I am pleased to announce the Board of the American Institute of Architects – Missouri Chapter has named veteran association manager Deb Herrman as its new Executive Director. She will succeed longtime AIA Missouri Director Patricia Amick, who will retire in December following 44 years of service to the association.

A deep and diversified background in corporate finance and operations, Herrman joins AIA Missouri from a contract business management solutions practice serving for-profit and non-profit clients. Building on early career experiences at Kansas City-based Sprint and YRC Worldwide, she has held association leadership positions with Young Presidents’ Organization, Bakery Equipment Manufacturers and Allieds, California Association of Orthodontists, and Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists.

“Pat helped shape us as an association as the profession has matured and developed,” said AIA-Missouri Board Chair Geoff Crowley. “We knew as an association that naming her successor was a critical next step for the future of our association and Deb emerged as a top candidate among a pool of highly-qualified applicants in a regional search. Her blend of association management experience, along with finance and operations, will give us a strong platform to pursue some strategic objectives that are critical to our future success.”

“While I’ve been fortunate to have been exposed to a variety of business models over the course of my career, the dedication and commitment evident in association work truly captures my spirit and energy,” Herrman said. “I look forward to partnering with the State Board and local component leadership to help further the AIA agenda in Missouri.”

Assuming duties in early November, Herrman will partner with Amick through the end of 2019 to transition the association leadership responsibilities.

Reporting to a 27-member Board comprised of architects from the St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield and Mid-Missouri membership, Herrman will help further the state legislative agenda and provide membership education and communications support as a critical link between the local components and the American Institute of Architects. AIA Missouri will continue to work with an independent legislative consultant to handle direct legislative advocacy needs in Jefferson City.

Delivering programs and services to more than 1,900 architects and associate members across Missouri, AIA Missouri represents member interests before the State Legislature, The Office of Administration, and Facilities Management Design and Construction. AIA Missouri also works with the allied design professions of engineering, land surveying and landscape architecture on regulatory measures and other design-related issues.

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