a specific environment, behavior, design, or practice topic. EDRA's knowledge-based networks serve as informal means to engage in collaboration and leverage EDRA's expertise.

The screenshot shows the EDRA website header with navigation links: Donate, Join Now, My Profile, Manage Profile, Sign Out, and social media icons. Below the header is a green banner with the EDRA logo and the text "RESEARCHERS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE NETWORK". To the right of the banner is a sidebar with links: Group Directory, Calendar, Blogs, Forums, and Photo Gallery. Below the banner is a text block describing the network as a forum for design researchers to connect. The text includes the network's purpose, goals, and contact information for co-chairs Emily Chmielewski and Lesa Lorusso. At the bottom of the page is a blue bar labeled "Group Feed".

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ABOUT MEMBERSHIP EVENTS PUBLICATIONS CAREERS AWARDS GIVING SPONSORSHIP

Group Directory
Calendar
Blogs
Forums
Photo Gallery

RESEARCHERS IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE KNOWLEDGE NETWORK

The Researchers in Professional Practice Knowledge Network is a forum for design researchers who work in professional practice to connect to one another.

The Researchers in Professional Practice Knowledge Network is a forum for design researchers who work in professional practice to connect to one another. By coming together, we can advance our own professional paths as well as how design research is conducted and applied in the design industry at-large. The group's goals include: sharing and learning from each other's experiences; building upon and standardizing our design research approaches; and fostering collaborations. This group is open to practice-based researchers from all design sectors and all organizations/companies.

Co-Chairs: Emily Chmielewski E.Chmielewski@perkinseastman.com Lesa Lorusso lesa.lorusso@greshamsmith.com

Group Feed

25 EDRA KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS



- Active Living by Design
- Building Process Alliance
- Children, Youth & Environment
- Cities & Globalization
- Communication
- Cultural Aspects of Design
- Cyberspace & Digital Environments
- Environment-Gerontology
- Environmental & Architectural Phenomenology
- EDR Education
- Health
- Historic Environment
- Interior Design
- International Connections
- International Housing Research
- Movement in Designed Environments
- Nature & Ecology
- Participation
- POE/Programming
- Public Space
- Researchers in Professional Practice
- Residential Environments
- Student Affairs
- Sustainable Planning, Design, & Behavior
- Work Environments

TREASURER'S REPORT: EDRA Assets (last 5 years)



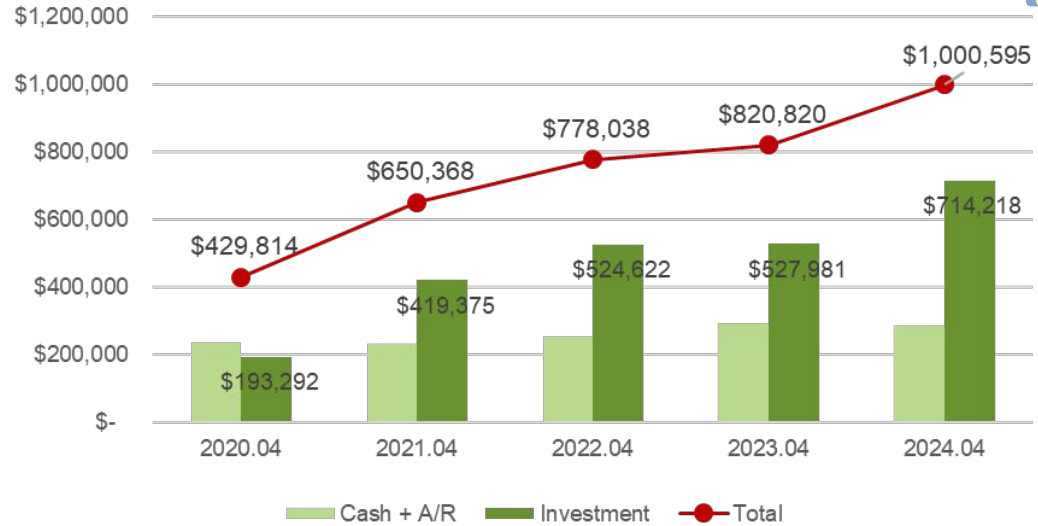
Lisa Lim, PhD

EDRA Treasurer

Assistant Professor

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)



