AIA Convention 2020: Official Delegate Information Booklet for the Annual Meeting of the Institute

September 2020
(via webinar)
This document contains important information for all 2020 AIA annual meeting delegates. Please carefully review the material prior to the virtual annual meeting, and direct any questions concerning accreditation, voting, or duties of convention delegates to Pam Day, Hon. AIA, Corporate Secretary and Managing Director, Governance Administration, at AIA headquarters, (202) 626 7305 (pday@aia.org).
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1. Delegate Business Schedule

(See Accreditation and Voting Procedures, below, regarding advance online accreditation option.)

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Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Regional Caucuses
(virtual)
Each component and its accredited delegate(s) will receive secure invitations to their region’s caucus.

11am-12pm (EDT):
Gulf States, Illinois, New England, Pennsylvania, Texas, Western Mountain, and International Regions

1-2pm (EDT):
California, Middle Atlantic, New Jersey, North Central States, Ohio Valley, and South Atlantic Regions

3-4pm (EDT):
Central States, Florida/Caribbean, Michigan, New York, Northwest and Pacific, and the Virginias Regions

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – Friday, September 4, 2020

Voting for Officers and At-large Director
Voting will open at 5pm (EDT) on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, and conclude at 5pm (EDT) on Friday, September 4, 2020.

Only delegates accredited by August 14, 2020, will be allowed to vote in these elections.

Friday, September 4, 2020 – Tuesday, September 8, 2020

Voting—Runoff Election for Officers (if necessary)
Voting will open at 7pm (EDT) on Friday, September 4, 2020, and conclude at 5pm (EDT) on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

Only delegates accredited by August 14, 2020, will be allowed to vote in these elections.
2. Accreditation and Voting Procedures

Duties of the Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee, in conjunction with the Institute Secretary, is charged with overseeing the accreditation of delegates and balloting for the election of officers. Institute staff overseeing online accreditation will refer disputes or problems to the Committee for decision.

Following the close of accreditation, the Committee reviews and certifies the Credentials Report before it is presented to the annual meeting. The Credentials Report will be presented on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, during the annual meeting, for acceptance prior to voting on business items.

Accreditation

Delegate votes are allocated to each chapter according to a formula in the Bylaws based on the number of its assigned Architect and Associate members in good standing.

Chapters will have an opportunity to accredit their delegates before the annual meeting on September 1, 2020. Online accreditation will go live on or about July 1, 2020; information will be shared in "Component Update."

Each chapter may elect to distribute its delegates' votes among members attending the annual meeting, or to have the votes all held by one individual, such as the chapter president.

Whatever manner the chapter chooses to select its delegates, every delegate must be accredited to vote at the annual meeting by 5pm (EDT) on Friday, August 14, 2020.

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Accreditation, continued

Each chapter’s total votes are evenly divided among the accredited delegates (subject to rules concerning Associate members). For example, if a chapter has nine delegate votes which it distributes to three individuals who are Architect members, each individual’s vote would count as three votes; if only one delegate is accredited from the chapter, only that person can cast the chapter’s nine votes. (Note below, however, the rules on Associate members who serve as delegates.)

Associate members may serve as chapter delegates, but they may not be accredited to cast more than one-third of the votes of an AIA chapter.

Associate members may be accredited and vote, but their votes will not be counted until the chapter’s Architect member delegate(s) has been accredited and voted.

Prior to the annual meeting on September 1, 2020, Associate delegates should verify that at least one (1) Architect member will also be accredited as a delegate and is able to cast a vote.

Voting for Officers

If an accredited delegate (Associate or Architect member) does not vote in the election of officers and the At-large Director, the chapter loses that portion of its voting power.

Voting for officers and the At-large Director will open at 5pm (EDT) on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

No voting for officers or the At-large Director will be permitted after 5pm (EDT) on Friday, September 4, 2020, except in the event of a runoff election for the Secretary on Friday, September 4, 2020 (7pm EDT) – 5pm (EDT) Tuesday, September 8, 2020.
Proxy Voting

A proxy is a member or state delegate who is representing an absent chapter by voting on its behalf.

(Note: if a chapter president wishes to allocate the chapter’s votes to a member of the same chapter, that is not a proxy vote. That member being accredited is simply a member delegate, and no proxy authorization is required.)

If a chapter is unable to have any delegates in attendance at the annual meeting on September 1, 2020, and/or vote for officers and the At-large Director on September 2-4, 2020, the chapter may select a member or state delegate from another chapter in the same state or region to represent the absent chapter by proxy both at the meeting and for voting for officers and the At-large Director.

The president or authorized designee from the absent chapter must give written authorization to the attending member delegate.

The substitute delegate cannot be accredited to cast a proxy vote for the absent chapter unless the accreditation takes place online before August 14, 2020.

In most instances, a member delegate may represent only one chapter in addition to that delegate’s own chapter. The only exception to that rule is that: (a) a state delegate may represent by proxy more than one of the chapters in the state at the meeting of the Institute, and (b) the president of a state component may designate a member delegate from the state to represent by proxy more than one chapter in that state.

The delegate holding a proxy will vote several times, casting separate ballots for the proxy chapter and for the delegate’s own chapter. Each chapter will be allotted its authorized voting strength.

Delegates-at-large may not give or act as proxies. Please do not ask a Delegate-at-large (that is, a past President of the Institute or a current Board member, officer, or Strategic Council member) to serve as a proxy for an absent chapter.

Delegates-at-large are permitted to accredit as member delegates for their own assigned chapters in addition to their Delegate-at-large votes but are not permitted to serve as proxies.

Any questions regarding the voting process can be directed to Pam Day, Hon. AIA, Corporate Secretary & Managing Director, Governance Administration, at AIA headquarters, telephone (202) 626 7305, or email pday@aia.org.
3. AIA Rules of Procedure for the Annual Meeting

Note: The Parliamentarian may not be called upon directly by members during debate. Requests for a parliamentary ruling are addressed to the President, who may (or may not) consult with the Parliamentarian.

The Parliamentarian will be available during the annual meeting to consult with and advise members on appropriate parliamentary procedures, on a confidential basis if requested.

AIA’s rules of procedure are based on Robert’s Rules of Order, but do not follow them in all respects.

The rules of procedure will be presented for approval by the delegates at the start of the meeting.

