

2021 Members' Report

EDRA- Environmental Design Research Association



Members' report

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Chair's Message



Sharmin Kader, Ph.D.,

EDRA Board Chair

Posr-Doctoral Research Scholar
Healthcare Design Program, CAED
Kent State University

It is an honor to write this report as Board Chair for two years. I became the Chair for the 2020-21 term and then continued for a second term.

As we all know, 2020 was a global crisis because of the pandemic and other emerging political and social unrest. I began my journey as a Chair with three significant challenges: Covid-19, financial stability, and ensuring EDRA's diversity, equity, and inclusion. Along with these challenges, I have tried to accomplish other strategic goals, such as increasing its visibility and broadening its platform through global connections, contributing to education through increased student involvement, increasing the number of members and partners, and their engagement and bonding with EDRA. Another goal was to achieve a sustainable operational structure through fair workload distribution.

With many seen and unforeseen obstacles, I am glad to report that, true to its origins, EDRA continues to make its mark toward improvements in human environments. I am overwhelmed and thank all who have contributed to these achievements.

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Organizational structure

EDRA's Mission

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**.

EDRA's 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

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Chair
Sharmin Kader, Ph.D.
Post-Doctoral
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University of Manitoba



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& Partners**
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University of Victoria

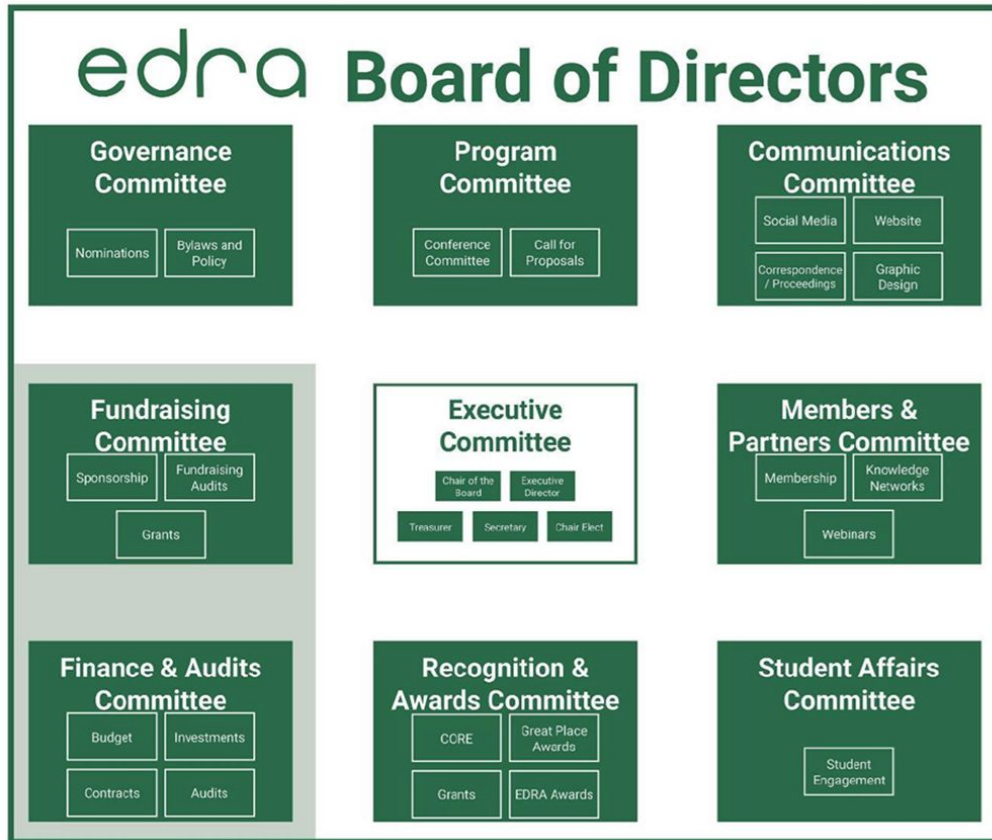


**Chair, Student
Affairs**
**Alexandre H.
Champagne**
Ph.D. candidate
University of Illinois



**Chair,
Communications**
Elif Tural, Ph.D.
Professor,
Virginia Tech
University

EDRA organizational structure



EDRA is a volunteer-based organization. Board members serve on two of eight committees

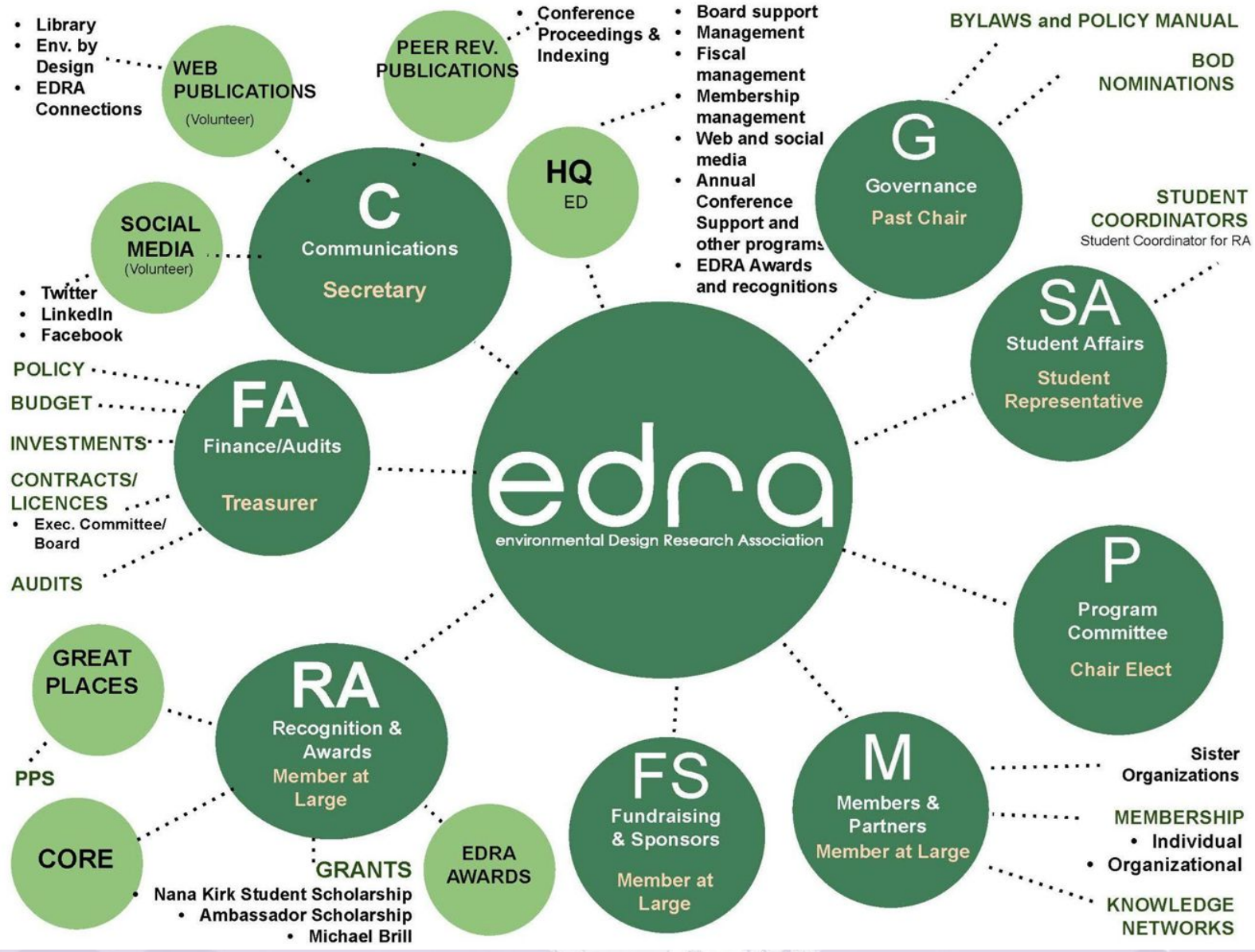
- A) Governance (in charge of policies/elections)
- B) Program Committee (in charge of conference)
- C) Fundraising (combined with Finance)
- D) Awards and Recognitions
- E) Members and Partners
- F) Communications

