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**ka Announces New Board of Directors**  
**Cleveland-based architecture firm appoints third-generation leaders**

**Cleveland, OH (January 8, 2013)** – Focused on providing its clients with quality design and notable client service, **ka architecture** is proud to announce a new President, the promotion of a member of the leadership team and the addition of a seasoned executive to its Board of Directors.

John G. Burk, AIA will serve as President and Chief Operating Officer. Burk has worked at **ka** a combined total of 20 years. He continues to lead the firm with his insight into project development, knowledge of construction and high standards of excellence.

Craig H. Wasserman, RA, continues to sit on the Board of Directors as newly promoted Executive Vice President. He has 25 years of experience at **ka**, specializing in managing existing client relations and cultivating new relationships on developer-focused projects in the retail and hospitality markets.

Alan W. Siliko, CPA, CGMA joined the Board of Directors effective November 1, 2012. With 28 years of professional experience and a thorough knowledge of the A/E/C industry, he will continue to handle all financial, tax and various insurance aspects as the firm's Chief Financial Officer.

Darrell K. Pattison, RA, Chief Strategic Officer/Director of Design and David H. Bader, RLA, Director of Landscape Architecture/Executive Vice President will continue to sit on the Board of Directors. Mr. Pattison's all-encompassing knowledge of architecture, specifically in the retail and residential realms, build on his programming and space planning expertise. Mr. Bader leads the firm in master planning, site due diligence, zoning and city approval.

The Board of Directors continues to lead **ka**, based on principles of integrity and dedication, toward a successful longstanding future. With several new architects added to the staff in the last six months, the strength of the firm as a whole continues to result in its clients' successes. "I am very pleased to be a part of **ka** as it continues to grow in its market sectors and capabilities, and be a member of a team that is recognized for its quality and client-centered approach," says Burk.

Immediate past President James B. Heller, SCDP, AIA, will continue working with the **ka** team as Vice President, focusing on new client retail business development and interfacing with department store clients. Mr. Heller has been with the firm for over 40 years, 15 of which he served as President.

**About ka**

Founded in 1960 by Keeva J. Kekst and now in its third generation of ownership, **ka** is a nationally recognized architecture firm based in Cleveland, Ohio. The firm's emphasis on providing value-added design services to clients in a range of marketplaces has resulted in the design of projects in 41 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico. These include open-air shopping centers, regional malls, department stores, hospitality, corporate office, multi-family residential and higher education facilities. Examples of recent projects include Eaton Center in Beachwood, Ohio and the Horseshoe Casino Cleveland in downtown Cleveland. For more information, please visit [www.kainc.com](http://www.kainc.com).

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