Dear Fellow EDRAites,

2017 was both rewarding and challenging for EDRA. EDRA48 in Madison, Wisconsin, was a successful conference in terms of attendance and we received many accolades on its content, including the keynote and plenaries. We could not have wished for a better location on Lake Monona and the weather was perfect. And, of course, all of this could not have happened without our excellent local planning team consisting of Jung-hye Shin, Samuel F. Dennis, and Debarati “Mimi” Majumdar Narayan with additional support from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. And I should also thank the many reviewers of papers, abstracts, certifications, and awards that made the conference possible as well.

EDRA receives the majority of its revenue through our annual conference; in a good year with lots of attendees, we are often quite successful. But we’re still dealing with the financial repercussions of low attendance at EDRA47 caused by states banning attendees’ travel to Raleigh because of North Carolina’s “bathroom bill” passed by its legislature during the planning of this conference. While EDRA48 was in the black, it was not able to offset our losses at EDRA47. As I write this letter, EDRA49 is shaping up to be a great conference, and we have high hopes that it too will push us further into the black. In 2017, the EDRA board continued our work on diversifying our income streams, including increasing memberships and sponsorships, in recognition of assuring a sustainable future for the organization.

Ultimately, what makes EDRA vibrant, sustainable, and relevant are EDRA members, like you. We need your enthusiasm and continued support, especially through your volunteer efforts in our committees and knowledge networks. Spread the word to others about the benefits of membership because there is no other organization quite like EDRA and our mission to advance and disseminate research, teaching, and practice toward improving an understanding of the relationships among people, their built environments, and natural eco-systems. Make sure you’re a part of our future!

Sincerely,
Jeremy Wells
EDRA Chair
EDRA's purpose is to advance and disseminate research, teaching, and practice toward improving an understanding of the relationships among people, their built environments, and natural eco-systems.

The mission of EDRA is to provide a collaborative, multidisciplinary community to connect theory, research, teaching, and practice to recognize, create, and advocate for environments that are responsive to diverse human needs. EDRA is committed to equity, inclusion, and respect for all persons.

EDRA came into being in the 1960s, during a period of social awareness and social unrest, but also new horizons and new visions. True to its origins, EDRA continues to believe in an agenda of social responsibility that has grown from a barely perceptible idea to a more fully-formed vision for healthier, more democratic human environments.
Strategic Goals

1. To showcase leadership in environmental design research
2. To provide access to environment-behavior research and design research
3. To become a leading forum for collaboration among researchers, designers, and practitioners
4. To become increasingly diverse: multi- and inter-disciplinary; international/global; culturally fostering inclusivity in order to reflect the broader spectrum of environment and behavior research and practice
5. To become financially stable — prioritize strategic fundraising and sponsorship to stabilize and grow EDRA
6. To increase attendance numbers and sponsorships for EDRA conferences

EDRA bridges theory, research, teaching, and practice to:

- Recognize and create more humane environments in collaboration with global stakeholders/communities
- Transcend disciplinary boundaries and industry sectors in collaborative pursuit of environments that are responsive to diverse human needs.
- Promote cutting-edge research and practice that is essential to improve quality of life for all people
- Advocate for diverse voices in the pursuit of social justice
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Peter Hourihan
Lynn Paxson

EDRA Wayfinder Members
Sherry Ahrentzen
Cherif Amor
Kathryn Anthony
David Boeck
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Thierry Rosenheck
Daniel Stokols
Richard Elliot Wener

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BBH Design
HGA
HKS Inc.
Kuwait University
Pennsylvania State University
Rutgers Center for Green Building
Rutgers University
Stony Brook University
Texas Tech University - College of Architecture
UB School of Architecture and Planning
Université de Montréal
University of Colorado Boulder Program in Environmental Design
University of Idaho- College of Art & Architecture
University of Manitoba
UNL College of Architecture
WorkingSpaces

Membership
385 Active Members

61% Academic, Practice, & Research Professionals
35% Students & Young Professionals
4% Non-profit & Organizational Members

23 Knowledge Networks
17 Countries
## Financials

### Revenue by Area
- **60%** Conference
- **16%** Investment Income
- **16%** Membership
- **3%** Job Postings
- **3%** Award Programs
- **2%** Donations

### Expenses by Area
- **47%** Management & Administration
- **47%** Conference
- **4%** Board of Directors
- **2%** Awards
- **<1%** Publications

