

RAIC announces new President and Executive

OTTAWA, July 2, 2009 – The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) is pleased to announce the election of **Ranjit (Randy) K. Dhar, FRAIC** as President for 2009-10.

Mr. Dhar is a long-time member of the RAIC Board, and former President of the Ontario Association of Architects, an Hon. Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, and a Fellow of the Canadian Design-Build Institute. Combined with lengthy service to AIA National and experience as an employee of Public Works and Government Services Canada, his advocacy for the profession extends provincially, nationally and internationally.

He holds international acclaim in the field of Justice Architecture having been responsible for organizing and chairing several International conferences on Justice Architecture, a national biennial Student Design Competition Award in Justice Architecture in Canada, supported with \$95,000 raised for the AIA Third International conference.

Mr. Dhar is a founder and past chairman of the CDBI – he co-edited and partly authored *The Architect's Guide to Design-Build Services* published by Wiley, New York, for the AIA. He was instrumental in forming a Government and Industry Relations Group bringing together disparate organizations to discuss and resolve design and construction related issues.

Joining Mr. Dhar on the 2009-10 Executive Committee are:

Stuart Howard, FRAIC – First Vice-President and President-Elect

Paule Boutin, FIRAC – Immediate Past-President

David Craddock, MRAIC – Second Vice-President

RAIC Regional Directors include:

Wayne Guy, FRAIC - Alberta / Northwest Territories

Charles Olfert, MRAIC - Saskatchewan / Manitoba

Ralph Wiesbrock, FRAIC - Ontario North, East and Nunavut

David Craddock, MRAIC - Ontario Southwest

Claude Hamelin Lalonde, FIRAC - Québec

Paul E. Frank, FRAIC - Atlantic

Alexander Rankin, FRAIC - Chancellor of the College of Fellows.

Eric Haldenby, FRAIC - Chair of the Council of Canadian University Schools of Architecture.

(Elections will be held for the Regional Chair for British Columbia / Yukon)

Headshots of Mr. Dhar are available by request.

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada is a voluntary national association established in 1907 as the voice for architecture and its practice in Canada. Representing almost 3,900 architects, the RAIC is the leading voice of architecture in Canada whose mission is:

- To affirm that architecture matters;
- To celebrate the richness and diversity of architecture in Canada; and
- To support architects in achieving excellence.

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