Officers of the org: Chair, Chair Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, Diversity and Equity Officer,

in addition to these committees, Board Officers and the ED form an Executive Committee

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EDRA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Committee Sub-committee Structure

Fall Retreat Strategic goals 2021-2022

1. Achieve a **sustainable operational structure** through **fair workload** distribution, effective **internal communication and team work**, and engagement with long term volunteers,
KN as leadership involvement. Internal documentation.
2. Achieve Financial stability through the development of a strategy and process for **fundraising revenue generation** and a business model
3. **Increase Visibility** and broaden EDRA's Platform through **global connections, collaborations with other organizations, members' involvement and publications**, and external communication, engage EDRA's knowledge and **disseminate through online digital education**
4. Create a successful conference by **Planning for future conference sites** that address the need to attract attendees
5. Achieve **greater diversity, leadership, recognition** and better **inclusiveness**
6. Achieve better visibility and **value proposition** through webinars, journal articles, leadership, scholarships, awards, and **virtual resources for members**

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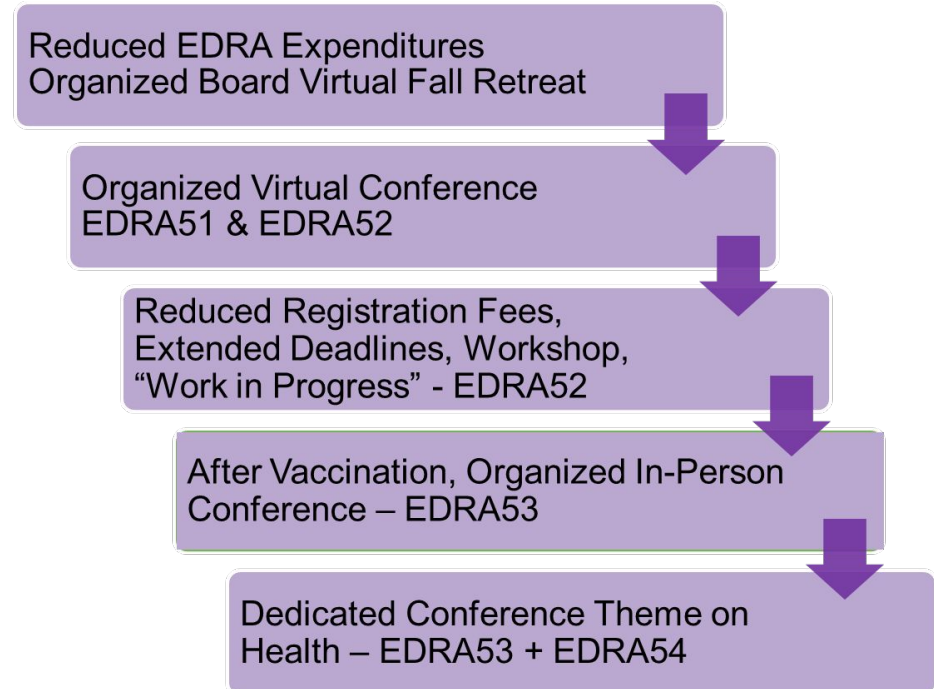
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Addressing COVID-19 Challenges

EDRA has taken many steps to address these issues. For example, many budget cuts, virtual conferences including reducing operational costs. EDRA52 provided reduced registration fees and discounts and also introduced a new category, Work in Progress. We have extended submission deadlines for the last two years to respond to members requests for flexibility.

After the vaccination, a successful in-person conference, EDRA53, was launched. We also created a virtual package of sessions to allow people to attend remotely. Because health—promoting a state of complete physical, social, and mental well-being over time- EDRA dedicated two conferences to it. EDRA53's theme was Health in All Design, and EDRA54's theme will be "Environment and Health, Global/Local Challenges and Actions."