Delegate’s Role

While there are no proposed amendments to the Institute Bylaws, or resolutions presented for consideration, delegates should be present for reports by the President, Treasurer, Credentials Committee, Resolutions Committee, and other business items at the annual meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 1-2pm (EDT).
4. Proposed Bylaws Amendments

There are no proposed amendments to the Institute Bylaws sponsored by the Board of Directors this year.
5. Report of the 2020 Resolutions Committee

Resolutions Committee

Korey D. White, AIA, 2020 chair
Robert Cozzarelli, FAIA
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Jason Winters, AIA, Institute Secretary (ex officio)
Sarah Curry, AIAS, 2020 President, American Institute of Architecture
Students (ex officio)

The Resolutions Process

A resolution is a formal request from the membership for the Board of Directors to take a particular action. Anyone can write a resolution, but it must be properly sponsored before it may be submitted to the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee verifies the sponsorship, reviews the resolution and may edit it for clarity or combine it with another similar resolution, in consultation with the designated sponsor.

Resolutions submitted to the 2020 Resolutions Committee will not be brought forward for consideration at this annual meeting but will be reviewed by the Board at a later date, and/or may be submitted for consideration at the 2021 annual meeting.
6. Actions Taken on Resolutions Adopted at the AIA Convention 2018 and AIA Convention 2019

Resolution 18-3 (as amended)

Title
Diversity Pipeline and National Representation

Sponsor
AIA Georgia

Intent
To support the Institute's commitment to diversity and inclusion by calling for the implementation of a plan to develop a national leadership pipeline of ethnically diverse women candidates for national governance positions.

Text of Resolution
WHEREAS, in its 2017 Diversity and Inclusion Statement, the AIA has made a commitment to "champion[ing] a culture of equity, diversity, and inclusion," and "[a]chieving this vision has a direct impact on the relevance of our profession and the world's prosperity, health, and future"; and

WHEREAS, to achieve a culture of inclusion and diversity in the profession of architecture, a pipeline of diverse architect licensure candidates must exist; and

WHEREAS, the number of ethnically diverse women earning architecture licensure has been a historically low percentage of total licensees, as exemplified by African American women, who currently make up approximately 0.4 percent of the total number of architects in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a key condition of encouraging ethnically diverse women to become architects is their having knowledge of role models that they can aspire to emulate; and

WHEREAS, the participation of ethnically diverse women architects in national positions of leadership within the AIA would create visible and accessible aspirational role models for ethnically diverse female college students and emerging professionals; and

WHEREAS, in the past twenty-five (25) years representation by ethnically diverse women at the national level has been consistently below that of their impact in the profession, as exemplified by the fact that only two (2) African American women have served on the national AIA Board of Directors during that timeframe, and zero (0) have served on the Strategic Council (since its inception); and
WHEREAS, along with AIA state and local components, the AIA Strategic Council forms an important pipeline for leadership development within the Institute and our profession;

WHEREAS, the implementation of a national leadership pipeline of ethnically diverse women candidates for national governance positions is one of many steps that will contribute to greater diversity and inclusion within the profession of architecture; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such a national leadership pipeline will not create reserved positions on the Board of Directors and will not create a quota program for any leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the long-term interests of all AIA members to identify, encourage, and recruit talented individuals to pursue leadership in the profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIA will create and implement a plan to partner with local and state components to actively identify, prepare, recruit and encourage a range of ethnically diverse women to pursue election/service on the National AIA Board of Directors and AIA Strategic Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors and the Institute Secretary present a plan for action by delegates at the 2019 AIA Convention in Las Vegas.

Subsequent Action

The Board of Directors ratified this resolution in September 2018, subject to the following modifications: (a) an update (rather than a plan for action) was provided to the delegates during the 2019 Annual Meeting; and (b) final recommendations were slated to be presented for the Board’s consideration not later than December 2019.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, a diverse task force was appointed to address the resolution. Next, information was gathered from articles, examples of component leadership programs, and leadership models from other associations, to provide the task force with the initial research materials to begin work. The task force developed recommendations to partner with local and state components to actively identify, prepare, recruit and encourage a range of ethnically diverse women to pursue election/service on the Board of Directors and Strategic Council.

Q1/2019: The task force met to review the resolution and background. A facilitated discussion was held to review the research on leadership, including barriers, opportunities, and lessons learned from leadership journeys. Leadership attributes and indicators were identified, as well as roadblocks.

Q2/2019: The task force focused on candidate recruitment and the program model. Recruitment messaging will ensure that all ethnically diverse AIA members be inclusive of all women of color. The proposed model may take
advantage of current AIA conferences (national, regional, and local), AIA leadership opportunities, and other opportunities for candidates to learn and grow their leadership acumen (AIAU, mentorship, and coaching).

Q3/2019: The task force presented a preliminary recommendation to the Board.

Q4/2019: The task force co-chairs made a presentation of the final recommendations and report to the Board of Directors. The proposed program structure and budget was approved by the Board of Directors. The work of the task force concluded.

2020: AIA National staff is currently in the initial program planning phase and providing periodic reports to the members of the Equity and the Future of Architecture Committee (EQFA). The initial program implementation timeline is estimated as follows:

- Program Design: February-September 2020
- Marketing, Dissemination and Recruitment: Q3-Q4 2020
- Inaugural Cohort Selection: Q1-Q2 2021
Resolution 18-6

Title
Supporting Emerging Professionals

Sponsor
AIA California Council

Intent
Commensurate with the graying of America, the demographics of the profession and the AIA are rapidly changing. Consequently, it is crucial for the AIA to actively engage Emerging Professionals (students, Associates, and architects licensed 10 years or less), to ensure the future continued success of the organization. To this end, this resolution asks the Board of Directors to study and recommend strategic tools and resources for components to employ in recruiting new Emerging Professionals.

