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San Francisco Architectural Heritage Announces Board, Staff Additions

November 24, 2008 (San Francisco, CA) – Jack Gold, Executive Director of San Francisco Architectural Heritage, announced the addition of two new board members: Zander Sivyer, and Christopher VerPlanck, and the appointment of a new Volunteer Coordinator: Cate Conmy.

Zander Sivyer, Principal and CEO of Holmes Culley structural engineers, has acted as Project Principal on the Piers 1 ½, 3 & 5, San Francisco, as well as the seismic retrofit and renovation of the Clock Tower at Ghirardelli Square. A New Zealand native, Sivyer has practiced in the Bay Area for eight years and is a LEED Accredited Professional with the US Green Building Council. Mr. Sivyer states “I believe that all existing structures have inherent structural value and one of the most sustainable practices in the construction industry is the reuse of an existing building.” Mr. Sivyer and his wife Antonia reside in San Francisco.

Christopher VerPlanck, a Bay Area native and Principal and co-founder of Kelley & VerPlanck Historical Resources Consulting, holds a BA in history from Bates College and a Masters Degree in Architectural History from the University of Virginia. He worked as staff historian at Heritage from 1997-99 and from 1999 to 2007 as the senior architectural historian at Page & Turnbull. Mr. VerPlanck is looking forward to taking an active role in Heritage’s Easements Program. Mr. VerPlanck and his wife Abby reside in San Francisco.

Cate Conmy will oversee a corps of close to 100 volunteers who serve as docents for the Haas-Lilienthal House, the museum owned and maintained by Heritage. Ms. Conmy will recruit, train and manage Heritage docents, as well as volunteer guides for walking tours of Pacific Heights and other neighborhoods, and research and administrative volunteers. She will also direct Heritage’s education initiatives, including Heritage Hikes, the award-winning program serving San Francisco elementary school classes. Ms. Conmy holds a BA in East Asian Studies and History from Oberlin College.

Heritage's mission is to preserve and enhance San Francisco's unique architectural and cultural resources. The non-profit member-supported organization, established in 1971, is governed by a 21-member Board of Trustees led by Charles Olson, President.

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