



PWC New York elects four new board of directors members: Bates, Baptiste, Freeman and O'Dwyer

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Rosemary Bates,
Rockefeller Group

Schillivia Baptiste,
Laland Baptiste

Jenny Freeman,
Hunter Roberts

Áine O'Dwyer,
Enovate Engineering

New York, NY On October 23rd, Professional Women in Construction New York (PWC) held its annual member meeting at Teknion Showroom. This meeting is held annually to update members, to network, and for members to enroll in the organizations committees. Leading up to the meeting, PWC held an election to bring on four new board of directors, who were revealed at that event.

PWC has experienced notable growth in 2019. 75 new companies and 143 new member representatives have joined the New York chapter since the 2018 member meeting, signifying a 43% increase in membership. PWC has set out to provide opportunities for every member to engage and benefit from the organization, which has led to this significant growth. Here are some examples of expanded programs:

- Committee-run programming.
- Professional development workshops.
- Expanded annual sponsor benefit.
- Curated meetings with key stakeholders for our MWBE members.

To keep up with the growth, PWC has expanded the New York/National board of directors. Each director is actively involved in the various activities of the New York chapter, and the additional four provide the necessary leadership for the organization.

The four professionals in the AEC industry were carefully selected, and increase the range of expertise on PWC's board of directors, driving groundbreaking and relevant industry programming for 2020, and boosting the level of support member-run committees are provided by the board of directors. The new members include:

- Rosemary Bates is director of design & construction at Rockefeller Group. She specializes in commercial projects within the NY Business Unit for the Rockefeller Group. As director, she hires the best teams to execute on a variety of projects and volumes. She is an active member of ACE and PWC where she focuses on mentoring young women within the industry, as well as teaching and encouraging young women to pursue majors in Architecture, Construction and Engineering for an ultimate career in the industry.
- Schillivia Baptiste is CEO of Laland Baptiste. She brings her detailed-oriented approach to everyday practices to ensure client satisfaction with the highest quality. She has 15 years of experience in the civil engineering industry. She has particular expertise in site and land development.
- Jenny Freeman is senior vice president and director of healthcare at Hunter Roberts Construction Group. She has more than 26 years experience as a construction professional in the New York metropolitan area, with a deep expertise in the healthcare and cultural markets. She is known throughout the industry as a leading builder with expertise in pre-construction, planning, and construction of major modernization, renovation, and ground-up new construction projects.
- Áine O'Dwyer is CEO of Enovate Engineering. She has held a succession of progressive leadership roles beginning as a field engineer and moving on to project manager, chief engineer, vice president, and CEO of the engineering arm of a large privately held construction firm. In December 2017, she took ownership of the company and leads Enovate Engineering as its CEO.

See the complete New York / National board of directors at <http://www.pwcusa.org/chapters/new-york/new-york-board-of-directors>.

PWC New York is the founding chapter of PWC, a national non-profit organization founded in 1980 that seeks to support, advance, and connect women and promote diversity within the architecture, engineering, construction (AEC) and related industries. PWC's members represent a broad spectrum of the industry that serves real estate owners, developers, facilities and property managers and public agencies. They include general construction and specialty contractors, architectural and engineering firms, environmental services, and suppliers.

Because their core client industries have many needs, PWC also draws representatives from the services sector: Law and accounting firms, insurance/surety and bonding companies, banks and financial services, graphic designers, printers, computer consultants, travel agencies, marketing specialists and more. Membership is open to professional women and men, private companies and public agencies in construction and allied industries.