EDRA Assets at a Glance

(4/30/24)

Cash & Accounts Receivable:

\$ 286,377

Investment Accounts:

\$ 714,218

TOTAL ASSETS:

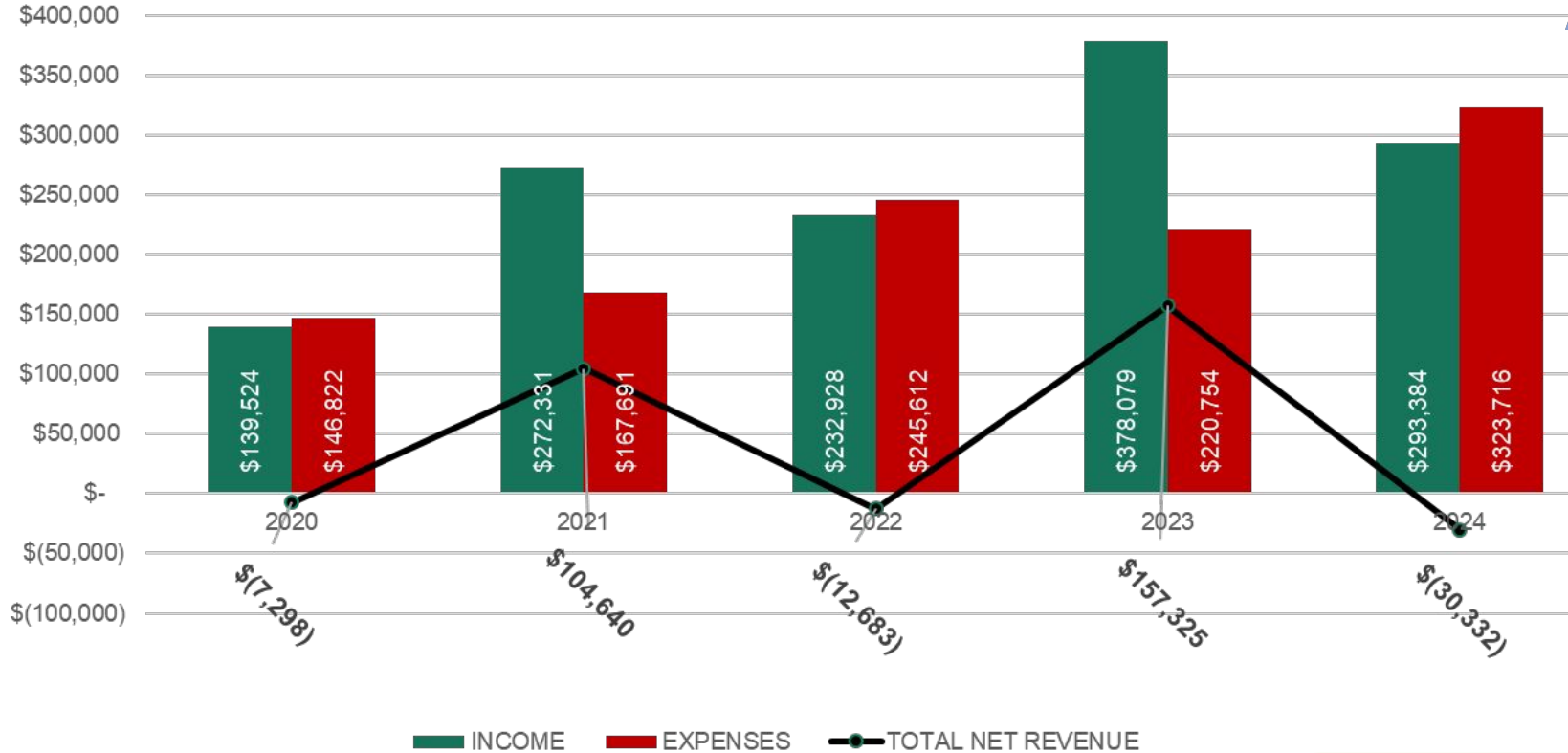
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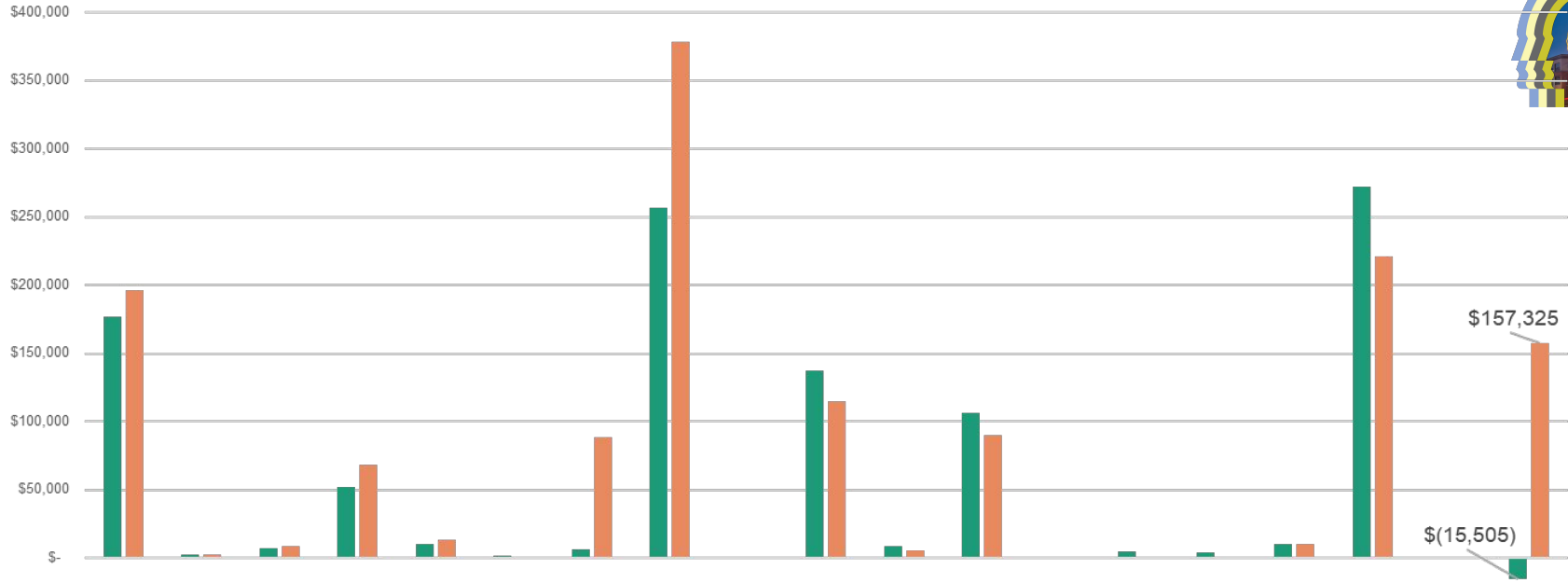
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ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES 2020-2024



