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The Boston Preservation Alliance
and
The Association for Preservation Technology International (APT)
Jointly announce a leadership transition
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After nine years as Executive Director of the [Boston Preservation Alliance](#), and numerous accomplishments in that time, Dr. Greg Galer will be taking the helm of [the Association for Preservation Technology International](#), with the aim of growing APT as he has the Alliance. The Alliance Board of Directors has appointed Alison Frazee, an eight-year Alliance veteran, Acting Executive Director. Alison joined the Alliance as Outreach Coordinator in 2013, moving up to Director of Advocacy in 2015 and Assistant Director in 2019.

Since Greg's arrival, the Alliance has reached its strongest financial and advocacy position in its 43-year history. Assets are now over four-times greater, and hundreds of businesses, organizations, and individuals are active members of the Alliance. In the last five years alone, the Alliance has played a role in over \$4.2 billion worth of construction, from large projects on the Boston skyline to changes in the City's neighborhoods. The Alliance is an influential and highly sought voice of guidance in the evolution of Boston and has catalyzed discussions at City Hall to modernize preservation regulations. Greg helped form the campaign that brought the Community Preservation Act to Boston, which has provided over \$92 million to support 198 historic preservation, affordable housing, and open space projects across the city. He was the originator of the nascent Legacy Fund for Boston, which has \$6 million committed to Boston's historic preservation causes.

Greg plays a central national role as the preservation community focuses [on preservation's ability to address today's challenges](#) such as affordability, sustainability, equity, and workforce development as a board member of the [National Preservation Partners Network](#). He has also served as a Trustee of the [Boston Groundwater Trust](#) since 2012.

Galer's last day at the Boston Preservation Alliance will be January 21 and he begins at APT on February 22, 2022.

The Association for Preservation Technology International (APT) is a multi-disciplinary membership organization dedicated to promoting the best technology for protecting historic structures and their settings and cultivating the exchange of knowledge in the international community. APT membership reaches nearly 30 countries, and includes architects, engineers, conservators, contractors, preservationists, craftspeople, educators, historians, and students. The international, interdisciplinary

character and wide-ranging activities of APT including publications, conferences, training courses, awards, student scholarships, regional chapters, and technical committees make it the premier worldwide network for anyone involved in the field of historic preservation.

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“I’m grateful to have worked alongside Greg and know his passion for preserving Boston’s history to build community throughout our neighborhoods. Thank you for your dedication to community, your active leadership in partnering with the City, and the countless ways you’ve helped shape Boston during your tenure. Congratulations to Alison Frazee as she prepares to lead this important organization.”

- Boston Mayor Michele Wu

“I’m proud of my work at the Boston Preservation Alliance. We’ve touched every neighborhood, influenced hundreds of buildings, and expanded the number of people who see the benefits of preservation. We’ve built momentum at City Hall to strengthen the tools to protect the vital and unique resources throughout the city. There is now agreement of the critical need for a comprehensive, equitable inventory of city historic resources. The broader community, including many of our development friends, is recognizing that historic preservation is climate action, equity building, and a successful source of affordability. I know Alison will continue to strengthen the Alliance as the leading voice in these areas in Boston.

“I’m excited to be turning my attention to the international stage, to lead APT and its membership. My goal is to leverage the 50-year history of this organization to impact the power of historic preservation across the globe. Preservation is an active process. The education, empowerment, and enjoyment we receive from our historic treasures is only possible because generations before us cared for them. APT plays a critical role in assuring that the technology that keeps our historic places alive is developed and applied. I’m thrilled to become a leader impacting historic resources for the international community.”

- Greg Galer, Ph.D.

Outgoing Executive Director, Boston Preservation Alliance

Incoming Executive Director, APT

"Over the past eight and a half years I have served many roles at the Alliance and feel deeply committed to the organization's success. I look forward to furthering the initiatives we have started and working closely with our partners and supporters to pursue new goals for the organization and preservation in Boston."

- Alison Frazee, Acting Executive Director, Boston Preservation Alliance

“I’m excited to welcome Greg to APT, and wholeheartedly believe that he will be an excellent leader in helping APT develop into a stronger version of itself. Greg has helped the Boston Preservation Alliance flourish in exactly the ways that APT needs to grow, as expressed in our new strategic plan. He has the ideal combination of long-term executive director experience and preservation knowledge that we were looking for.”

- Taryn Williams, APT President

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