

## A Message from the Chairperson

I can't believe July is upon us. It's been a fast and furious 2023, particularly in the RAiNA community. I want to start by commending the organization on some excellent interface with the AEC community so far this year.

In May we completed our first joint installer training initiative with ITI at the Western Washington Sheet Metal Apprenticeship and Training Center. Big accolades to our Education and Training Committee Co-Chair, Chris Caricato, our Vice Chair, Steven Gaynor, and all of the member companies who sponsored the event, provided product, and dedicated their time with the training initiative. The results were great and we look forward to slate of trainings on the docket for the latter part of the year.

In Q2 we also launched our monthly education series as well as our Deep Dive on Rainscreens Partnership Series with RDH. These two programs, alone, connected us with over 700 participants. The feedback has been extremely positive and we anticipate continued visibility on our monthly programs moving forward.

Speaking of programs, if you haven't signed up to attend our RAiNA Conference on September 21<sup>st</sup> in NYC, don't wait...tickets for in-person attendance are going fast and seats are limited. We're also happy to share that we have only 1 sponsorship opportunity left! RAiNA just secured our slate of speakers for the afternoon CEU sessions that will cover NYC Fire Code and Rainscreen, Retrofit Rainscreen Applications, and then a Keynote from Dr. John Straube. It will be an excellent conference, and I hope to see you there!



**Todd Kimmel**  
RAiNA Chairperson

## 2023 Q2 Committee Highlights

The Board of Directors convened to review and approve each committee's work plans and budgets for the upcoming year. This annual process ensures that the committees' initiatives align with the organization's strategic goals and that resources are allocated effectively. The board carefully evaluated the proposed plans and budgets, engaging in thoughtful discussions to ensure that each committee's objectives were ambitious yet feasible. With approval, the board demonstrated their confidence in the committees' ability to drive meaningful progress and accomplish their designated tasks.

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### Building Code Committee

#### Co-Chairs

Brian Nelson, Knight Wall Systems  
Jodi Thomas, Carlisle Company

#### Code Consultant

Theresa Weston, The Holt Weston Consultancy

The Building Codes Committee's focus includes creating ASTM guidance documents, enlisting the expertise of contracted codes consultant Theresa Weston, and actively participating in discussions regarding the IECC 2024. Additionally, the committee aims to disseminate crucial information on Cycle A IBC Building code changes for 2024 to the organization's members

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### Definitions Committee

The Definitions Committee remains dedicated to its

### Co-Chairs

Cortney Fried, Brick Industry Association  
Jeremy Douglas, Hohmann & Barnard

ongoing efforts to define crucial industry terminology. Their primary focus includes regular updates to our organization's glossary, ensuring that it accurately reflects the latest industry developments. The committee has also established a peer review task group to guarantee consistency and alignment across all defined terms. Through these initiatives, the Definitions Committee strives to enhance clarity and precision in the industry's language and foster effective communication.

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**Check out the glossary for our defined terms**

[Glossary](#)

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## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee

### Co-Chairs

Linda Potter, Hohmann & Barnard  
Theresa Weston, The Holt Weston Consultancy

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) Committee focuses on conducting a comprehensive review of all existing policies within RAINA, aiming to identify areas that can be strengthened or improved from a diversity, equity, and inclusion perspective. In addition, the committee will lead in drafting new policies that promote and uphold these principles. Leveraging their expertise, they will provide guidance and support to ensure that diversity, equity, and inclusion remain at the forefront of the organization's practices and initiatives. Through these dedicated efforts, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee strives to foster a more inclusive and equitable environment within RAINA.

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## Education and Training Committee

### Co-Chairs

Chris Caricato, International Training Institute  
Collette Hart, Unitiwall

The Education and Training Committee is poised to drive impactful initiatives in installer training. Their primary responsibility includes spearheading comprehensive training programs for installers within the industry. Additionally, the committee will work towards formalizing presentations designed for the association, optimizing them for webinars and events. By focusing on content creation and initiating comprehensive training programs, the Education and Training Committee aims to drive professional development within the industry and ensure excellence in installer training.

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## Industry Outreach and Marketing Committee

### Co-Chairs

Kellie Knuff-Perkins, EQUITONE

The Industry Outreach and Marketing Committee have outlined a comprehensive work plan to drive their initiatives. The committee will facilitate monthly RAINA Hosted Member Webinars, showcasing presentations and content created by members to enhance educational resources within the industry. In addition, they will actively seek partnerships with industry organizations to foster collaboration and expand speaking opportunities for RAINA. To amplify RAINA's reach, the committee will create impactful marketing materials and brochures to communicate the association's mission and offerings effectively.

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## Rainscreen Performance Committee

The Performance Committee is set to publish a publicly available literature search on rainscreens in the second quarter, consolidating existing knowledge and research.