2023 BUDGET VS. ACTUAL



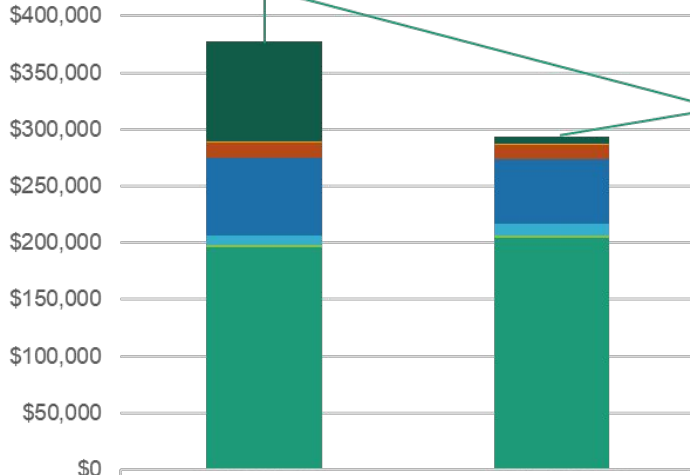
	Total Conference	Total EDRA CORE	Total Great Places Awards	Total Membership Dues	Total Publications	Total Restricted Revenues	Total Other Revenue	TOTAL INCOME	Total Administrative	Total Board of Directors Expense	Total Conference Expenses	Total EDRA CORE Expenses	Total Great Places Awards Expense	Total Publications Expense	Total Other Expense	TOTAL EXPENSES	TOTAL NET REVENUE
2023 BUDGET	\$176,955	\$2,500	\$7,000	\$52,000	\$10,500	\$1,500	\$6,000	\$256,455	\$137,000	\$8,500	\$106,260	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$4,200	\$10,000	\$271,960	\$(15,505)
2023 ACTUAL	\$195,886	\$2,325	\$8,325	\$68,386	\$13,211	\$1,300	\$88,646	\$378,079	\$114,660	\$5,708	\$89,814	\$-	\$-	\$129	\$10,444	\$220,754	\$157,325