Text of Resolution
WHEREAS, a strong and growing contingent of Emerging Professionals
members are critical for continued relevance of the AIA in service to society
and responding to the challenges of an ever-changing marketplace, and
advancements in technology, building design and project delivery; and

WHEREAS, AIA membership is extremely beneficial to the individual
Emerging Professional, and the profession, in innumerable ways such as
lifelong learning, developing leadership and management skills and
knowledge, and learning to function in an environment of innovation,
discovery, and exploration; and

WHEREAS, when first entering the profession, the cost of AIA dues is
oftentimes a deterrent to joining in relation to median salaries, student loans,
starting a family, and housing affordability, for example; and

WHEREAS, not all architectural firms have the capacity, interest, or ability to
help cover part or all of an Emerging Professional's dues; and

WHEREAS, within the context of member services, it would benefit the AIA
to better understand the challenges facing today's Emerging Professionals,
the AIA's commitment to future generations, how organizational resources
can be used to attract and leverage the interests of Emerging Professionals
in service to society and the communities in which we live and work; and

WHEREAS the use of pilot programs provides opportunities to test
numerous combinations of tactical tools and strategies to build Emerging
Professional membership, including reduced dues, reimbursed dues in
exchange for leadership service at any level of the AIA, and component
grants that initiate new Emerging Professional committees and programs; and
WHEREAS, the influence of the academy on how students perceive the AIA and the value of AIA membership, should compel the AIA to find ways to increase the penetration of AIA membership into the faculty of accredited schools of architecture; and

WHEREAS, the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), the National Associates Committee (NAC) and the Young Architects Forum (YAF) are exceptional resources to help design tactical programs and initiatives to expand the AIA’s membership of students, Associates, and young architects;

WHEREAS, safe, harmonious, and productive workplace environments are critical factors for emerging Professionals, and through inclusion and the Code of Ethics, and prerequisites for receiving AIA Awards and Recognitions, the AIA should can proactively actively discourage workplace harassment, abusive behavior, and/or discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the AIA, as the flagship of the collective profession can exercise the leadership necessary to advance the culture of the architectural profession as a safe, welcoming, respectful, and dignified space for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the AIA Board of Directors study the categories of Emerging Professionals and the challenges of attracting and building Emerging Professional membership, and develop specific strategies, tactics, and tools to help components attract and retain Emerging Professionals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study include review of current AIA programs and activities, coordination with AIA members at large, representatives of pertinent collateral organizations, representatives of the AIA’s membership categories, national staff, the AIA Strategic Council, and the Council of Architectural Component Executives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study be closely coordinated with other AIA activities focused on anti-harassment and abuse in the workplace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AIA National report its findings and recommendations at the 2019 Convention in Las Vegas.
Subsequent Action

In Q4 2018, a Task Force of diverse individuals responsible for implementing the work outlined in the Emerging Professionals Resolution was selected. The charge of the Task Force is to study categories of Emerging Professionals and develop strategies, tactics, and tools to increase member value through marketing, assessment of current programs, development of new programs and incentives that will attract or retain Emerging Professionals.

Several project phases have been completed since the onset of the project, including:

1. A situation assessment to evaluate engagement patterns and issues impacting today’s Emerging Professionals
2. An electronic survey to gather data and intelligence on existing practices and approaches used by AIA components today
3. A comparative benchmarking study to uncover best practices and lessons learned from other associations that have experienced success in engaging Emerging Professionals
4. A second electronic survey to gather information on attitudes towards AIA, drivers for membership, workforce needs, and pricing sensitivity fielded to members and non-members, including Emerging Professionals, supervisors and faculty.

The remaining scope of work for the Task Force is as follows:

- **Ideation and Scenario Development (in progress):** The Task Force will work with AIA staff and McKinley Advisors to conduct a gap assessment and develop potential scenarios to address the issues outlined in the Emerging Professionals Resolution.
- **Concept Testing Interviews:** The Task Force will conduct in-depth interviews with stakeholders to evaluate the feasibility and desirability of the various approaches and scenarios developed.
- **Recommendation:** The Task Force will distribute a report of findings and recommendations to key stakeholders for input and review and present the final findings and recommendations to AIA’s Board of Directors.
Resolution 18-7 (as amended)

Title
Repositioning, Member Value, and a Study of AIA Regions

Sponsor
AIA Portland
and AIA Oregon

Intent
To execute a study of AIA regions to document their wide variety of structures, missions, resources and programs; to review the relationship between the new Strategic Council and the regions; and to identify best practice models and opportunities to increase member value, promote collaboration among components, provide consistent member service, align the work of components at all levels and make efficient use of member dues.

Text of Resolution
WHEREAS, in the 2014 Report on Repositioning, the AIA’s components envisioned an improved component structure for member value and experience, including core roles and responsibilities for each tier; and

WHEREAS, in response to the 2014 Report on Repositioning, the Institute took action to adopt a revised governance model: a smaller board of directors for more agile decision-making and a larger, diverse Strategy Council to help identify and take advantage of opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in response to the 2014 Report on Repositioning, widespread efforts to analyze the structure and operation of the AIA at the national, state, and local levels and create a component accreditation process in the interest of improving member value, services and the overall relevance of the AIA have produced meaningful, positive change in the Institute; and

WHEREAS, AIA regions were not included in this process of evaluation, and were not party to the development of Member Service Agreements nor subject to accreditation or review; and

WHEREAS, the AIA’s regions vary greatly with regard to size and composition, purpose, member service and engagement, resource requirements, dues and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AIA Board of Directors shall convene a task force utilizing direct input from a broad cross section of members to complete a study of AIA regions that clarifies and identifies the following as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen the alignment of all parts of the Institute, with a report on the task force members and the plan to address the project by October 2018, an update to be provided to delegates at the 2019 Convention, and outcomes and potential recommendations to be shared with members at the 2020 Convention:
• **Context**  
Regions’ history, purpose, missions and overlap with other AIA entities.

• **Governance**  
Region structure, size, components, directors and legal status.

• **Repositioning**  
Regions and Strategic Council as they relate to recommendations on component autonomy vs. unity, component structure, and tier coordination.

• **Leadership**  
Region director cultivation and election, member outreach and communication, diversity, Strategic Council outcomes, benefits and challenges of geographic representation model.

• **Member value**  
Region programs and services, benefits to chapters, member value, relationship to other tiers of the AIA.

• **Resources**  
Region dues and other income, expenses, volunteer and staff time, travel costs.

• **Member perception**  
Value to members and chapters, perceived effectiveness of Regions and Strategic Council, successes and opportunities for improvement.

• **Methodology**  
Direct input from a wide range of members, surveys, focus groups and interviews, data collection.
Assembled in Q4 2018, the Regions Task Force held its first conference call in Q1 2019. During Q2 2019, working alongside National Staff and an independent consultant, four research efforts were conducted to generate the body of knowledge that would inform the Task Force’s discussions and final report. These efforts included benchmarking with nine other organizations, an in-depth data collection effort with all 19 AIA regions, and two electronic survey instruments. One survey was fielded to Constituents, including Member Component Leaders, the Council of Architectural Component Executives, the Strategic Council, the Young Architects Forum, the National Associates Committee and others, and another survey was fielded to a representative sample of the AIA membership.

