BERNARD B. ROTHSCCHILD, FAIA AWARD (2021)

The Rothschild Award is the highest honor that AIA Georgia can bestow on members, alive or deceased. This award is in honor of Bernard B. Rothschild FAIA who served the profession at many levels through his leadership and active participation throughout his career. The award is bestowed in recognition of the architect who has exhibited the broadest and most distinguished service throughout their career to the profession of Architecture in the State of Georgia. This award may or may not be given every year, and only one may be awarded each year.

Award Selection Jury

The jury shall be the last three winners of the award. If one of those winners is unavailable, the AIA Georgia President shall appoint a replacement, who shall also be a past winner of the award.

Eligibility of Winner

All AIA Georgia Architect members are eligible to receive this award. In rare cases where a nominee has worked the preponderance of their career in partnership with another architect, the selection committee may choose to bestow the award to more than a single individual.

Also, if the nominee has held a leadership role in their firm or employer, this firm or employer should not have engaged in the use of Unpaid Labor (see 2016 adopted policy resolution of the AIA) in the most immediate preceding 10 years of their career. The Selection Jury should take quiet steps to verify that the nominee has been in compliance with this eligibility requirement before deciding on a winner.

Criteria

Candidates will be evaluated on how well they meet a broad array of career service to the profession, which would include substantial contributions in at least two of the following areas:

- **Design/Firm Excellence**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the advancement of architectural design and to elevating the quality of the built environment in Georgia’s communities. This can include leadership of a firm(s) that has made a significant positive impact on the built environment in Georgia or through the individual’s broader geographic body of work.

- **AIA/Professional Leadership**: The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the
advancement of AIA and its leadership, either through local, state, regional and/or national positions. This can also include significant leadership roles in other architecture-focused organizations such as NOMA, the Architecture Foundation of Georgia, Atlanta Center for Creative Inquiry, etc.

- **Education:** The contributions the candidate(s) has made to the advancement of architectural education (at either the university or K-12 level).

- **Civic Leadership:** The contributions the candidate(s) has made through leadership service in public office, serving on nonprofit boards, design review commissions, business organizations, the state licensing boards, and/or state committees (such as building codes, QBS standards, etc.).

- **Mentorship:** The contributions the candidate(s) has evidenced mentoring the next generation of architect leaders in Georgia. This can be measured in numerous ways, including the number of colleagues who have achieved success in the profession or direct participation in a mentoring or leadership development program. The jury should be able to identify mentees who have gone on to leadership positions in the profession.

- **Advocacy:** The contributions the candidate(s) has made in improving the legal, political, preservation, and regulatory environment for the profession of architecture.

**Submission and Consideration**

Candidates may be identified in two ways:

1. Nominations may be made by any AIA Georgia member to the Selection Committee, and require a nomination letter no longer than 3 pages long providing an overview of the nominee’s career contributions in the areas of criteria above.

2. The Rothschild Selection Jury may also consider candidates nominated by the jury members themselves. They will consider the pool of candidates from the previous year, and may add up to 2 new candidates at their discretion (or more to ensure the finalists’ pool has at least 6 candidates). If additional nominee(s) emerge from this method, the Selection Jury shall work with the staff to compile a dossier on this individual(s), and one of the members of the jury may add an optional 2-3 page nomination letter. This letter and background will be part of the AIA Georgia archive.

AIA Georgia will maintain a finalists’ pool of 5-8 candidates for consideration by the jury each year. Candidates from the previous year's pool will automatically be included in that pool for 5 years; if at the end of this period they have not won the award, they will be put back into the larger pool of candidates.

The following pages have a listing of past winners, and potential future nominees. The latter list is not exhaustive.
Past Winners of the Rothschild Award

(D) Cecil Alexander, FAIA
(D) Dorothy Spence, Honorary AIA
(D) Ellamae Ellis League, FAIA
(D) Jordan Jelks, FAIA
(D) Joseph Smith, FAIA
(D) Richard Bradfield
(D) Rocky Rothschild, FAIA
(D) Ron Kolman, FAIA
(D) Stanford Woodhurst, FAIA
Anne Smith, FAIA
Ben Darmer, FAIA
Bill Carpenter, FAIA
Bill Stanley, FAIA
Forrest Lott, FAIA
Ivenue Love-Stanley, FAIA
Janice Wittschiebe AIA
Jerry Cooper, FAIA
Jerry Lominack, FAIA
Jim Fausett, FAIA
John Busby, FAIA
Kevin Cantley, AIA
Peter Hand, FAIA
Robert Brown, FAIA
Robert Smith, FAIA
Robert Woodhurst III, FAIA
Stanley Daniels, FAIA
Stephen Swicegood, FAIA
Tom Ventulett, FAIA
Tony Aeck, FAIA