First In-person Conference EDRA53 after 2019

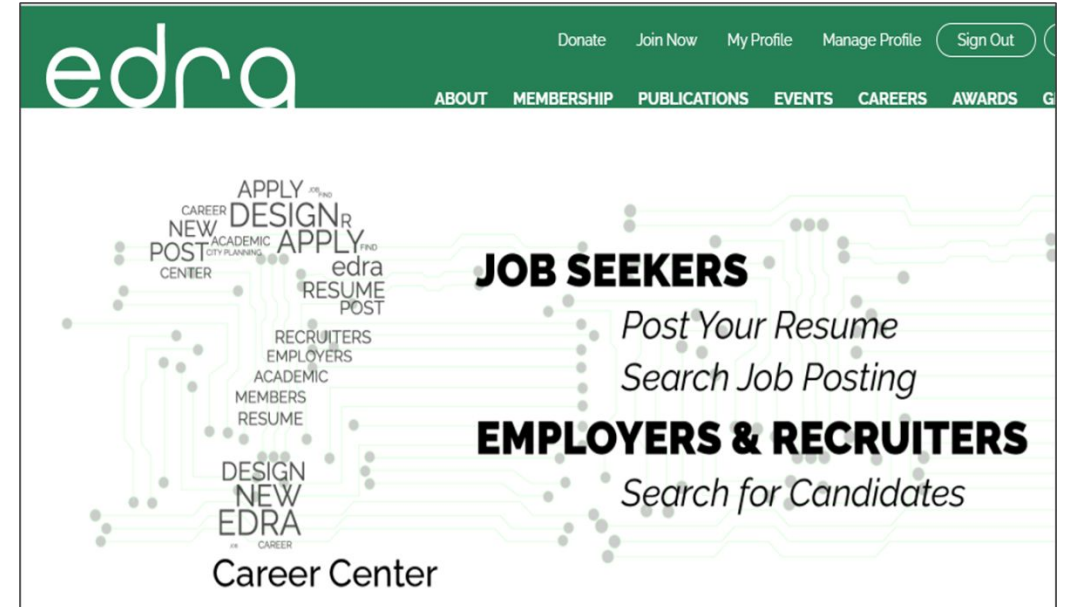


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EDRA Finance and Operation

As we know, in 2018-19, EDRA could not afford to retain management. Since then, the Board adopted many strategies to make EDRA financially stable. I am glad to report that EDRA has now overcome those crises. One of the steps was to reduce operational costs. EDRA reduced the duties and expenses for its Executive Director position, redistributing tasks among the board members and volunteers. EDRA 52 was very successful in terms of revenue generation. EDRA's Career Center has been growing, generating significant revenue. The awards and recognition applications have also contributed revenue. Moreover, EDRA has become financially stable. To achieve fair workload distribution, EDRA has been planning and acting to develop a Charter for each committee, hire an Assistant ED, develop more sub-committees, and increase volunteer involvement through Knowledge Networks. I wish to convey my best regards to all who have contributed to EDRA to achieve these goals.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

To address this issue, EDRA appointed the first DEI Officer to the Executive Committee, and has created a Statement of Equity. In 2021, EDRA launched a recognition program as part of the Great Places Award (GPA) category: PLACE ART. This award recognizes efforts demonstrating how the fine arts act to catalyze meaningful positive change in places or by fostering social and cultural inclusion and place-belonging. Additionally, EDRA dedicated the EDRA52 conference theme (Just Environments) to the creation of justice and how environmental research and practice may serve as a foundation for these goals. EDRA has also provided free or discounted conference registration fees to increase inclusiveness.

Created 'Diversity Officer

Developing Policy

**Launched Great Places Award
'PLACE ART'**

EDRA52 Conference Topic

**Conference Registration
Free/Discount**

EDRA54 Conference in Mexico

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Communication and Publication

Despite the many challenges over the last two years, EDRA organized four webinars, a good number of newsletters, the EDRA 52 proceedings (772 pages!), and many social media posts. Along with the EDRA 53 proceedings, a sub-proceeding based on an intensive session is forthcoming, under the supervision of Ann Sloan Devlin. In addition, this year's Proceedings will include the posters and the abstracts because the submissions have been of high quality and will be valuable for education and research. Finally, EDRA has a new website with beautiful graphics and more information.



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Awards and Recognitions

This committee has made significant progress in the last five years, such as crafting an improved organizational structure, marketing strategies, and evaluation processes. The number of Great Place Awards (GPA) submissions has increased threefold; the same is true for the Certification of Research Excellence (CORE). EDRA receives submissions from all over the world: US, Canada, Mexico, Italy, UK, Russia, India, Japan, China, Australia, New Zealand, etc. These awards and recognition programs have been reviewing their evaluation process each year. For example, the GPA increased the number of its jurors and has assigned two-three jurors for each category. Also, this year, EDRA invited the jurors to participate in the closing ceremony to recognize these recognition events better.

Better Organizational Structure

Improved Marketing Strategies

Increased Volunteers Number and Recognizing Them

Improved Jury/Evaluation Process

Increased Submission Number

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Great Places Awards - 2021

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Supporting EDRA Students

Students are the heart of EDRA, and EDRA has been trying to create more opportunities for students to become involved and benefit. This year 22 students were awarded Nana Kirk Student Travel Scholarships. Student participation increased in the EDRA 53 Graduate Student Workshop. In another EDRA 53 initiative, three interactive sessions were organized sessions to offer students practical advice on job searching and grant writing and provide insights on research in practice.