Using the findings of the research, the Regions Task Force met throughout 2019 and in early 2020 to develop potential scenarios for the future of regions. These scenarios were presented to the Strategic Council and Board of Directors at their respective meetings in December 2019.

The task force then opened a period of feedback collection and held several listening sessions. Using this feedback, the Task Force refined its scenarios in February 2020 and developed a final report.

At the Board meeting in April 2020, Task Force Chair Peter Kuttner, FAIA, presented the findings from the Study of Regions, which included potential future scenarios for the Board’s consideration. At that meeting, the Board expressed its preference for an Adaptive Reuse of State Components approach to increase efficiency and effectiveness and streamline the organization significantly while maintaining geographic input from members. This model creates a direct connection between state components and AIA National through state-elected Strategic Councilors.

The proposed elimination of regions is designed for flexibility allowing individual state components the opportunity to come together based on shared interests, issues, or concerns, and provide more opportunities to engage new future leaders of AIA.

In May 2020, AIA President Jane Frederick, FAIA, appointed a new task force, Resolution 18-7 Implementation Task Force, to develop recommendations for moving forward and create an implementation plan that is based on states rather than regions. Work commenced in Q2 2020 and will conclude in 2021 leading up to the 2021 annual meeting.
Resolution 19-11

Resolution for Urgent and Sustained Climate Action

Sponsor
Betsy del Monte, FAIA, and fifty members of the Institute

Intent
To provide a framework for the AIA to prioritize and support urgent climate action to exponentially accelerate the “decarbonization” of buildings, the building sector, and the built environment.

Text of Resolution
WHEREAS, in 2017 the AIA Board of Directors issued Where We Stand: Climate Change (https://www.aia.org/resources/77541-where-we-stand-climate-change) and the AIA Commentary on Climate Change Mitigation (http://content.aia.org/sites/default/files/2017-04/AIA-Commentary_climate-change-mitigation.pdf) which state the AIA’s position on the science of climate change, the substantial greenhouse gas emissions from buildings and cities, and the vital role architects must play in combatting climate change; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the AIA Board of Directors adopted the revised the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct (http://content.aia.org/sites/default/files/2018-09/2018_Code_of_Ethics_0.pdf) fully updating Canon VI, Obligations to the Environment including:

- Ethical Standard 6.5: Climate Change. Members should incorporate adaptation strategies with their clients to anticipate extreme weather events and minimize adverse effects on the environment, economy, and public health.
- Rule 6.501. Members shall consider with their clients the environmental effects of their project decisions; and

WHEREAS, for many years the AIA and its members have invested their resources to be engaged in and informed about climate change by participating in the highest-level national and international conferences and summits including: in 2015, the United Nations Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21) in Paris; in 2016, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador; and in 2018, the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 AIA President Carl Elefante, FAIA, constituted the Blue Ribbon Panel for Codes and Standards which states in its draft report: “…today we observe a rapidly changing world that is not properly reflected in what it means to protect ‘health, safety, and welfare.’ We have observed the devastating effects of climate change throughout the world, growing social inequity, and human health crises that demand the definition of ‘HSW’ now focus on and include the growing bodies of knowledge in resilience, equitable design, and advanced building performance.” (Disruption, Evolution and Change, AIA Blue Ribbon Panel for Codes and Standards, Report, to be released June 2019); and
WHEREAS, in 2019 AIA President William J. Bates, FAIA, informed the Sustainability Leadership Group that “...leaders from AIA’s Board of Directors and executive team described their intention to focus Institute resources and influence for deeper impact on a specific topic. Dubbed the Big Move, that proposal has been honed to focus on economically viable climate action through buildings’ operational and embodied carbon;” and

WHEREAS, in 2019 AIA President William J. Bates, FAIA, charged the Sustainability Leadership Group to “serve as and work in conjunction with other Board level committees for the AIA to maximize impact as the Institute shifts into a greater leadership role mitigating and adapting to a changing climate;” and

WHEREAS, in accordance with President Bates’ charge, the Sustainability Leadership Group, composed of leaders of the seven AIA committees focused on issues of healthy, sustainable, and resilient design, met at AIA Headquarters in February and April 2019 and recommended three actions to the AIA Board of Directors for sustaining the health, safety, and welfare of human life on our planet:

1. Declare an urgent climate imperative for carbon reduction.
2. Transform the day-to-day practice of architects to achieve a zero-carbon, equitable, resilient and healthy built environment by adopting the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. (The AIA Committee on the Environment (COTE) Top Ten Measures (https://www.aia.org/resources/6077668-the-cote-top-ten-toolkit).)
3. Align and utilize our external messaging to leverage support of our peers, clients, policy makers, and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that commencing in 2019 and continuing until zero-net carbon practice is the accepted standard of its members, the AIA prioritize and support urgent climate action as a health, safety, and welfare issue, to exponentially accelerate the “decarbonization” of buildings, the building sector, and the built environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AIA engage its full membership; the clients and communities members serve; federal, state and local policy makers and governing bodies; other professional organizations and affiliates, and the public on climate action through a multi-year strategy for education, practice, advocacy, and outreach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the example of the AIA Guides for Equitable Practice, the AIA prepare Guidelines for Ethical Practice on Climate Action to delineate practices for complying with Canon VI, Obligations to the Environment in the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AIA revise its Public Policies and Position Statements to support urgent climate action; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the AIA adopt and implement the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Codes and Standards and the Sustainability Leadership Group.

**Subsequent Action**

In October 2019, a task force was appointed and charged to draft a “Climate Action Plan.” That draft plan was presented in February 2020 at AIA Grassroots 2020, and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors in April 2020. This plan declares a Climate Imperative and focuses on three goals: adapting to the impacts of climate change; mitigating the sources of climate change; and catalyzing architects to act. The plan will be used when developing the 2021 Operating Plan and Budget for all aspects of AIA’s work, including knowledge, advocacy, and communications.