### Revenue

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### Expenses

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### Net Income (Loss)

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<td><strong>Net Income (Loss)</strong></td>
<td>(22,843)</td>
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Every year, socially motivated design professionals and researchers come together at EDRA with a shared belief: in creating environments that matter to people and where people matter. It is time for critical reflection, collective thinking, and dialog about the future of environmental design. But who do we design for? How do we listen to their needs and desires? How do we navigate the inevitable conflicts between different stakeholders in the placemaking process? What kinds of environments do we want to create together in the end? The conference theme of EDRA48, “Voices of Place: Empower, Engage, Energize” set out with these fundamental questions to address issues of equity, justice, and inclusion in the context of environmental design across various topical landscapes including voices across genders, generations, cultures, times; voices from the margins, from the earth, and from those who often go unheard.

EDRA48 was held from May 31 to June 3, 2017, in Madison, Wisconsin.
EDRA48 Keynote
Majora Carter
Community as Corporation:
The Talent Retention Imperative

EDRA48 Best Paper Award Winner – 1st Place
Environmental characteristics that enable dying patients to exercise choice and personal preference — Sharmin Kader

EDRA48 Best Paper Award Winner – 2nd Place
Mitigating Stress-Inducing Effects of Viewing Urban Hardscapes with Water Sounds — Hope Rising

EDRA48 Best Student Paper
Comparison of Aging in Place in Japan, South Korea, and China — Yeji Yi

EDAR48 Best Display Poster
Teaching and Learning the City: Assessing Outcomes of a Design Service Learning Course in Detroit — Claudia Bernasconi, Nicole Fricke, & Rachel Pisano

EDRA48 Plenary 1
Voices from the Past: Linking Historic Preservation to People and Place with the Social Sciences
David Brown, Tom Mayes, Jeremy Wells

EDRA48 Plenary Session 2
Designing Communities for Health: Stories from the Field
Kate Konkle, Chris Krehmeyer, Kristie Rauter Egge, Sara Stewart

EDRA Plenary Session 3
Standing with Standing Rock: Voices of Environmental Resistance
Patty Loew
EDRA Awards

Career Award
2017 Recipient
Henry Sanoff, Ph.D.

Service Award
2017 Recipient
Tasoulla Hadjiyanni, Ph.D.

Michael Brill Award
2016 Recipient
Georgia Lindsay, Ph.D.
University of Colorado Boulder

Place Design Award
2017 Recipient
Mariahilfer Strasse, Vienna

Place Planning Award
2017 Recipient
Making Our Own Space (MOOS)

Place Research Award
2017 Recipient
The Renewable Energy Landscape

Place Book Award
2017 Recipient
Designing for Autism Spectrum Disorders

Great Places Awards 2017 Jury Panel

Mark Gillem, University of Oregon/Urban Collaborative
Jutta Mason, Centre for Local Research into Public Space (CELOS)

Brian Orland, University of Georgia
David Rubin, Land Collective
Randa Tukan, HOK
2017 CORE Recipients

Campus Capital Framework: Mapping Meaning to Inform the Michigan Union Renovation
Workshop Architects, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, School of Architecture & Urban Planning; Study Team – Brian Schermer, Jan van den Kieboom, Peter van den Kieboom, Nick Robinson and Sweta Meier

Evaluating High-Performance Design Strategies to Improve Educational Performance and Occupant Well-Being: A Comparative Pre- and Post-Occupancy Evaluation of a School in Cambridge, Massachusetts
Perkins Eastman; Study Team – Emily Chmielewski, Katie Herber, Heather Jauregui, Sean O’Donnell, and Jana Silsby

Neural Correlates of Nature Stimuli: an fMRI Study
Sky Factory, Inc., Texas Tech University; Study Team – Debajyoti Pati, Michael O’Boyle, William Witherspoon, Cherif Amor, David Navarrete, Jiancheng (Richie) Hou, Shabboo Valipoor, and Dan Fang

On-Stage/Off-Stage Clinic Design: Implications for Operational Efficiencies, Staff Collaboration and Privacy
HGA Architects and Engineers; Study Team – Dennis Vonasek, Len Kaiser, Kara Freihofer, and Sara Bayramzadeh

Revitalizing Underutilized Social-Study Areas in a Student Residence Hall
TreanorHL; Study Team – Malia Bucher, Kent Spreckelmeyer, Nadia Zhiri, Joellen Tipton, and Sharmin Kader

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