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Pittsburgh Architecture Firm PWWG Architects Elevates Anthony Pitassi to Managing Principal

Pittsburgh, PA — The Pittsburgh-based architecture firm PWWG Architects announced recent changes in firm leadership. Anthony Pitassi, AIA, LEED AP, a principal at PWWG since 2016, and with the firm for 22 years, was recently elevated to Managing Principal, guiding the 45-year-old firm into its next generation of leadership. Alan Weiskopf retired as shareholder and Managing Principal effective January 1, 2020 after 39 years of service.

PWWG, one of the 12 largest architecture firms in Pittsburgh, specializes in design for higher education, multi-family housing, performing arts, and institutional and commercial clients.

With Weiskopf's retirement, PWWG's leadership team continues to include current principals and long-time team members Lisa Carver, Brent Houck, and Kevin Wagstaff. Under Pitassi's leadership, each will remain dedicated to their design and project related work with the firm's existing clients, and complete the proactive succession plan established in 2016 as they take full control of firm management, day-to-day operations, and business development.

Alan Weiskopf joined PWWG in 1981 as an associate, became a principal in 1986, and succeeded firm founder Leonard Perfido when he retired in 2006. Alan served as project architect or principal-in-charge for many of the firm's most high-profile, award-winning projects including revitalization of Cincinnati Music Hall, collaborations on five 21c Museum Hotels in cities in the eastern half of the US, and restoration of the magnificent PA State Capitol. Alan set an example for leadership in civic and professional service, serving as President of AIA Pennsylvania, Board member of AIA Pittsburgh, and as a contributor of expertise and insight for years with Pittsburgh's Board of Code Review.

Under Alan's leadership, PWWG expanded their work in higher education, hospitality, and mixed-use commercial markets in the Pittsburgh area, and in cities throughout the East Coast. He was also key to establishing the firm's client base and an office in Cincinnati, where construction costs for the firm's recent projects exceeds \$160 million.

New Managing Principal Anthony Pitassi said, "The firm has been proactively building on the strong foundations that Alan established—a commitment to long term client relationships, design excellence, technical proficiency, and nurturing the talent of our staff in our Pittsburgh and Cincinnati offices. We have worked with Alan to absorb the knowledge and expertise he is known for, including restoration and adaptive reuse, renovation, and preservation of culturally significant structures."

Pitassi added, "Our leadership has built PWWG's reputation as one of the most well-rounded and trusted collaborators in all of our markets. We're engaging with new developers and higher ed clients, and our portfolio in performing arts and civic spaces continues to expand in both of our offices. Moving forward, we are energized to continue with our culture of support and to sustain PWWG's steady expansion and secure the firm's vitality into the future."

About New Managing Principal Anthony (Tony) Pitassi, AIA, LEED AP

Tony has been with PWWG for 22 years and is a leader in the firm's hospitality, adaptive reuse, industrial training, and commercial office practices. He is an expert in firm management practices with deep technical knowledge about construction. Tony was Project Manager for many of the firm's complex, high-profile projects such as award-winning 21c Museum Hotels in Cincinnati and Lexington; reuse of the historic Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny for MuseumLab for the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh; new mixed-use apartments in Cincinnati's Over-the-Rhine neighborhood; and a new event space and Master Planning for the National Aviary (in-progress).

About PWWG

Founded in Pittsburgh, PWWG is celebrating 45 years as an architecture firm known for design excellence, ability to translate clients' ideas into cost-effective, buildable projects, construction management acumen, and creating strong client relationships. Current and recent projects include the new Kopchick Hall Science Building at IUP, Operating Engineers New Meeting Hall, the Roxian Theater, and new market-rate and affordable housing in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati. PWWG offers comprehensive planning, programming, architectural and interior design, project management and construction administration services to clients in the eastern half of the US. The firm has

many repeat clients in hospitality, higher education, multi-family residential, workplace design, preservation and adaptive reuse.

More information can be found at the firm's web site: www.pwwgarch.com.

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