In September 2019, the Board of Directors adopted the Committee on the Environment’s (COTE) “Top Ten” as the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. A task force was appointed to review and revise the Framework to ensure it was inclusive of all aspects of design excellence; the Board approved that revised Framework in June 2020. This Framework is referenced in the Climate Action Plan.
7. Candidate Information

Candidate Certification

The Institute Secretary is responsible for establishing the validity of all declared nominations. Based on a review of the materials submitted by each candidate by the certification deadline of March 13, 2020, the Secretary declares the following candidates eligible to stand for election.

2021-2023 At-large Director (one will be elected)
Jeffrey S. Ferweda, AIA (AIA Flint/AIA Michigan)
Ryan J. Gann, Assoc. AIA (AIA Chicago/AIA Illinois)
Kevin Harris, Assoc. AIA (AIA Seattle/AIA Washington Council)
Laura A. Lesniewski, AIA (AIA Kansas City/AIA Missouri)
Belinda J. Stewart, FAIA (AIA Mississippi)

2021-2022 Secretary
Edward A. Bernard, AIA (AIA Atlanta/AIA Georgia)
Brian J. Frickie, AIA (AIA Northern Virginia/AIA Virginia)
William R. Turner Jr., AIA, LEED AP (AIA Colorado)

2021 First Vice President/2022 President-elect
Daniel Stephen Hart, FAIA (AIA Austin/AIA Texas Society of Architects)
Edward A. Vance, FAIA (AIA Las Vegas/AIA Nevada)

Individual candidate biographies and statements of philosophy written by the candidates are provided on the following pages.

Voting for Officers and At-large Director

Delegates will vote in the election of officers and the At-large Director beginning on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 5pm (EDT) and concluding on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 5pm (EDT).

In the event of a runoff election for officers, runoff balloting will take place beginning on Friday, September 4, 2020, at 7pm (EDT) and concluding on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5pm (EDT).
Candidate for 2021-2023 At-large Director

Jeffrey S. Ferweda, AIA
AIA Flint/AIA Michigan

*Putting AIA policies into everyday small firm practice, leading in climate action agenda, diversity, and inclusion.* The most important thing is to listen to you, the member, and your voice. Are the Board’s definitions of terms like diversity and public awareness the same as your definitions? I will put the voice of the small firm and average member into the policies and changes we are facing in our profession. I will speak out for those who have not been heard.

*A national champion for small firms.*
I was the first AIA National Small Firm Round Table (SFx) Chair who was elected by peers to that position. I led the implementation of policy through innovative thought, collaboration, and progressive tools for the small firms that represent 79% of firms in the country.

*A small firm can be a leader in the climate action agenda.*
My firm designed the first Net-Zero building in Flint, Michigan for Crossover Ministries, and we have also completed several successful Passive House homes. We continue to push our everyday clients to build better buildings, by promoting better design in everyday projects, transcending firm size, providing for clients what the world needs, and making it financially viable.

*Diversity and inclusion start at home.*
My firm is in its sixth decade. I am proud to say that three of our seven staff are female. One of our two licensed Architects is a minority. We have had staff in National positions including Associate Director to the National Board, Strategic Council, YARD, and the NAC, and one has been awarded Young Architect of the year for both National and Michigan.

*The experience of aligning my own small firm with the Public Awareness of the New Design Agenda will help me lead the transition on the National level for all. We can be the change the world needs, and I will be your voice.*

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Jeffrey S. Ferweda, AIA
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AIA National Strategic Council 2017, 2018, 2019
• Convener, Next Big Thing Work Group - 2019
• Best Practices Committee - 2017, 2018, 2019
• Innovative Business Models Work Group - 2017, 2018, 2019
• AIA Board Public Outreach Committee, 2018

AIA National SFx 2011-2014
• First Chair elected by peers, 2014
• Established an Emerging Professional to the Executive Committee, 2014

AIA Michigan Executive Committee 2012-2020
• Finance Committee Chair, 2020
• President, 2020

AIA Flint Executive Committee 2005-2020
• President, 2006-2020
Candidate for 2021-2023 At-large Director

Ryan J. Gann, Assoc. AIA
AIA Chicago/AIA Illinois

To achieve climate justice, we need racial justice.

This is the ultimate project. Our careers and profession will be defined by a shared and vital response.

The past few months have presented tremendous challenges to society: ongoing proof of climate impact, a pandemic, and a spotlight on inequities. Architecture plays a fundamental role in each. Not as a backdrop, but as a facilitator.

These challenges may seem insurmountable, but together we can usher in meaningful change. The AIA must elevate its network of 94,000 members by serving as a critical resource for shared knowledge, data, education, and research.

From emerging professionals to emeritus members, we must mobilize the skillset of the architect within our communities; transforming the built environment to be more just, equitable, diverse, and inclusive.

Each step forward has the promise of a future we can all be proud of.

As At-Large Director I commit to being a cross-generational link to bring our collective passion into focus. I have the experience, in both leadership and practice, to confidently pave a path of substance and vision that mobilizes a generation of future architects, AIA members, and Citizen Architects.

Join me.

History favors the bold.

MeetRyanGann.com

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Ryan J. Gann, Assoc. AIA
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American Institute of Architects
Center for Practice Advisor, 2020
Associate Director, National Board, 2019
Equity and the Future of Architecture Committee, 2019
AIA Chicago LGBTQI+ Alliance, 2018
Associate Representative, Strategic Council, 2018
Founding Member, Illinois Emerging Professionals Network, 2018
Illinois Regional Associate Director, National Associates Committee, 2017-1

National Architectural Accrediting Board
International Accreditation Task Force, 2016-18
AIAS Director, National Board, 2014-16
Visiting Team at Kean University, Pennsylvania State University, Ball State University

American Institute of Architecture Students
Co-Chair, Advocacy Task Force - Studio Culture, 2014-15
Midwest Quadrant Director, National Board, 2013-14

Professional
Ross Barney Architects, Present
Assistant Studio Professor, Illinois Institute of Technology
Media Objectives Graphic Design Studio
Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat
Landon Bone Baker Architects

Education
transFORM - Sponsored by Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses, AIA Chicago, 2017
Bridge Mentorship Program, AIA Chicago, 2015
Bachelor of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology

Recognition
Richard Upjohn Fellow, 2019
Louise Blanchard Bethune Fellow, 2018
Associate Award, AIA National, 2018
Inaugural Architect-in-Residence, Hyde Park Art Center, 2018
Schiff Foundation Fellow, Art Institute of Chicago, 2015
Candidate for 2021-2023 At-large Director

Kevin Harris, Assoc. AIA
AIA Seattle/AIA Washington Council

Sustainable, purpose-driven design is a team effort.