■ 2023 BUDGET ■ 2023 ACTUAL

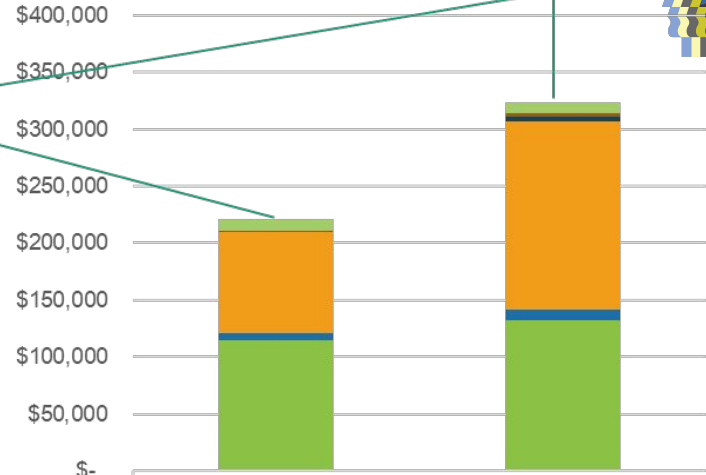
OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL EDRA BUDGET



2023 ACTUAL TOTAL NET REVENUE \$157,325



2024 EXPECTED TOTAL NET REVENUE \$(30,332)



	2023 ACTUAL INCOME	2024 BUDGET INCOME
Other	\$88,646	\$6,000
Restricted Revenues	\$1,300	\$1,000
Publications	\$13,211	\$12,500
Membership Dues	\$68,386	\$57,000
Great Places Awards	\$8,325	\$10,000
EDRA CORE	\$2,325	\$2,500
Conference Income	\$195,886	\$204,384

	2023 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2024 BUDGET EXPENSES
Other Expense	\$10,444	\$10,000
Publications	\$129	\$3,000
Great Places Awards	\$-	\$3,600
EDRA CORE	\$-	\$500
Conference Expenses	\$89,814	\$165,116
Board of Directors	\$5,708	\$9,000
Administrative	\$114,660	\$132,500

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2023 EDRA CAREER AWARD



Career Award Recipient

Robin Moore

MCP, Dipl. Arch., Hon. ASLA

Professor of Landscape Architecture and
Environmental Planning,

North Carolina State University - College of
Design



2023 EDRA ORGANIZATION AWARD



Organization Award Recipient

NTL Natural Learning Initiative

Nilda Cosco

Ph.D, - Director of Programs

North Carolina State University - College of Design



GREAT PLACES AWARDS 2023 RECIPIENTS

62 submissions from United States, Peru, Mexico, Venezuela, China, Canada, Palestine, Singapore.

15 Jurors: Liz Gálvez, Belinda Tato, Li Xiaodong, Elena Madison, Setha Low, Bo Yang, Newton D'souza, Michelle Ossmann, Mardelle McCuskey Shepley, Miguel Guitart, Kent F. Spreckelmeyer, Nate Storrington, Chris Cornelius, Richard R. Davison, Julia Jamrozik

The logo for the Great Places Awards, featuring the words "GREAT PLACES AWARDS" in white, uppercase, sans-serif font, stacked vertically on a solid green square background.