NANA KIRK STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP



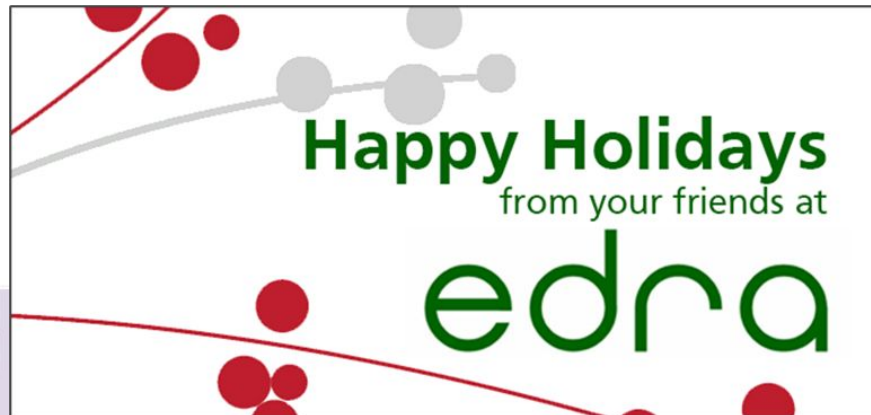
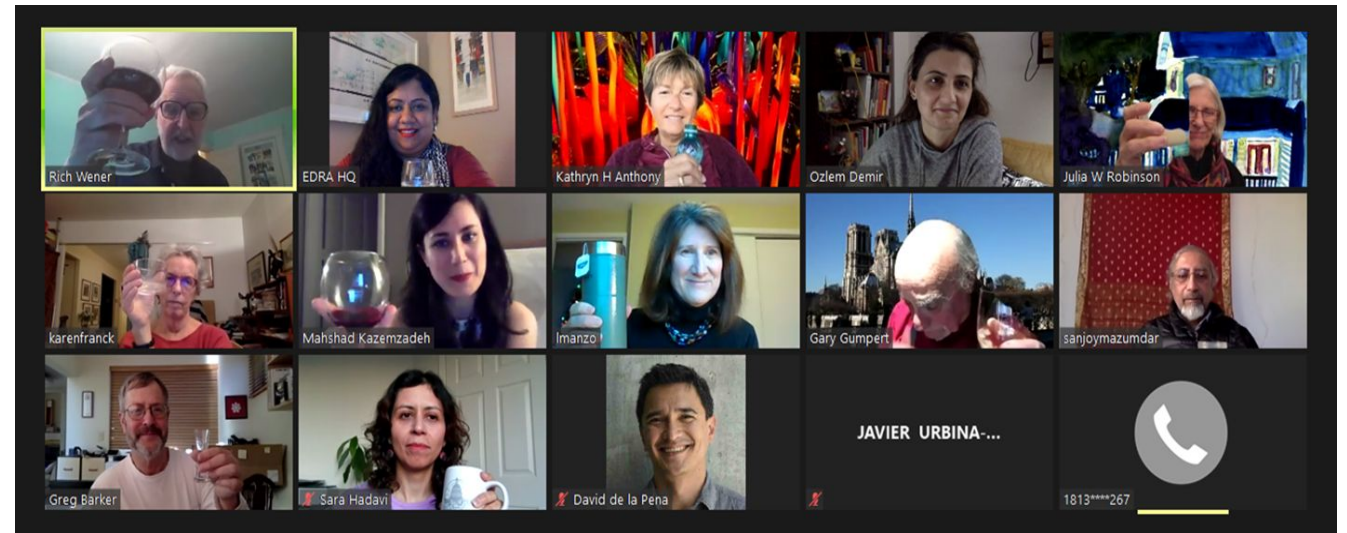
In 2018, the EDRA Board of Directors renamed the student conference scholarship in memory of the late Nana Kirk, EDRA member, Board of Directors, and 2012 EDRA Service Award Recipient, who embodied the passion and commitment that many EDRA student members have for social justice, diversity, and equality.

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EDRA FAMILY Year-end Party

Because many board members think of EDRA as a family, and to increase opportunities for mutual greetings, we have held a virtual EDRA Family Year-End Party for the last two years.



Executive Director Report



Deni Ruggeri, PhD,

Executive Director

Assistant Professor of Landscape
Architecture

University of Maryland

I am pleased to report on the state of EDRA's organization. Over the past few years, we have re-structured the organization toward a part-time ED supported by Board member and other volunteers

Our membership has increased, albeit with a smaller than expected growth. We have continued to offer conferences online, and successfully landed both EDRA51 and EDRA52, allowing us to operate without tapping into our savings. We have continued to support students and their participation in our organization, and have continued to invest in CORE, GPA and Awards to recognize excellence.

We did this thanks to all of you!

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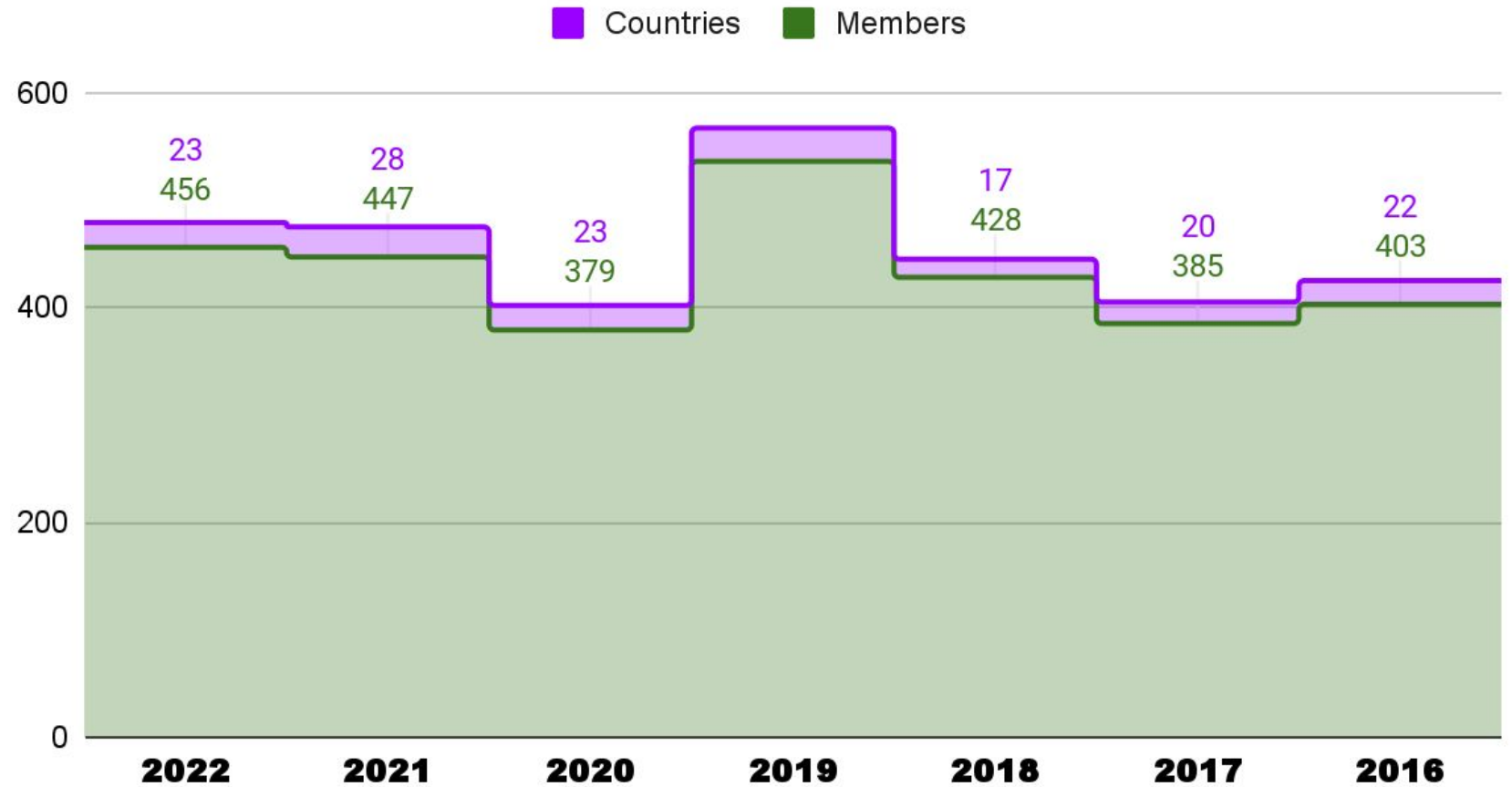
Membership Countries of origin