In the construction industry, a project team often includes members with very different skills. The architect, the builder and the product manufacturers are all key participants and all of these skilled professionals have an important role to play in delivering a successful project.

I believe that when the principal participants in a construction project have an understanding of the forces that drive each other’s business models, they are better able to leverage each other’s strengths and minimize frustrations during the various phases of design, construction and facility use. The intersection between these skilled professionals is where I spend a great deal of time.

AGS is an AIA National Cornerstone Partner and I have the privilege of leading my firm’s outreach to the architectural community. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for the Leading Suppliers Council (LSC). The LSC is a committee of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), which is comprised of many of the world’s most respected architectural product manufacturers.

As your At-large Director, I will work to leverage my experience and industry connections to increase communication and knowledge-transfer between these key project contributors to increase the profitability and improve the outcomes of your projects.

On a more personal note, my passion is residential design! Each month I work with hundreds of architects (many of whom represent very small practices), strategizing, problem-solving and sharing best-of-breed solutions to the design challenges of today. I truly enjoy it.

Thank you for your vote!

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Kevin Harris, Assoc. AIA
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Prior to my position with AGS Stainless, I founded four industry-leading firms, including two information technology firms; one specializing in the creation of web-based process management tools for Fortune 100 corporation, and one that specialized in building predictive modeling applications for federal agencies.

I also founded a real estate development firm that spearheaded the restoration and redevelopment of a historic seaport community's downtown waterfront and I co-founded a state-chartered community bank, which at founding, was the fastest bank to receive a charter in the history of Washington State.

Two of my four companies I sold to publicly traded corporations. Over the years I have served on the Board of Directors for numerous non-profit organizations including the Economic Development Council of Jefferson County (Washington State), Centrum (Arts and Education) and the Jefferson County Historical Society (Washington State).
Candidate for 2021-2023 At-large Director

Laura A. Lesniewski, AIA
AIA Kansas City/AIA Missouri

Encouraging climate action by AIA members, firms, and components as we collectively create a more inclusive, healthy, beautiful, and resilient built environment.

Resilient Design for and by All
While my academic and professional experience has roots on both coasts, most of my architectural practice has been from the heartland. Resiliency in design is critical (and possible!) everywhere, as much in the Great Plains as on the coasts, from northern climes to the deep south.

Architectural Education
Understanding the deep connection between nature and human nature needs reinforcement in our formal education. Future architects will require different skills and talents in a world of active climate change – from design culture to technology, from technical knowledge to wisdom, which suggests a needed transformation of architectural education. Transitioning to practice – to firms of all sizes, geographies, cultures – also requires a continuum of knowledge and skills growth.

Knowledge
From emerging to mid-career to emeritus, all architects benefit from mutual support throughout the trajectory of a demanding career. AIA's commitment to climate action means we need to collectively support and encourage real change through sharing of knowledge, experiences, research, tools, and practices that empower each other.

Climate action means recommitting our efforts to design resilient built and human environments, informed even more so by our collective experience with the pandemic and our growing consciousness of racism.

My commitment is to ensure that AIA's actions are durable and just, that our advocacy supports this work, and that we provide leadership and support to the full breadth of our members. It's a big table; ALL are welcome.

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AIA National
Strategic Council (2018-20)
Council Liaison, Young Architects Forum (2019-20)
Board Knowledge Committee (2019-20)
Climate Action Plan Task Force (2019-20)
Upjohn Research Initiative Jury (2019)

AIA Central States Region
Regional Representative to Strategic Council (2018-20)
Council Member, KC Representative (2013-14)

AIA Missouri
Board Member (2014)
Missouri Comprehensive State Energy Plan - AIA Representative (2014)

AIA Kansas City
President (2014)
Board Director (2008-10)
Editorial Board (2007)
Center for Architecture & Design - Founding Board Member (2014-15)

Professional
Woo+Williams (MA) (1985-87)
Gyroscope (CA) (1990-91)
Abend Singleton (MO) (1992-93)
BNIM (MO) (1994-present)

Education
Master of Architecture - University of California, Berkeley
Bachelor of Science in Art and Design - Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Selected Community Engagement
Asilong High School (Pokot, Kenya) - Founding Advisory Board Member (2016-present)
Westside Housing Organization - Board Member (2015-present)
Habitat for Humanity Kansas City - Board Member/President (1995-2001)
Candidate for 2021-2023 At-large Director

Belinda J. Stewart, FAIA
AIA Mississippi

Empowering Members by Creating Opportunities for Stronger Engagement, Collaboration, and Communication. Harnessing the power of our members is the key to our future -- and to our ability to enable leadership that advances our mission. We can achieve these goals by increasing the flow of information and strategic engagement among our membership – empowering all of us to do more.

Harness Diversity; We Can Do More. We must use our diversity, strength, and the power of design to address the breadth of possibilities and challenges facing our members, our profession and our communities. We are AIA. It takes all of us working together on all levels to be successful.

Be a Citizen Architect. I have considered myself a Citizen Architect, even before being elected Mayor of my small hometown in Mississippi. These 23 years of civic leadership have taught me about economy, diversity, equity and the tangible power of design – making me a better leader - and a better architect.

Environmental Stewardship. We have a very strong role as stewards of the environment. As architects, we have the power and the responsibility to help communities meet these challenges and to restore their built environment and celebrate their embodied energy through equitable design.

Help every member get the support and engagement they need. Every member benefits from access to the vast amount of high-quality and relevant work being done within the American Institute of Architects on all levels. We can create a more engaged Institute – one that helps us better connect with each other, with our clients and communities, and supports us with the information we need.

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Belinda J. Stewart, FAIA
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Community Leadership
Mayor, Village of Walthall, MS – 1997-present (6th term)
MS Heritage Trust - 1992-present (Founding board, former President)
National Register Review Board, MS Dept of Archives and History - 2012-present
Advisory Council, MSU School of Architecture - 2011-present

AIA Leadership
AIA Strategic Council, Gulf States Regional Representative - 2018-2020
AIA Strategic Council, Engagement, Communication Committees - 2018-20
AIA Public Outreach Committee, Board Committee – 2019
AIA Historic Resources Committee – 1992 - present
President, AIA/Mississippi -1998 (first woman president of AIA/MS)
AIA/MS Govt affairs committee - 2010- present

Honors:
85 Design and Preservation Awards
Gulf States Region Design Awards Chair - 2012-2013

Experience / Education:
Belinda Stewart Architects, PA, 1990-present, President / Founder
O’Brien Atkins Associates - 1985-89
Bachelor of Architecture, MS State Univ. 1985
Candidate for 2021-2022 Secretary

Edward A. Bernard, AIA
AIA Atlanta/AIA Georgia

One Architect / One AIA: We must celebrate the unique potential of each architect and create a culture of inspiration, singular empowerment, and collective support. Each one of us has the ability and talent to impact our communities, our profession, and the world.

