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## American Institute of Architects New York to Welcome 2017 Board of Directors at Inaugural

**Under the leadership of President David Piscuskas, FAIA, LEED AP, 2017 promises to be a year of institutional renewal, engaging discourse, and focused advocacy.**

**New York City, December 12, 2016** – The American Institute of Architects New York will welcome the 2017 Board of Directors at the Chapter’s annual Board Inaugural on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The program will include a year-end review of this year’s events and programming, focused around the theme of 2016 President **Carol Loewenson, FAIA, LEED AP**, “Authenticity and Innovation.”

Following Loewenson’s look back at 2016, she will pass the gavel to **David Piscuskas, FAIA, LEED AP**, AIANY 2017 President. Piscuskas will welcome the newly-inducted board and give a preview of his 2017 presidential theme, “Architects: Assembly Required.”

### The American Institute of Architects New York 2017 Board of Directors

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### **ENYA Merit Award**

President Loewenson recognized **Michael Archer, AIA, NCARB, LEED**, the winner of the AIANY Emerging New York Architects (ENYA) Merit Award, recognizing architects who are making significant contributions to the Chapter and the profession at an early stage of their careers. Archer, an accomplished architect at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, was nominated for his work as AIANY's AXP/ARE advisor, helping to make the licensure process a better experience.

### **About David Piscuskas, LEED AP**

David Piscuskas, FAIA, LEED AP, co-founded 1100 Architect, of which he is a principal, in 1983. He believes well-designed, functional, and astute architecture can act as a powerful catalyst of change, inspiration, and growth. Following those beliefs, he has completed several award-winning buildings that span a range of typologies; these include the New York Public Library's Battery Park City Branch, the Queens Central Library – Children's Library Discovery Center, a private residence in Palm Beach, Florida, and the Irish Hunger Memorial in New York.

Piscuskas works extensively with city and educational institutions. Recent projects include the design and construction of a new, 1500-bed Rikers Island admissions facility for the NYC Department of Design and Construction and the NYC Department of Correction, a new 16,500-square-foot academic building at the University of Pennsylvania, and the 50,000-square-foot renovation of the Dalton School.

Piscuskas received a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from Brown University in 1979 and a Master of Architecture degree from UCLA in 1982. He is an NCARB Certificate Holder, Member of the Chamber of Architects in the state of Hessen, Germany, and is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA).

### **About AIA New York**

Founded in 1857, AIA New York is the oldest and largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The Chapter's members include 5,500 practicing architects, allied professionals, students, and public members interested in architecture and design. AIA New York is dedicated to three goals: design excellence, public outreach, and professional development. [www.aiany.org](http://www.aiany.org)