Number of members and countries

Steady numbers

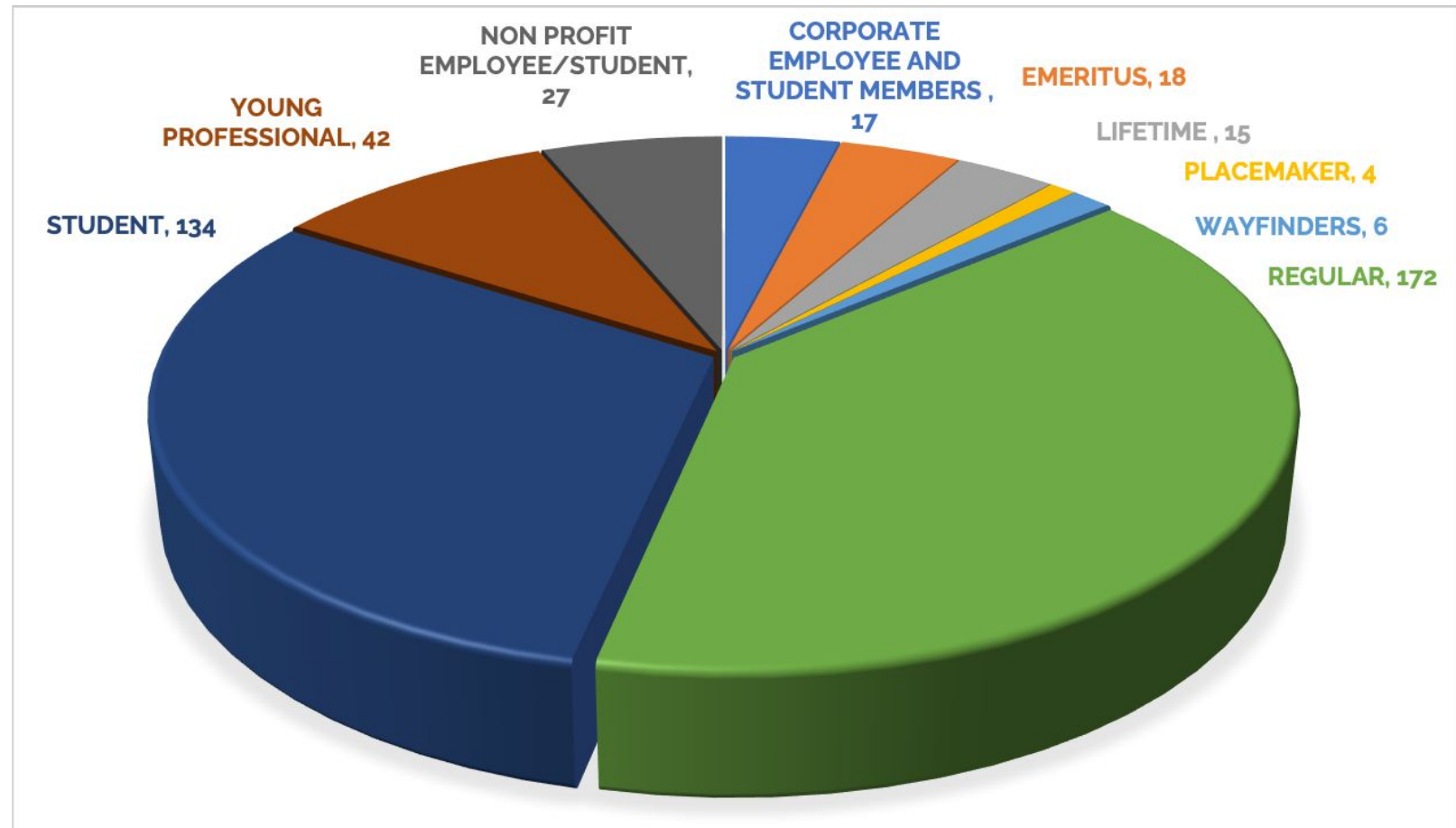
more international
outreach needed.



Membership by type

We are taking on more students and young professionals

Larger non-profit and corporate membership in years



Partner Organizations



Membership Organizational memberships

CORPORATE

CANNONDESIGN

DLR Group

GRESHAM-SMITH

HGA Architects and Engineers

HKS, Inc.

SMITHGROUP

EYP

NON-PROFIT/INSTITUTIONAL

Arizona State University

Rutgers Center for Green Building

The Pennsylvania State University

University of Colorado Boulder
Program in Environmental Design

University of Manitoba

Michigan State University

University at Buffalo - School of
Architecture and Planning

University of Detroit, Mercy -
School of Architecture

Kuwait University

University of Idaho - College of Art
and Architecture

University of Virginia - School of
Architecture

Boston Architectural College

Auburn University

University of Maryland, College
Park

Texas Tech University - College of
Architecture

University of Utah College of
Architecture + Planning

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Membership Lifetime, Wayfinders, Placemakers,

Lifetime

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

Wayfinders

Cherif Amor
Nate Meade
Julia W. Robinson
B. (Bonnie) Sanborn
Daniel Stokols
Craig Zimring

Placemakers

Gowri Betrabet Gulwadi
Keith Diaz Moore
Peter Hourihan
Lynn Paxson

Knowledge Networks

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.