Architects have a tremendous opportunity today to participate as community and practice leaders to solve world problems and effect change. AIA must continue to elevate the architect’s role in society, to empower architects in professional practice and support them in leadership.

Today, architecture firms vary in size, number of offices, project focus, clients, and geographic locations. The culture, business practices, and professional needs of each will vary significantly. Firms will approach and respond differently to challenges based on their available resources and support. In the Covid-19 world, firms will need to adapt and reset goals to prepare for the new business and design challenges ahead. AIA must continue our mission of protecting small business, supporting sound economic policies, protecting the value/scope of architectural services, and providing the tools for future practice in a new environment.

We all share a desire to protect and elevate Architecture; a vision for a better future for all of us and the world community. Our values are clear. AIA must expand and facilitate clear communication and collaboration between local, state, and national components, through active listening, core understanding, genuine intent, and new approaches; seeking to expand leadership diversity in ethnicity, gender and talent.

As Secretary I will embrace positive change with fair representation, transparency, and clear communication; working with all components to empower our members and expand their talents to help them succeed; a voice for equity and diversity.

I believe that One Architect can make a difference, whether singularly or collectively; and One AIA represents a united and strong voice for our profession!

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**AIA Georgia**  
President: 2011  
President Elect/Past: 2010-12  
State Council Member: 1998-2001

**AIA Charlotte**  
Board Director: 2003-04

**The Architects' Foundation of Georgia**  
Board of Trustees: 2000-02

**AIA Atlanta**  
President: 2001  
President Elect/Past: 2000-02  
Treasurer: 1998-99  
Board Director, Practice Technology: 1992-93  
Student Affairs Committee Chairman: 1988-91  
Georgia HS Career Day in Architecture Chairman: 1990-91

**Professional Experience**  
Marx|Okubo, SE Regional Vice President & Board Member: 2010 - present  
NELSON, Southeast Regional Executive: 2004-08  
Moser Mayer Phoenix, Managing Principal, Charlotte: 2003  
SlaterPaull Architects, Principal, Atlanta: 1998-2002  
Architects Consortium, Founder/ Principal: 1994-98

**Education**  
Southern Polytechnic State University, BS Architectural Engineering
Candidate for 2021-2022 Secretary

Brian J. Frickie, AIA
AIA Northern Virginia/AIA Virginia

We are at a turning point.
Our society, the AIA and the profession are at a crossroads. In the midst of brutality and health pandemics, our actions matter like never before… we’re making our future culture and profession… right now!

It is time for REVOLUTION, not evolution...
…words more true now than in my February speech. We must become truly revolutionary… backup thoughtful deliberation with meaningful, immediate action.

Architects serve all of society.
Not just the ones who hire architects. Not just the ones who own buildings. We serve all those who inhabit the built environment we design.

We need to change public perception.
We need to help remake culture, let people see who we really are based on what we do for all of society, not just the 2% who hire us.

We need to advance our unique knowledge.
We need to develop the unique knowledge required and make it available to those who need it.

We need more leaders.
We must prepare architects for the leadership this larger cultural role requires.

We need a bigger tent.
The AIA is the largest it ever has been. Let’s leverage that size to make a real difference, to collaborate with others and make needed change.

Let’s focus on ideas and innovation, rather than on proprietary ownership and self-interest.

Let’s provide open access to knowledge for others to use in solving the world’s challenges.

Let’s selectively focus on issues that matter, shed those not part of our core values.

Let’s focus on people we serve… and change the world.

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**National AIA:**
Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-19 (Chair 2019-20)
Strategic Council, Regional Representative, 2016-19
Leadership Academy Working Group, Chair (2019-present)
Board Knowledge Committee, 2016-19 (Research Subcommittee, 2016-17)
Small Firm Round Table (SFx), 2015 Chair, 2011-15 Regional Representative

**AIA Virginia:**
President, 2008, Board Member, various committees, 2001-09
Emerging Leaders in Architecture, Steering Committee, 2009-16
Design Committee, Member, 1994-98

**Honors:**
Presidential Citations, AIA Virginia, 2019, 2018
Distinguished Achievement Award, AIA Virginia, 2012
Award for Outstanding Achievement, Northern Virginia Chapter, 2010

**Service:**
Clarendon Alliance, Vice President, Urban Design Committee Chair, 1997–2002
Christians in Visual Arts, Board of Directors, 1988-92
Washington Arts Group, Board of Directors, 1983-85

**Experience:**
Kerns Group Architects, President, 1985–present
Rust Orling and Neale, 1983–85
Mariani and Associates, 1982-83

**Education:**
Bachelor of Architecture, Auburn University, 1981
Bachelor of Environmental Design, Auburn University, 1981
Candidate for 2021-2022 Secretary

William R. Turner Jr., AIA, LEED AP
AIA Colorado

Championing the relevance of value and design.

EXPERIENCE AND LEADERSHIP

The Institute is at its core an association, one that champions the profession, but also supports its members. Over my years of service to the Institute locally, regionally, and nationally I have come to recognize the nuance and import of operating and running an association while serving its members, all while advocating for and strengthening the profession.

The charge of the Secretary lays squarely at the intersection of these key factors. Through my consistent and recent experience serving as a member of the Secretary’s Advisory Committee, I am prepared to be your Secretary with these priorities.

As Secretary, I am asking for your trust, trust in my experience and judgement in executing the duties of Secretary, but also as an officer of the Board in leading the organization. I promise to do just that by:

- Executing the duties of Secretary in a responsive, predictable, and accessible manner
- Performing the duties of a board officer in leading the association
- Serving the membership
- Being a reachable resource to Components
- Setting the table for a future of diverse leaders
- Strengthening the Profession

Thank you for your trust and your vote.