Place Art

Winner

4th Street Mural: Ripples of Peace + Calm

Tali Cantor

Honorable Mention

Lauderhill Overpass Shade Structures

Roberto Rovira, Jacek Kolasinski

Place Book

Winner

Remaking the American Dream: The Informal and Formal Transformation of Single-Family Housing Cities

Vinit Mukhija

Honorable Mention

The Topography of Wellness: How Health and Disease Shaped the American Landscape

Sara Carr

GREAT PLACES AWARDS 2023 RECIPIENTS

Place Design

Winner

Canal Nacional: Revival of Our Lacustrine, Cultural and Environmental History

Maritza Hernández Solis

Honorable Mention

Proyecto Volcadero: Parque Coral Del Volcadero

Milagros Zingoni Phielipp, Oriana Venti, Sonia Garcia

Place Research

Winner

Evaluating Human-Plant Interaction in a Public Place: A Social Media Data-Informed Evaluation Method and Application in Chicago's Lurie Garden

Bo Zhang, Ph.D., Cheryl Mihalko, Yang Song

Honorable Mention

Design By Fire: Community-Based Strategies for the Pyrocene

Emily Schlickman, Brett Milligan

Place Planning

Winner

Buena Vista Horace Mann K-8: Creating Space for Equitable Design

Patricia Algara, ASLA, PLA, Siobhan Hussey, Jessica Rozul

Honorable Mention

Framework Plan for a Riverine Commons and Institute

Stephen Luoni

GREAT
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CORE 2023 RECIPIENTS



CORE recognizes rigorous, valuable, and impactful practice-based research that sparks innovation and promotes best practice in environmental design.

MERIT CERTIFICATION (3)

"Realized Enrollment Decisions in Redesigned Active Learning Spaces"

Gould Evans and University of Kansas

Study team: Michael Ralph, Blair Schneider, David Benson, Douglas Ward, and Anthony Vartia

"On the Restorative Break: Understanding the Role of Break Room Design on Nurse Engagement and Satisfaction"

Gresham Smith, Steelcase Health, and University of Florida Health North

Study team: Lesa Lorusso, Steelcase Health, Linda Lawson, Carolyn Blake, Penny Houchens, and Robin Maddalena

"The Outpatient Experience Index – 2021: A National Study of American Outpatient Consumers' Experiences of Outpatient Care Facilities"

Genzler and Hanken School of Economics

Study team: Nicholas Watkins, James Crispino, April Spivack, Kyle Sellers

CORE 2023 RECIPIENTS



CERTIFICATION (10)

"Integrating Prediction and Performance Models into Scenario-Based Resilient Community Design"

Texas A&M University

Study team: Galen Newman, Karishma Joshi, and Jiali Liu

"Student Well-Being on a Live-Learn Campus: A COVID- Era Study"

HKS, Inc.

Study team: Upali Nanda and Renae Mantooth

"Making a Champion: Re-Envisioning the Elite Student-Athlete Experience"

Perkins Eastman

Study team: Emily Chmielewski, Joshua Jackson, Scott Schiamberg

"The Learning Futures Project: Imagining Higher Education in 2025"

Perkins Eastman

Study team: Danya Hakky, Joshua S. Jackson, David Levo, and Carisima Koenig

MICHAEL BRILL GRANT FOR URBAN COMMUNICATION, DESIGN, AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR



This Award honors EDRA member Michael Brill, who, while approaching research from the design and human behavior side, encompassed both of these fields in the scope of his life's work. It extends also the recognition in his work that environment and communication are both undergoing radical change due to technology. The award is funded by the Urban Communication Foundation and sponsored by EDRA

The Michael Brill Grant Committee:

Gary Gumpert, Ph.D. (Founder, Urban Communication Foundation)

Susan Drucker, J.D.

Susan Weideman, Ph.D.

Sheila Gobes-Ryan, Ph.D.

Richard Wener, Ph.D.

Peter Hecht, Ph.D



MICHAEL BRILL GRANT FOR URBAN COMMUNICATION, DESIGN, AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR



2023 RECIPIENT:

Anya Domlesky, Director of Research, SWA Group

Project Title: Life in the Urban Night

This practice-based research project looks at user behavior and occupation in 10 small public spaces in a temperate American downtown in the evening and night. The goal is to understand how mediated communication technologies and processes impact the use of designed places by individuals and groups. This research adds to the work of EDRAite W. H. Whyte on small urban spaces.



EDRA SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE



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2313 followers



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Ongoing strategy:

- Exploring how communications can support our members with knowledge networks, community engagement in between the conference as part of members and partners strategy, and working with our wider partner network
- To recruit social media and community engagement volunteers (i.e. Facebook community moderator)

TOWN HALL DISCUSSION & Q&A



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TO EDRA MEMBERS
FROM
THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



Designing Communities for Climate Action and Resilience



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