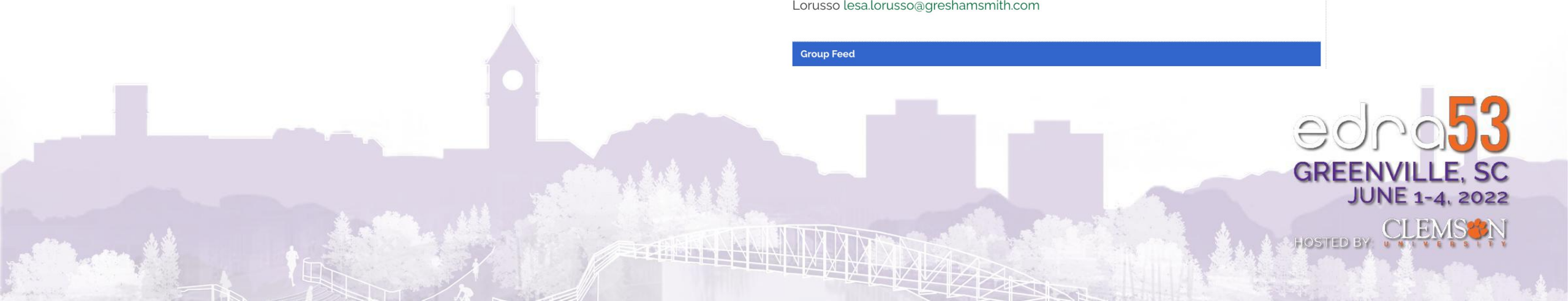
- Group Directory
- Calendar
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- Forums
- Photo Gallery

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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



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

EDRA Social Media Presence



4,315 people like; 4,607 follow

www.facebook.com/edra.org



2087 followers

[@edratweets](https://twitter.com/edratweets)



820 followers

[@edra_environments](https://www.instagram.com/edra_environments)



1,336 followers

www.linkedin.com/company/environmental-design-research-association

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EDRA52 Detroit



JUST ENVIRONMENTS
TRANSDISCIPLINARY BORDER CROSSINGS

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DETROIT

virtual

**Thank you for joining us at
EDRA52 on May 19-23, 2021!**

EDRA52 DETROIT: 5 DAYS, 700 REGISTRATIONS, 215 PRESENTATIONS, 76 POSTERS

Treasurer's Report

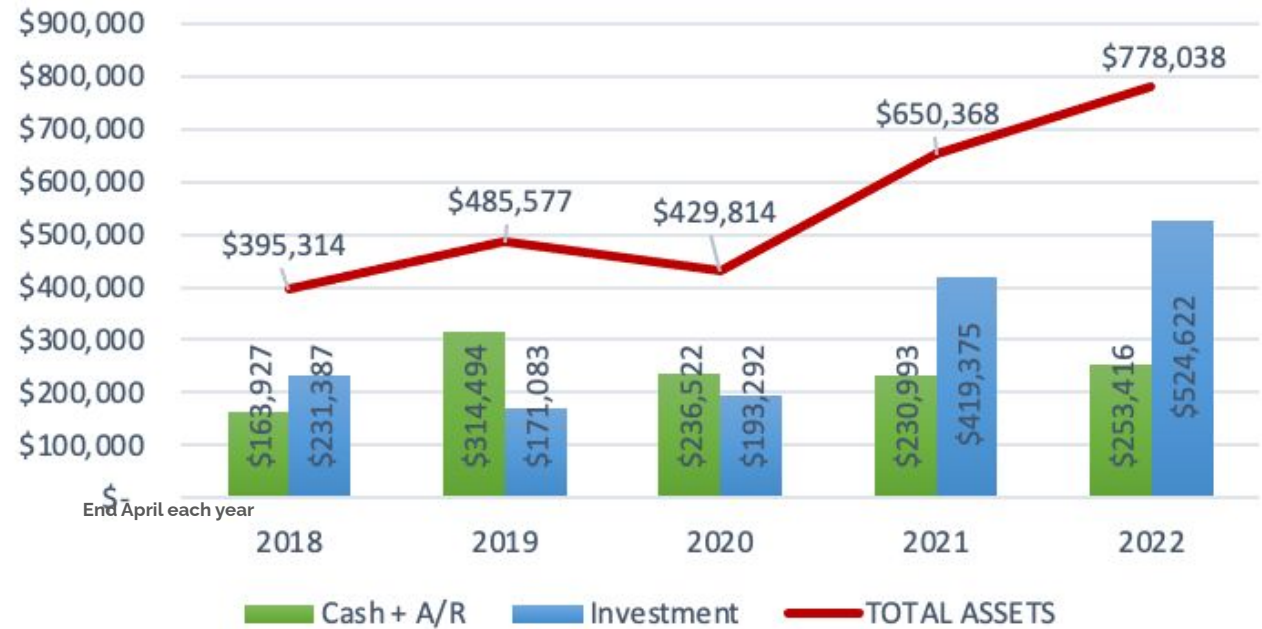


David de la Peña, PhD

EDRA Treasurer

Associate Professor, Human Ecology
University of California, Davis

EDRA Assets 2018 - 2022



EDRA Assets at a glance

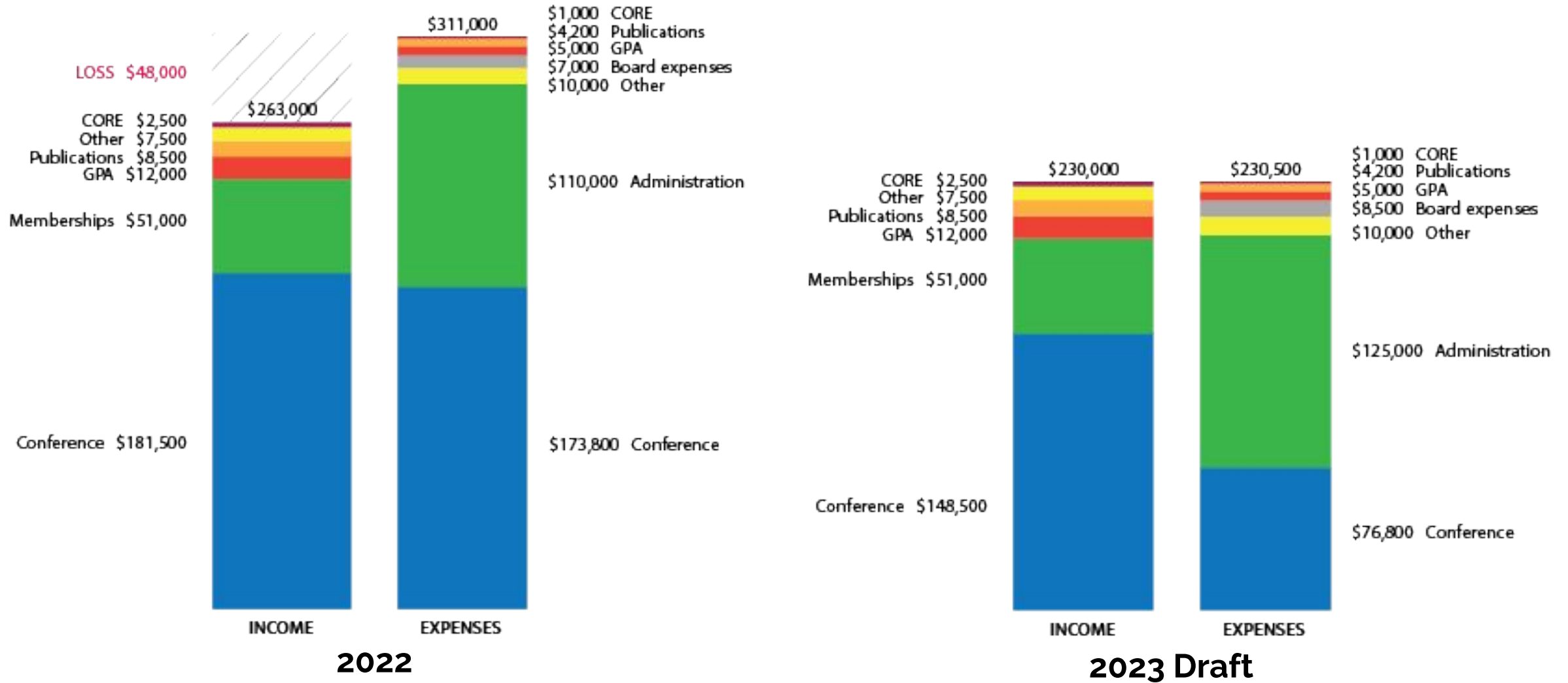
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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash & Accounts Receivable: | \$253,416 |
| Investment Accounts: | \$524,622 |
| TOTAL ASSETS: | \$778,038 |

