

The Jury

The Jury is selected by AIACA and comprised of three leading architects from across the nation. The Jury has the duty to view projects, remain impartial, and select winning entries that best exemplify outstanding sustainable architectural design incorporating concrete masonry construction within California and Nevada.

The Distinguished Jury for the 2026 Concrete Masonry Design Awards Program includes:



Head Juror Marc Mondor, FAIA, LEED® Fellow

Marc, Cofounder and Managing Principal of evolveEAnationally, is recognized for advancing sustainability and building performance within the industry. His work includes landmark achievements such as the first LEED® certified project in Africa, the first certified market, and early Living Buildings. As President of AIA Pennsylvania and serving on several national committees, he established long-standing sustainability and equity advocacy committees.

Marc is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, a LEED® Fellow of the USGBC, served as Adjunct Professor at Chatham University, advises the Pennsylvania Climate Action Plan, and lectures nationally.



Paul McDonnell, AIA

Paul is a lifelong resident of Buffalo, NY and spent 32 years serving as an architect in the public sector, working the last 25 years of his career as Architect and

Director of Facilities for the Buffalo Public Schools. Paul also served as chair of the Buffalo Preservation Board for 11 years and was co-founder and president of Buffalo's leading preservation advocacy organization, the Campaign for Greater Buffalo History Architecture and Culture.

Paul serves as board member for the Buffalo/Niagara Freedom Station, the Buffalo State University Capital Improvement Advisory Board, and the Heart of the City. Paul was AIA Buffalo WNY president in 2010 and in 2023 served as the president of AIA New York State, American Institute of Architects, representing over 9000 architects in the NYS. Paul is currently Vice President of Government Advocacy for AIA NYS.



Maria A. Gomez, AIA, LEED® AP

Maria brings over two decades of robust experience and leadership to her role as President and Chief Practice Officer at GFF Dallas. Since joining GFF in 1999, she has guided a

diverse range of projects—from corporate offices and institutional facilities to transformative arts and cultural developments. Prior to GFF, Maria opened her own firm in Colombia, an experience that honed her entrepreneurial spirit and enriched her global perspective on design. Her visionary approach led to award-winning projects such as the Dallas Academy building expansion and the record-setting Park 17 multi-use building—Dallas's first office building to achieve LEED® Gold certification. Maria's active participation in industry panels, speaking engagements, and influential publications underscores her commitment to professional excellence and community engagement. With a focused belief in the power of civic involvement, she continuously advocates for design that not only meets client needs but also enriches the urban landscape.