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2019 AIBC Recognition Program Honours Exceptional Contributions to the Built Environment and Local Communities

Nicholas Bevanda Architect AIBC and Terence Williams Architect AIBC Receive Prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, Paul Kernan Presented with CEO Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service

Vancouver, B.C. – The Architectural Institute of British Columbia (AIBC) is pleased to announce the names of those being honoured as part of its 2019 Recognition Program. Nicholas Bevanda Architect AIBC will be posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contributions to the built environment and community, particularly in the Okanagan. Terence Williams will also receive the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication to the profession, notably for his sustainable and innovative approach to design. The 2019 Recognition Ceremony will take place in late November at the VanDusen Botanical Garden.

AIBC volunteers, who are crucial to furthering the public-interest mandate of the Institute, are also recognized at the ceremony. Last year, nearly 200 volunteers collectively contributed 8500 hours to the Institute’s initiatives and programs. Paul Kernan Architect AIBC will receive the CEO Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service for his more than 20 years of volunteerism with the Institute and profession. In addition, six AIBC Council members will be honoured for their contributions.

Professional Service Awards

AIBC Lifetime Achievement Award (posthumous) | Nick Bevanda Architect AIBC, FRAIC, AAA, AIA, NCARB



Originally from B.C., Nicholas (Nick) Bevanda attended Washington State University, completing a Bachelor of Architecture in 1985. After graduation, he moved back to B.C. and became registered with the Architectural Institute of British Columbia in 1996. As a longtime Penticton resident, Nick left a lasting legacy in the Okanagan through his contributions to both the built environment and community, working on projects in all sectors to ensure a standard of excellence and consistency, while respecting the unique attributes of each project and client.

In 2003, Nick opened his own practice, Bevanda Architecture Inc., where he led many influential projects. The firm was honoured with several peer-judged awards, including the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia Award in Architecture – Merit for Black Hills Estate Winery in Oliver, B.C. Nick then merged with CEI Architecture Planning Interiors, where he was partner and design-leader.

Throughout his career, Nick shared his architectural expertise in many ways – he was actively involved in his community, serving as a mentor and volunteering at several organizations. He sat on many committees at the Architectural Institute of B.C., the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, and various municipalities. He was

also a speaker at the AIBC 2014 Annual Conference on “Imagining the Future” where he shared his experience working in architecture – including starting out in a small town – and his thoughts on future trends of the profession. In 2010, he was awarded a Special Certificate of Recognition for his contributions and volunteer efforts to the practice of architecture.

Nick was widely recognized for his outstanding achievement in the profession. In 2015, he was inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

In describing his philosophy for design, Nick has been quoted as saying:

“Architecture is an art. All buildings are public, whether publicly or privately funded. They contribute to the overall quality and livability of our communities. Only through a responsive design process can we produce buildings that are beautiful, sustainable and representative of our time.”

The Nicholas Bevanda Memorial Education Fund has been set up to honour Nick and continue his legacy of mentoring young people interested in architecture and design.

AIBC Lifetime Achievement Award | Terence Williams Architect AIBC, FRAIC, Hon. FAIA, LEED AP, ASA, RCA



Terence (Terry) Williams was born in London, England in 1942, in the latter years of World War II. Growing up in a “waste not, want not” era greatly informed Terry’s approach to architecture – one that embraced the mantras that “less is more” and to “reuse, renew, and recycle”.

In 1965, Terry graduated from the University of Bath with a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies. In his early career, he worked on projects in Bristol, London, Helsinki and New York City. He then emigrated from Great Britain with his wife, Liz, to Vancouver, and registered with the Architectural Institute of B.C. in 1970. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Victoria, where Terry joined John Wade as a Partner at Wade Stockdill and Blewett. He would eventually open his own firm, Terence Williams Architect, which has received many awards and accolades, particularly for outstanding sustainable design and architectural acoustics.

Terry has demonstrated his dedication to the profession in many ways. He served on AIBC Council from 1978 to 1983, including two terms as President. He also sat on the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Board of Directors from 1984 to 1988 (including one term as President), and was Chancellor of the RAIC College of Fellows. From 1999 to 2012, he served as a member of the Parliamentary Precinct Oversight Advisory Committee, which oversaw the long-term vision for Parliament Hill. Terry was also a founding member of the Canadian Green Building Council, given his expertise and involvement with LEED Platinum urban planning projects. Terry has shared his knowledge with the community, acting as a mentor to many young architects.

Recognized by his peers, Terry is a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Music has played a big part in Terry's life and career. He has been a member of the Acoustical Society of America for nearly 40 years, and has designed recording studios for CBC and acoustic performance venues in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo.

Terry considers himself to have been extremely lucky in life – *“Lucky to have found architecture as a vocation. Lucky to have been able to practise it in various parts of the world. Lucky to raise a family, play rugby, tennis, ski, kayak and row in British Columbia.”*

Volunteer Service Awards

AIBC CEO Award for Exceptional Volunteer Service | Paul Kernan Architect AIBC



Paul Kernan graduated from the Dublin Institute of Technology with a Diploma in Architecture and from Trinity College Dublin with a Bachelor in Architectural Science. In 1987, he moved to Canada and enrolled in the Architectural Institute of British Columbia's Internship in Architecture Program. He became registered with the AIBC in 1993.

Paul then continued his education and received a Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture from the University of British Columbia. He began his early career working for a variety of architectural practices, including Blewett Dodd Ching Lee, Dalla-Lana Griffin Architects, and James K.M. Cheng Architects Inc., before moving to work for the City of Vancouver as the building envelope specialist. Paul ran his own firm from 1999 to 2003, and then joined RDH Building Since Inc., where he continues to work today as principal and senior building science specialist. Over his architectural career, projects he has worked on have been recognized for their exceptional design, receiving accolades such as the AIBC Innovation Award in 2000 and 2002.

Paul has dedicated his architectural expertise to the profession, community and AIBC for more than 20 years.

Since 2011, he has been a member of the Qualifications Committee, assuming the role of chair in 2016. He has also been a member and chair of many other AIBC committees, including the Energy & Environment Committee and the Building Envelope Committee, and was also a former member and chair of the City of North Vancouver Advisory Design Panel.

Paul is dedicated to supporting those entering the profession of architecture in B.C. He has been a panelist for Oral Reviews, and recently volunteered to co-deliver the Oral Review Workshop, as well as been an assessor for the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program. Paul has also shared his knowledge with the architectural community through participating as a presenter in Professional Development events hosted by the AIBC.

In addition to his volunteerism at the Institute, Paul is a former mentor at the Immigrant Service Society of British Columbia and the MOSAIC Immigrant Settlement Organization.

His experience, knowledge of registration, sense of fairness, mentorship and commitment to the profession and community has made him an invaluable volunteer.

Certificates of Recognition

Darryl Condon Architect AIBC, Sean Ruthen Architect AIBC, Marianne Amodio Architect AIBC, Bruce Haden Architect AIBC, Gordon Richards Architect AIBC, and Danica Djurkovic Architect AIBC will be recognized for their contribution as AIBC Council Members or Liaisons.

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