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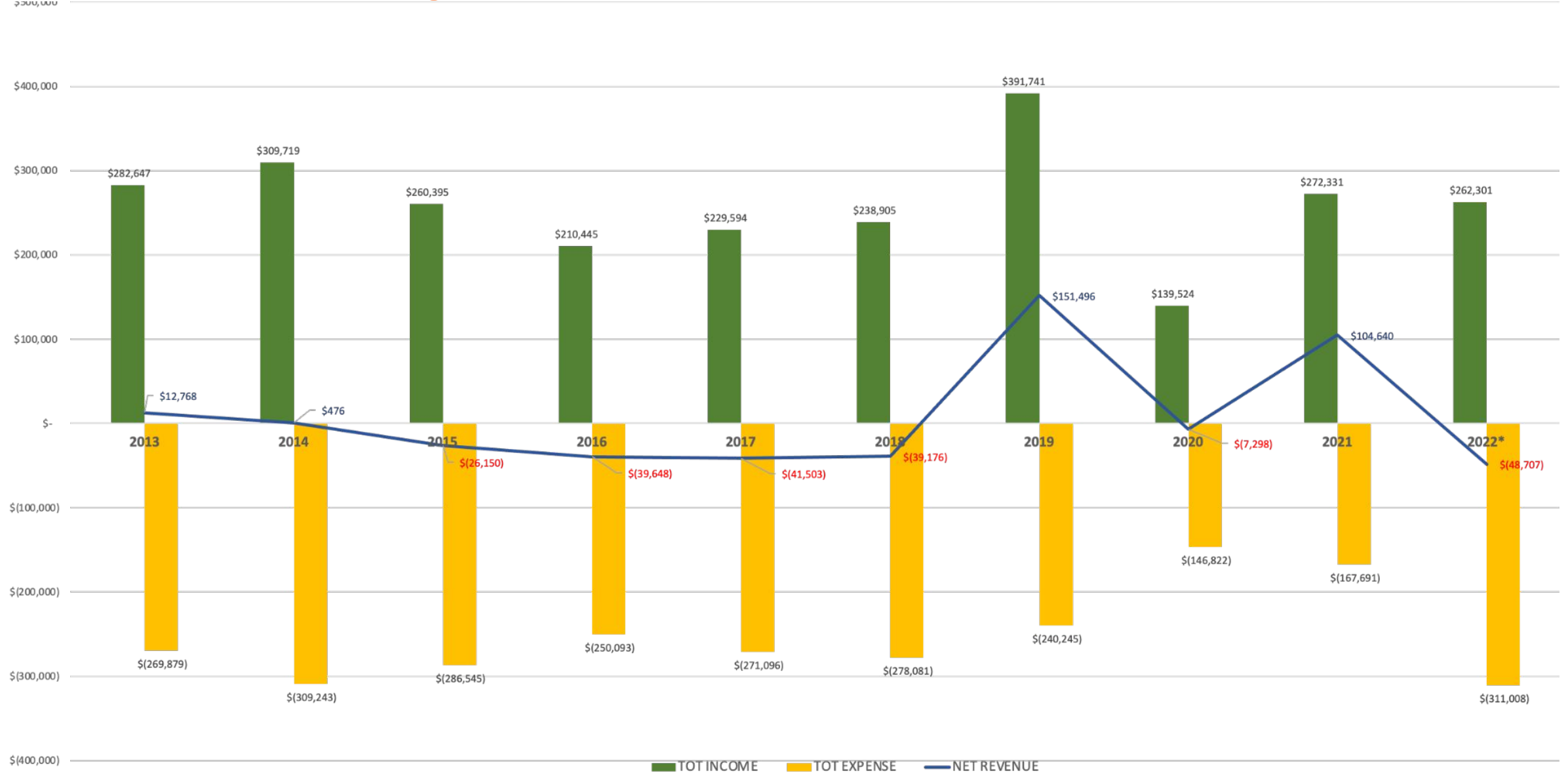
Overview of Annual EDRA Budget



