



## **Election Statement from Jonathan B Wimpenny AIA RIBA**

*Candidate for Presiding Chair RIBA-USA*

***Nominated by: Ward Thompson***

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I have steered the RIBA NY Chapter these past years and the NY record can be reviewed through the diary events on [www.riba-usa.org](http://www.riba-usa.org) . From Exhibitions, Symposiums, lectures, field trips, meetings and events, RIBA-USA has ensured a strong voice in the US. We have made headway on all fronts; aligning RIBA-USA with the AIA and I believe we must continue and encourage this dialogue. The British Consulate and the DTI have also been of enormous help and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking them.

With my professional experience of over 20 years now of practice in the United States, I understand the issues confronting British architects working in the US. I have always encouraged active student participation, guiding visiting interns through visa requirements and interviews. I encourage all to support also Tim Sudweeks fledgling RIBA-USA Student Section.

It is quite natural that New York City has become a major center of RIBA-USA activities. The large UK offices such as Grimshaw and Foster have realized the potential of US projects; yet now is the time also to feature smaller practices. Understanding the frustrations of those members located in the provinces, I encourage you to participate in events in your regional centers to help strengthen our bonds to ensure an active voice at Portland Place.

Now is not the time to rest on our laurels - even those of such prestige as the 1<sup>st</sup> International Architects Symposium or our recent delegation to China!  
Time has now come for RIBA-USA to stand behind our new constitution. I ask at this time for your vote. Let's build on our foundation and thank Tim Clark for all his efforts over these past years.

### **Jonathan Wimpenny AIA RIBA**

Chair NY Chapter RIBA USA, Founder & Principal of Lee / Wimpenny NY

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