

RAiNA REPORT

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Letter from Chairperson

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The sold-out, one-day 2025 RAINA Conference showcased the continued growth and influence of RAINA as the leading organization dedicated to advancing rainscreen assemblies and high-performance building envelopes. Attendees enjoyed a full day of technical presentations, expert panels, and collaborative discussions focused on the future of rainscreen design, performance, and education.

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RAiNA Chairperson Awards

A major highlight of the conference was the presentation of the 2025 RAiNA Awards, which recognize individuals and projects that exemplify excellence, leadership, and innovation in advancing the science and practice of rainscreen assemblies.

Congratulations to the recipients:

Excellence in Leadership Award

Cortney Fried
Alex Moshenberg
Annie Lo

Volunteer Excellence Award

Graham Finch

Staff Excellence Award

Jenna Xec

Outstanding Contribution to Education Award

Steven Gaynor

Collaboration Award

Nicholas Sabol



RAiNA Design Awards



In addition, RAiNA recognized outstanding project achievements through the RAiNA Design Awards, honoring buildings that demonstrate the benefits of well-designed rainscreen assemblies in energy performance, durability, and aesthetics. This year's winners were:



New Construction Humboldt Park Wellness Center

2933 W. Division St.,
Chicago IL 60622

Manufacturer
Alucobond

Design team
JGMA

Distributor
Metal Design Systems, Inc



Retrofit Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center

536 Jefferson St,
Winchester VA 22601

Manufacturer
ECO Cladding

Design team
VMDO Architects & Reader + Swartz

Contractor
Howard Shockey &



Sons, Inc

Total Building Area - **40,000 sqft**

Year of Substantial Completion - **2025**

Total Building Area - **4,000 sqft**

Year of Substantial Completion - **2024**

A Letter from the Executive Committee

Hello RAINA Community,

As we step into 2026, I'm energized by the momentum building across our industry and within our association. The transition into my role as Chairperson these past two quarters has reinforced what I've always known: RAINA's strength lies in the collective expertise and commitment of its members.



We closed 2025 on a high note with our November conference in Philadelphia, where we celebrated the annual RAINA Awards and witnessed firsthand the exceptional work being done across North America. From innovative retrofit projects to examination of common jobsite challenges, our members continue to expand the scope of what we can improve by working together.

Looking ahead to 2026, the landscape for rainscreen systems has never been more promising. The confluence of stricter energy codes, heightened focus on building envelope performance, and increased awareness of moisture management is driving unprecedented demand for properly designed and installed rainscreen assemblies. This is why we work together to lead the broader construction environment in all things rainscreen.

Several trends will define our work this year. Building codes continue to evolve, with the 2024 IBC and IRC provisions now being adopted across jurisdictions, energy efficiency standards tightening, and many states implementing performance and maintenance regulations pushing the acceleration of retrofits, ripe for rainscreen design, across the country.

RAINA's role in 2026 is clear: we must continue to lead with a performance mindset, broaden our relationships with diverse stakeholders down the value chain, and the develop resources that make everyone's job easier. Whether you're specifying, manufacturing, installing, or testing rainscreen assemblies, your involvement in the work produced under RAINA committees and events directly shapes the future of our industry.

I encourage each of you to get involved this year. Attend a committee meeting. Submit a project for the 2026 awards programs. Share your expertise through a member webinar or article. Invite a colleague to be a guest at a committee meeting. Every contribution strengthens our collective impact. Thank you for your continued support of RAINA's mission. I look forward to working alongside all of you as we advance the understanding and adoption of high-performance rainscreen systems across North America.

Steven Gaynor
Chairperson

Welcome New Members

Construction Sales Group
Chesapeake Glazing LLC

Committee Highlights

Over the past few months, RAINA's committees and task groups have been hard at work advancing key projects and resources for the rainscreen industry.

The **Definitions Committee** continued to refine and approve important terminology such as Rainscreen Overclad, Panel Joint, and Drainable Membrane, helping ensure consistency and clarity across the field.

Meanwhile, the **Performance Committee** made steady progress on technical publications and standards development, including updates to the Design Guide and Technical Bulletins, and a new Continuous Insulation Task Group.

The **Residential Committee** is moving forward on its Installer Site Manual and exploring solutions to common siding challenges, while the **Retrofit Committee** is preparing case study materials for the website and 3D graphics for upcoming resources.

The **Building Codes Committee** also remained active, reviewing and discussing new code change proposals that impact rainscreen assemblies. The new co-chairs of the **Education and Training Committee** are working to restart for 2026 and are currently preparing for the committee to meet.

Get Involved

RAINA Committees Are Driving Industry Progress

RAINA's committees are actively tackling critical issues, developing resources, and advancing the rainscreen industry through collaborative work. From technical standards to retrofit guidance, our committees are where meaningful progress happens.

As a RAINA member, you are entitled to one voting participant and one observing participant per committee. This is your opportunity to engage with peers, share your expertise, and shape the future of the industry.

If you're interested in sitting on one of RAINA's committees as a guest before completing a committee application, let our office know. Guest passes are available as a one-time opportunity to explore whether a committee is the right place for you to contribute your time and expertise.

Be part of the important work underway in 2025. Make your voice heard, contribute to the conversation, and help RAINA lead the advancement of rainscreen systems across North America.

Download the Committee Application

Member Opportunities

Presenting? Let us know!

Whether it's an in-person presentation or virtual, let RAINA help spread the word via the events calendar on our website. **Email us with the details to start sharing your next upcoming presentation.**

Member Spotlight

We want to continue to feature our incredible list of members on our social media platforms. This include a write up, your company logo and images of projects your company has been working on, any image you feel best represents your company/brand.

Rainscreen Resources

Request a Rainscreen Presentation

RAiNA is proud to offer AIA-accredited presentations, each providing 1 LU/HSW Credit, catering to architects and professionals seeking to enrich their knowledge base. As the foremost authority on Rainscreen, RAiNA ensures that its presentations deliver comprehensive insights into this critical architectural element. Our presentations promise to equip attendees with practical and relevant information. **Click to see all available presentations and request one for your organization.**

View Presentations from Past Conferences

Did you miss a recent RAiNA conference or symposium? Or maybe you want to revisit a presentation that really stood out? Good news—presentations from past RAiNA events are now available on our website. **Visit the RAiNA website and explore the archive of content from past conferences and symposiums today!**

Glossary

Intended to provide standardized terms and definitions for the rainscreen industry and associated systems, assemblies, sub-assemblies, accessories, materials, and products. **View the Glossary.**

Become a RAiNA Member

By joining your company will become part of a network of experts who play an integral role in growing and evolving the industry. Work hand in hand to develop key technical and marketing data, promote education and training, and develop standards to guide and govern rainscreens. **Join Today.**