#### Co-Chairs

Graham Finch, RDH Building Science Inc.  
Corey Wowk, Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger

Additionally, the committee is committed to developing a Division 1 specification that will provide detailed requirements and guidelines for rainscreen systems, ensuring consistency and quality. Furthermore, they are actively working on creating industry standards to assess the effectiveness and durability of rainscreen systems.

### Residential Committee

#### Co-Chairs

Peter Barrett, Dörken Systems Inc.  
Danko Davidovic, Huber Engineered Woods LLC

The Residential Committee main focuses will be on developing drawing details and a comprehensive handbook for 3D drawings specific to rainscreens in residential construction. By providing detailed guidance and resources, the committee aims to assist professionals in effectively incorporating rainscreens into their projects, enhancing building performance and durability.

### Retrofit Committee

#### Co-Chairs

Alex Moshenberg, MBSI  
Annie Lo, Walter P. Moore

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the newly formed Retrofit Committee within RAINA. This committee's establishment underscores the importance of retrofitting in our industry and its potential to enhance building performance and sustainability. Together, we look forward to the significant contributions of the Retrofit Committee in driving sustainable and high-performing retrofits for our industry.

## New and Noteworthy

### Committee Co-Chair Appointments

With great pleasure, we announce the appointments of **Alex Moshenberg** and **Annie Lo** to the Retrofit Committee.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to Co-chair the RAINA Retrofit Committee with Annie Lo and a committee of distinguished, experienced industry professionals. The growing gap between the energy use of existing buildings and the expectations of evolving energy codes brings with it a unique set of challenges. These challenges are in need of attention, guidance and education. I look forward to collaborating with the industry leaders in the RAINA Retrofit Committee to help shape best practices, guidelines and ultimately work towards developing standards in the rapidly emerging space of rainscreen retrofits." - Alex Moshenberg



"I am honored to Co-chair the Retrofit Committee with Alex Moshenberg. Enhancing existing buildings is a passion of mine, beginning with my career start in historic preservation to now leading the West Coast Diagnostics Team of Walter P. Moore. This new committee within RAINA will be an active platform for best practices, research, and performance considerations related to rainscreen retrofits. As existing buildings are updated and transformed, development of a strategy for rainscreen implementation as part of the building enclosure approach is critical. I look forward to furthering this dialog and working with other members in the industry on this topic." - Annie Lo





### RAiNA Conference: Connect & Cultivate

Join an expected 140 design professionals, engineers, and manufacturers of rainscreen wall systems from across Canada and the US as they shape the future and direction of rainscreens and the building enclosure industry.

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## Member Opportunities



Shape the future of the rainscreen industry by partnering with RAiNA installer training courses.

RAiNA is looking for manufacturers and distributors for our September and October courses.

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### More Member Benefits

- Have your say and Influence the Industry - Participate on Committees, Share your webinar
- Meet and network with colleagues from across North America
- Grow your business and your career - Learn best practices for rainscreen assemblies and become your area's expert.

Have questions about opportunities for members?  
Need some RAiNA member signage? We're just an email away.

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# Upcoming Events

## RAiNA Hosted Member Presentations:



Wednesday, July 19, 2023

**Understanding Advancing  
Wall System Design around  
Continuous Insulation**

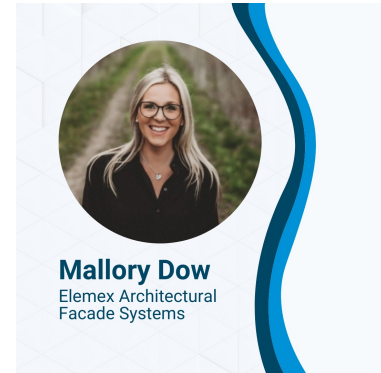
[Register Here](#)



Wednesday, August 30,  
2023

**Advancements in Cladding  
Support Systems, Design &  
Performance**

[Register Here](#)



Wednesday, September 27,  
2023

**Solar Facades:  
Understanding Building  
Integrated Photovoltaics and  
Pressure-Equalized  
Rainscreens**

[Register Here](#)

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## RAiNA Monthly Educational Webinars

Interested in sharing your Rainscreen presentation? Well, now RAiNA members can!

RAiNA is excited to announce that we will offer monthly AIA-accredited webinars featuring our member's Rainscreen Presentations!

Learn more by contacting our office today!

[Learn More](#)



## RDH Webinar Series

RAiNA is thrilled to continue our partnership with [RDH](#). Follow [RAiNA](#) and [RDH](#) on social media for more information on upcoming sessions in the fall.

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Exclusive discounts for the following conferences are available for RAiNA members.  
Please contact our office for more information.



OCTOBER 18-20, 2023

# METALCON

## METALCON

October 18-20, 2023

In-depth Workshop - RAINA Installer Training for Rainscreens - [Register Today](#)

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## Welcome New Members

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