Annual EDRA Budget Past 10 Years

| | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | |
| Conference | \$ 194,348 | \$ 215,750 | \$ 182,906 | \$ 133,286 | \$ 164,104 | \$ 157,887 | \$ 297,335 | \$ 70,287 | \$ 166,179 |
| CORE | \$ - | \$ 1,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 920 | \$ 5,253 | \$ - | \$ 2,475 | \$ 1,400 |
| GPA | \$ 6,760 | \$ 7,865 | \$ 9,100 | \$ 5,978 | \$ 7,525 | \$ 6,625 | \$ 9,799 | \$ 7,172 | \$ 17,817 |
| Membership | \$ 62,613 | \$ 65,738 | \$ 56,299 | \$ 54,575 | \$ 42,258 | \$ 55,270 | \$ 68,007 | \$ 47,535 | \$ 69,808 |
| Publications | \$ 15,924 | \$ 12,781 | \$ 5,194 | \$ 4,936 | \$ 9,287 | \$ 10,050 | \$ 7,100 | \$ 5,450 | \$ 15,885 |
| Other | \$ 3,002 | \$ 6,585 | \$ 6,895 | \$ 11,670 | \$ 5,500 | \$ 3,820 | \$ 9,500 | \$ 6,605 | \$ 1,242 |
| TOT INCOME | \$ 282,647 | \$ 309,719 | \$ 260,395 | \$ 210,445 | \$ 229,594 | \$ 238,905 | \$ 391,741 | \$ 139,524 | \$ 272,331 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | |
| Administration | \$ 112,139 | \$ 135,332 | \$ 123,786 | \$ 126,731 | \$ 128,413 | \$ 104,546 | \$ 44,553 | \$ 99,557 | \$ 84,479 |
| Board Expenses | \$ 10,968 | \$ 10,900 | \$ 13,150 | \$ 12,315 | \$ 10,064 | \$ 3,215 | \$ 10,571 | \$ 359 | \$ 455 |
| Conference | \$ 120,569 | \$ 136,852 | \$ 136,542 | \$ 103,720 | \$ 126,404 | \$ 164,182 | \$ 173,579 | \$ 28,811 | \$ 70,845 |
| CORE | \$ - | \$ 4,082 | \$ 52 | \$ 15 | \$ 691 | \$ 410 | \$ 1,777 | \$ 260 | \$ - |
| GPA | \$ 4,107 | \$ 604 | \$ 1,555 | \$ 572 | \$ 551 | \$ 471 | \$ - | \$ 1,329 | \$ 2,686 |
| Publication | \$ 8,647 | \$ 11,252 | \$ 9,240 | \$ 4,181 | \$ 293 | \$ 16 | \$ 1,875 | \$ 6,431 | \$ 6,226 |
| Other | \$ 13,449 | \$ 10,221 | \$ 2,221 | \$ 2,560 | \$ 4,681 | \$ 5,241 | \$ 7,890 | \$ 10,075 | \$ 3,000 |
| TOT EXPENSE | \$ 269,879 | \$ 309,243 | \$ 286,545 | \$ 250,093 | \$ 271,096 | \$ 278,081 | \$ 240,245 | \$ 146,822 | \$ 167,691 |
| NET REVENUE | \$ 12,768 | \$ 476 | \$ (26,150) | \$ (39,648) | \$ (41,503) | \$ (39,176) | \$ 151,496 | \$ (7,298) | \$ 104,640 |
| INVESTMENTS | \$ 56,080 | \$ 19,127 | \$ 2,351 | \$ 22,762 | \$ 31,623 | \$ (5,637) | \$ 38,190 | \$ 29,098 | \$ 85,543 |
| NET AFTER INVESTMENT | \$ 68,848 | \$ 19,603 | \$ (23,799) | \$ (16,886) | \$ (9,879) | \$ (44,813) | \$ 189,686 | \$ 21,800 | \$ 190,183 |

Annual EDRA Budget - Income and expenses 2013-2022



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Great Places Awards 2021 Recipients

Place Book

Winner

Case Studies in Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Strategies for Urgent Challenges

June Williamson and Ellen Dunham-Jones

Honorable Mention

Designing Streets for Kids

Annah MacKenzie and Annie Peyton

Place Art

Winner

Assembly House: A Living Workspace of Social and Material Connections

Dennis Maher

Honorable mention

Punto Urban Art Museum

David Valecillos

CORE 2021 Recipients

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

MERIT CERTIFICATION (5)

"Reimagining Kindergarten: A Mixed- Methods Approach to Testing Design Hypotheses in Early Childhood Environments"

DLR Group Study team: Study team: Raechel French, Anjana Sivakumar, Dr. Lennie Scott-Webber, and B. (Bonnie) Sanborn

"From Temporary to Transformative: Work from Home Insights"

HKS Study team: Casey Lindberg, Babak Soleimani, Melissa Hoelting, Upali Nanda

"Design's Impact on Seniors' Perceptions of Wellness"

Perkins Eastman Study team: Danya Hakky, Emily Chmielewski

"Pre-Occupancy Evaluation of the Outpatient Specialty Clinics: A Shift to Team Based Coordinated Care"

HGA Study team: Tanya Chadha, Kara Freihoefer, Anoosha Baladi, and Lou Bunker-Hellmich

"Mobility-Supporting Rehabilitation Clinics: Investigating Barriers and Facilitators to Stroke Inpatients' Independent Mobility"

Technische Universität Dresden Study team: Maja Kevdzija, Gesine Marquardt, Ruzica Bozovic-Stamenovic, Rüdiger Buschfort, Claus W. Wallesch, Birk Engmann, Michael Linnebank

CORE 2021 Recipients

CERTIFICATION (4)

"Telehealth: Its Rapid Acceleration during the Pandemic and What This Could Mean for Outpatient Facilities"

HKS | Center for Advanced Design Research and Evaluation, Study team: Deborah Wingler, Upali Nanda, Babak Soleimani, Melissa Hoelting

"Rise of the Community Learning Center"

TreanorHL Student Life Studio, Study team: Julie Lawless, Nadia Zhiri, Lisa Lamb, Sharmin Kader

"Understanding Art Museum Usage Patterns By Utilizing Social Media Data"

Beijing Jiaotong University, Study team: Dingyi LIU, Zhongzhong Zeng, Dingyi Liu, Bo Zhang

"A Comparative Analysis of Visualization Methods in Architecture: Employing Virtual Reality to Support the Decision-Making Process in the AEC Industry"

Ahmed Redha Gheraba, Study team: Ahmed Redha Gheraba, Debajyoti Pati, Ali Nejat, Marcelo Schmidt, and Mukaddes Darwish

Michael Brill Grant for Urban Communication, Design, and Human Behavior 2021 Recipient

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

Pablo García de Paredes - Architect, MBA,
Doctorant en architecture, Université Laval, Québec, Canada
PhD Candidate, University of Panama

A Re-design of Home Use and Home Environments Due to COVID Will Have an Impact in Communication and Community Engagement



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EDRA Achievement Award 2021 Winner



“LANDSCAPE OF HOPE”

By Dr. Tasoulla Hadjiyanni

Northrop Professor of Interior Design at the University of Minnesota.

Founder of “Culturally Enriched Communities”

EDRA 2021 Career Award - Winner



Dr. Setha Low

Distinguished Professor of Environmental Psychology, Geography, Anthropology, and Women's Studies, Director of the Public Space Research Group, The Graduate Center, The City University of New York

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