



**Bettina Mehnert**  
FAIA, LEED AP  
President & CEO

**Education**

**Hawai'i Pacific University**  
Masters of Business Administration

**Kennedy Western University**  
Masters of Computer Science

**University of Trier, Germany**  
Graduate Degree in Computer Science and  
Graduate Degree in Architecture

**Registration**

- Hawai'i, •
- Guam, •
- Germany •

**Professional Experience**

A respected visionary and leader, AHL's president and chief executive officer, Bettina Mehnert, FAIA, LEED AP, is an indomitable force in the evolution and innovation in Hawaii's architectural sector. Her novel philosophy of practice blends IT solutions, firm culture, client cultivation, and community service as inseparable filaments of professional leadership, keeping her 75-year-old firm firmly faced towards the future.

Taking community service beyond the annual donation and fundraiser template, Mehnert instituted a 1% pro bono program, by which the firm annually donates 1% of its billable hours to a worthy project. Each year AHL selects a nonprofit that has a building or planning project that would benefit the greater community by an increase in the number of people served or the addition of new services. This leadership has inspired the constellation of service providers surrounding AHL to chip in with their pro bono or discounted services. The results have touched the lives of countless Hawai'i residents.

In recognition of her management style and leadership, Mehnert has been honored with numerous awards and in 2016 was named a Fellow in the American Institute of Architecture (AIA), a prestigious honor held only by 53 architects in Hawai'i since 1948. She was named CEO of the Year by Hawai'i Business Magazine in 2019.

In 2018, Mehnert was appointed to the new five-member Honolulu Climate Change Commission. She uses her background in architecture and engineering and her expertise in the built environment to advocate for strong resiliency policies.

A licensed architect in her native Germany and in Hawai'i and Guam, she is an active member of AIA Honolulu and International Chapters and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) where she serves on ULI's National Council on Responsible Property Investment and Advisory Services Panel. She is a director of the Blue Planet Foundation, a member of the Strategic Advisory Board of Hawai'i Energy and a member of Hawai'i Green Growth's Sustainability Business Forum. Mehnert also serves on the board of Public Broadcasting System (PBS) Hawai'i and as a trustee of St. Andrew's Schools. Most recently, she participated on a United Nations Global Compact panel of Hawaii's thought leaders on "Regenerative Global Futures" during the UN's annual general assembly.

**Project Experience**

**COMMERCIAL/INSTITUTIONAL**

- Kailua Town Master Planning Study, Kailua, O'ahu, HI
- Macy's Adaptive/ Re-use, Kailua, O'ahu, HI
- New AHL Office and Renovation, Pacific Guardian Center, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Institute of Human Services (IHS) Women's Shelter Roof Garden, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Kilihau Commercial Center, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- 250 Queen Street Office Building, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- JICPAC OPINTEL, Crisis Center Upgrade, Makalapa, Pearl Harbor, O'ahu, HI
- Colonia Government Center, Yap, Micronesia



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**E D U C A T I O N A L / I N S T I T U T I O N A L / M A S T E R P L A N N I N G**

- First Responder Technology Campus, Mililani, O'ahu, HI
- St. Andrews School Master Planning, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- St. Andrew's Priory New Art Facility, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Palama Settlement Master Plan, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Camp Erdman Master Plan, Waialua, O'ahu, HI
- Hawai'i Nature Center Rain Pavilion, Mānoa, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- O'ahu Community Correctional Center Replacement and Expansion, O'ahu, HI

**R E S I D E N T I A L / H O S P I T A L I T Y**

- Ward Affordable Housing Development, Kaka'ako, O'ahu, HI
- The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services Renovation, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Majestic Plaza Condominiums, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Sheraton Kaua'i Hotel Renovations and Additions, Po'ipū, Kaua'i, HI
- Outrigger Koror Hotel/Condo, Koror, Palau

**H E A L T H C A R E**

- Ho'ola Na Pua Residential Treatment Facility, North Shore, O'ahu, HI
- Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical & Regional Center, Honolulu, O'ahu, HI
- Hina Mauka, Kāne'ohe O'ahu, HI
- USAKA Replacement Hospital/Dental Clinic, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands
- Penang Adventist Hospital Expansion, Malaysia

**Memberships & Affiliations**

- American Institute of Architects, Fellow
- American Institute of Architects, Honolulu Chapter
- Urban Land Institute, Responsible Property Investment Council
- PBS Hawai'i, Board of Directors, Executive Board Member
- Social Science Association, Executive Committee Member
- Blue Planet Foundation, Board Member
- Hawai'i Energy, Strategic Advisory Board Member
- Aloha United Way, Board Member
- St. Andrew's Schools, Board of Trustees
- City & County of Honolulu Climate Change Commission
- Center for Tomorrow's Leaders, Advisory Board
- International Living Future Institute
- U.S. Green Building Council
- The Pacific Club

**Recognitions**

- Hawai'i Business Magazine CEO of the Year, 2019
- Pacific Business News Career Achievement Honoree, 2018 - 2019
- YWCA Leader Luncheon Honoree, 2017
- Pacific Business News Women Who Mean Business Finalist, 2011 & 2015
- Hawai'i Pacific University, Business Distinguished Alumni, 2015
- Hawai'i Business Magazine 20 for the Next 20, 2011
- Pacific Century Fellow, 2004
- Pacific Business News Forty Under 40, 2000