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Bruce Becker, Architect and Certified Passive House Designer, Joins The Passive House Network Board

Becker brings the experience of a fully integrated approach to sustainable design, planning, financing, and development of buildings to meet community needs.

NEW YORK, N.Y. – Bruce Becker, Architect and President of Becker and Becker Associates, Inc. has joined The Passive House Network Board of Directors. He'll join a team dedicated to bringing exceptional Passive House education and advocacy to create a sustainable, healthy built environment.

“As a vibrant community of inspired practitioners and educators, the Passive House Network empowers designers, builders, owners, and policymakers with the knowledge needed to shape a better future for the built environment,” said Becker. “I’m honored to join the board and excited to help broaden the reach and deepen the impact of PHN.”

Becker brings a wealth of experience from his design firm, which focuses on green supportive, affordable, and mixed-income housing, community centers, child and senior day care, and urban and historical revitalization projects. His work includes the rehabilitation of the former Bank of America tower in Hartford, CT, into a LEED Platinum mixed-income community, and the restoration of the historic Octagon tower on Roosevelt Island in Manhattan to create a mixed-income community and waterfront park. Most recently, Becker completed the certified historic rehabilitation of the Pirelli building in New Haven, originally designed by Marcel Breuer, into [Hotel Marcel](#), the first Passive House certified hotel in the United States. His experience will bring critical insight to The Passive House Network (PHN).

“Bruce Becker’s addition to The Passive House Network is a significant milestone,” said PHN’s Board Chair Katelyn Meehan. “His extensive experience in sustainable architecture and his commitment to energy efficiency aligns perfectly with our mission to advance high-performance building standards. We are excited to leverage his expertise to further our goal of creating healthier, more sustainable living environments.”

In addition to his architectural work, Becker has dedicated himself to community and public service. He is the former Chairman of the Harlem School of the Arts and The Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies. He is one of seven Commissioners on the

United States Commission of Fine Arts, the Director of Land Use Atlas, Inc., and Chair of the Electric Vehicle Club of Connecticut. Becker has founded several non-profit organizations, including Common Ground Community, Under One Roof, Elm City Food Cooperative, Elm Electrical Cooperative, and the Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association. The Passive House Network is thrilled to have his knowledge and passion for sustainable building and community development inform their ongoing efforts.

For more information on The Passive House Network, visit <https://passivehousenetwork.org/> or email kim@passivehousenetwork.org.

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About PHN:

[The Passive House Network](#) (PHN) is a 501(c)3 that provides Passive House high-performance building education and resources to professionals across the U.S. that transform how they think and work with buildings. PHN provides professionals a complete skill set to reliably produce new and renovated buildings that use dramatically less energy for effective and affordable climate action.

About Passive House:

[Passive House](#) is an international building standard and methodology, applicable to buildings of all kinds, from office buildings to hospitals, new-build and renovations, that results in a dramatic drop in operational energy use, and more comfortable and healthy occupants - meant to aggressively mitigate our climate crisis while providing resilient adaptation.

The Passive House Standard was developed by the Passive House Institute (PHI), an independent scientific research organization, located in Darmstadt, Germany, and includes specific requirements for energy use and comfort of occupants. The Passive House Standard is being successfully applied to thousands of buildings and millions of square feet around the world, from Boston to Beijing.

The Passive House methodology starts with reducing cooling, dehumidification, and heating loads by focusing, not on gadgets and active technology, but instead on fully integrated durable passive building components, such as proper continuous thermal-bridge-free insulation, continuous airtightness, high-performance windows and doors, and ventilation that includes a high-efficiency heat/energy recovery core, carefully calculated, and all integrated with the entire architectural process of design and construction. <http://www.passivehouse.com> <http://www.passipedia.org>

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