-instagram @turnerbrothers

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Education and Practice
University of Denver, Daniels College of Business, BA, Business Management
University of Colorado, Denver, Master of Architecture, Tau Sigma Delta
Path21 Architecture & Planning, Founding Partner, 2012-present
Shears Adkins Rockmore, 2007-11

AIA National
Secretary’s Advisory Committee, 2011-present
Board of Directors, Associate Director, 2011-12
Honors Awards Juror, 2010
National Associates Committee, Chair 2010
Board Community Committee, 2010
National Associates Committee, 2009-12
Council of Emerging Professionals, Chair, 2012
Emerging Professionals Summit, 2013
AIA Miami Conference- Speaker/Panelist

AIA State/Region
Colorado COTE, Chair, 2008-12
WMR, Regional Associate Director, 2009
AEC Cares Partner Firm Denver Conference

AIA Local
Denver Board of Directors, 2008
AIA/UCD Design Lecture Series Speaker Coordinator, 2008-10
AIAS VP, UCD College of Architecture and Planning, 2006
Board Committee Member
IDP Committee 2007

AIA Recognition
Richard Upjohn Medal

Volunteer Work
NICA/Colorado High School Cycling League, Board President 2019
NICA/Colorado High School Cycling League, Board Director 2013-19
Youth Cycling Coach, 2006-present
Candidate for
2021 First Vice President/2022 President-elect

Daniel Stephen Hart, FAIA
AIA Austin/AIA Texas Society of Architects

Just as AIA established climate action as our priority, COVID-19 and an acute recognition of systemic racial injustice came to occupy our shared consciousness. These three interrelated, complex, and nested crises pointedly remind us, with haunting precision, of our tripartite social contract to steward health, safety and well-being in the built environment.

We have spoken. We have taken our stands. We all know, it has to be more than talk.

Like architecture, our AIA work won’t be effective until our ideas are made real and tangible in the world—until they are useful, durable and elegant.

Like architecture, our work has global impact but is manifested locally.

I aspire to lead with the sensibilities of an architect: compelling and empowering all of us to think broadly and boldly, then, take action at home—in our firms, our chapters, our communities.

I’m energized to do my part leading in the work of AIA. Together, let’s bring it home!
Daniel Stephen Hart, FAIA
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AIA NATIONAL
2018-20 Board of Directors
• AIA COVID-19 Business Taskforce, Co-chair. Created a portfolio of resources for firm continuity:  https://www.aia.org/resources/6295205-covid-19-business-resources-to-thrive-
• “National League of Cities Virtual Roundtable: From Response to Recovery,” Panelist
• “AIA Houston: Thriving Through Challenging Times”, May 28, Featured speaker
• “Navigating the COVID-19 Economy: Insights from Firm Leaders,” Strogoff Consulting Free Webinar, Panelist
• Public Outreach Committee, Chair 2020
• Knowledge Committee, Chair 2019
• Equity + Future of Architecture Committee
• Strategic Planning Committee, 2021-2025 Plan
• Finance and Audit Committee
• HQ Building Renovation Committee
• AIA Gold Medal/Architecture Firm Award Advisory Jury
2016-17 Governance Effectiveness Task Force, Co-chair
2015-16 AIA Strategic Council, Moderator 2016
2014 Board of Directors

AIA REGIONAL (Texas Society of Architects, TxA)
2010-12 President-Elect, President, Past-President
2010-13 Government Affairs Steering Committee
2004-12 Governor’s Joint Advisory Committee, State A/E Boards
2008-09 Treasurer
2007 Vice-President: Public Outreach
2005-06 Design Awards Committee, Chair

AIA LOCAL (AIA Austin, AIA West Texas)
2019 Fellows Mentor, Leadership Collective
2004-06 WT Director, TxA Board
2003-06 WT President, President-elect

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
1991-Present Executive Vice President of Architecture, Board of Directors: Parkhill, (380-person AE Firm in 9 offices)

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE
2018-20 Design Leadership Alliance, Founding President
2017 Distinguished Alumnus
1993-98 Adjunct Faculty
1985-90 Bachelor of Architecture: Tau Sigma Delta (honorary)
Bachelor of Science in Structural Engineering: Tau Beta Pi, Chi Epsilon (honorary)
Candidate for
2021 First Vice President/2022 President-elect

Edward A. Vance, FAIA
AIA Las Vegas/AIA Nevada

I believe the future holds great promise for all architects. The Institute plays an essential role in providing members with strategic tools and guidance necessary to achieve our goals of Elevating Public Awareness, Advocating for the Profession and Advancing Knowledge and Expertise. It’s up to all of us to put these tools to work in our practices every day because everyone deserves good design, all the time!

You are the generation of architects who will be practicing beyond 2030. I want to build on the research supported by the AIA and the College of Fellows because in a world challenged by climate change, population growth, and the limits of natural resources, we must focus on the future adaptability and sustainability of the built environment.

Building partnerships are even more critical at a time of global distress. We now know so much more about the impact of climate change on our entire society. This pandemic requires that our action plans be expanded to include the human and ecological impact of our environment on all human communities.

Our leadership team must lead us with vision, diversity, integrity, and wisdom as we work toward these critical objectives. As your president I am committed to serve with a strong work ethic, a genuine enthusiasm for service and a record of proven accomplishment.

Our future holds great promise. Let’s design it together!

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Experience

AIA College of Fellows
2019 Chancellor
2019 Chair, Latrobe Prize Jury
2018 Vice Chancellor
2016-17 Secretary
2016-17 Liaison to the Young Architects Forum
2016-19 Young Architect Award Jury
2016-19 AIA EP Component Grant Jury
2016 Richard Upjohn Research Jury

AIA National Board of Directors
2010-12 AIA Western Mountain Region Director
2012 Chair AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion
2012 Liaison, Board Knowledge Committee
2010-12 AIA Board Community Committee
2011 AIA/ACSA Topaz Medallion Jury

AIA Regional
2012 Senior Director | Western Mountain Region
2010-11 Junior Director | Western Mountain Region
2001-02 Chair | WMR Regional Honor Awards
2001 Chair | AIA New Mexico Design Awards Jury
2000 Member | WMR Regional Honor Awards Jury

AIA State (AIA Nevada)
2011 Chair | Economic Diversification Task Force 2011
2001 President
1994-97 Secretary
1997 Nevada IDP Coordinator

AIA Local (AIA Las Vegas)
2008 Chair | Economic Development “AIA 150” Task Force
1999 President
1997 Secretary