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Wedge of Shepley Bulfinch to lead AIA Large Firm Round Table

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Boston, MA Carole Wedge, FAIA, LEED AP, president of Shepley Bulfinch, has been selected to chair the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Large Firm Round Table (LFRT). Wedge's term as chair commenced at the AIA LFRT fall 2016 meeting in Cuba.

Founded in 1984, the LFRT is an independent entity organized to provide a forum for the discussion of matters of mutual interest to large firms. The LFRT mission is to further the special and unique interests of large firms, both national and international, by working together as an independent body as well as with and through the AIA. In order to join the LFRT, firms must meet a minimum of 150 total staff members, including a minimum of 50 registered architects who are also members of the AIA. The LFRT meets twice annually, in fall and spring, in rotating locations.

Wedge is the fifth chair since the LFRT was founded and the first woman elected to this position. The LFRT currently includes 56 firms collectively representing 30,000 employees and approximately \$70 billion in construction value. Shepley Bulfinch joined the LFRT in 1997 and Wedge has been a member since becoming president of the firm in 2004. In her role as chair, she will serve a term of two years. The areas of current focus include legal, financial, human resources, information systems, and sustainability. As chair, Wedge will help the LFRT explore leadership development, innovation in the architectural industry, diversity, and grooming of the next generation of architects.

Wedge's career as an architect has focused on the convergence of learning, teaching, and research environments, with a long-standing commitment to sustainable design. In addition to the LFRT, she serves on the board of the Boston Society of Architects (BSA), the Design Futures Council, and the Board of Trustees of both the Wentworth Institute of Technology and the Boston Architectural Center. Wedge is active in a number of organizations, including Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL); Educause; the BSA's Women in Design program; and the Society of College and University Planning (SCUP), as well as the author of several published papers and a frequent presenter at industry events. She holds a Bachelor of Environmental Design from the University of Colorado, a Bachelor in Architecture from the Boston Architectural Center, an honorary Master of Architecture from the Boston Architectural Center, and an honorary Doctorate of Engineering Technology from the Wentworth Institute of Technology. In 2008, Wedge was elevated to the College of Fellows of the AIA.