



# Calling Passionate, Innovative Emerging Professional Leaders

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Are you passionate about a sustainable future? Do you want to make a difference and impact real change in the built environment?

USGBC is seeking four volunteer [Emerging Professionals National Committee Strategic Initiatives \(SI\) Chairs](#) to help revitalize the Emerging Professionals (EP) program and nationwide sustainability movement, including the development and implementation of prescribed annual initiatives that connect EPs across the Chapter network to execute impactful programming at the local, regional and national levels.

Emerging Professionals (EPs), the energetic, dynamic and early-career leaders of the green building movement, are leading the transformation of buildings and communities across the country by leveraging their fresh, innovative perspectives in educational opportunities networking events, and hands-on volunteering initiatives.

The Emerging Professionals National Committee (EPNC) is USGBC's central source for strategic planning, program development, support and training to chapters across the country's EP network. Standout leaders from cities across the United States apply and are selected through a rigorous process to serve on the committee. Each EPNC member contributes to designing and implementing USGBC's strategies for volunteer recruitment and engagement. Recruitment is just the beginning, however; the EPNC is also responsible for the development of initiatives and programs that help to organize and enrich the EP experience.

A role on the EPNC requires a significant time and energy commitment and represents a trademark of leadership. Organizing thousands of volunteers to guarantee a sustainable and prosperous future may appear daunting, but this work is underway as we speak, and relies on seamless communication and accountability. Here, the EPNC chair and past-chair share a few words on the significance of their EPNC involvement, and invite other EPs to step up to the challenge and privilege of serving on the committee.

## **Alessandra Carreon, PE, LEED AP**

*Green Schools Coordinator, WARM Training Center  
EPNC Chair 2012, Past Chair 2013*

"It isn't often that a person only a few years out of college has the opportunity to turn around an organization with the ability to impact thousands. In early 2012, the EPNC determined that its committee needed a restructuring to assume a new, integral mission for the national EP network: recruiting more volunteers to

support chapter work. At a time of transition, I was able to redefine the role of the EPNC while meeting the ongoing needs of the committee's goals of developing network resources and initiatives. The EPNC has afforded me tremendous leadership growth and will usher me into a career of continuously supported leadership development."


**Ariane Laxo, LEED AP ID+C, EDAC, Assoc IIDA**

*Interior Designer, HGA Architects and Engineers*


*EPNC Chair 2013*

"As a member of the EPNC, I have contributed to great successes across the chapter network, expanded my network exponentially, and developed leadership skills faster than I could ever have hoped. Though the commitment can be overwhelming at times, the rewards are well worth it. I have grown professionally and personally through my role on the EPNC, and for a great cause - I know that I am effecting change and making a difference. Contributing to USGBC's mission of transforming the built environment to regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life within a generation is well worth the effort of this volunteer position!"

If you are interested in a role on the Emerging Professionals National Committee, [apply today!](#)




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**Quoc Nguyen Tang Le**

10 weeks 2 days ago

Yes, I'd love to. Let me know how we can get involved.

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