
STRATEGIC COUNCIL STATE REPRESENTATIVE POLICY

GENERAL

AIA Louisiana, in accordance with National guidelines, is to appoint one representative to serve on the AIA National Strategic Council. The Strategic Council (Council) was first formed in 2015, following members' overwhelming approval of the historic change to AIA's governing structure in 2014.

The Council advances the profession by informing the Board of Directors and other AIA bodies of important professional issues and opportunities. It is charged with surveying the profession to identify opportunities and threats, and engaging in strategic planning to inform AIA's goals, objectives, and strategies.

The Council is an outward-focused, forward-thinking, and member-centric group. Its members include representatives from around the world, and includes a student and an Associate representative, as well as a representative from the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE). In addition, the Council may also choose to elect at-large representatives who bring different perspectives and areas of expertise.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Much of the Council's work throughout the year is forward thinking: searching for new ideas and solutions to issues facing the profession with an element of futurist thinking. Collaborations seek to produce visionary thought and ideation, deliberation, prototyping of ideas, and consensus building. The Council develops ideas to inform future needs or opportunities for the profession and presents those ideas to the AIA Board for consideration. The Council focuses on long-term goals and outcomes as opposed to administrative or programmatic goals except in rare instances of profession-wide or societal changes urgently impacting the architectural profession and or health, safety, and welfare.

This position will hold an ex-officio seat with the AIA Louisiana State Board of Directors serving as a liaison with Council, will be requested to attend all scheduled State Board meetings as well as the annual State Conference, will be non-voting, and will have no other specific state board requirements during service. Registration for AIA LA State Conference will be covered by the organization, and mileage will be paid for state board meetings requiring travel in accordance with IRS standard rates.

TERM

Terms will be as directed by AIA National Board of Directors and/or Strategic Council. Current term is three years beginning 2023 running through end of 2025. Selection is made by recommendation from AIA LA ExCom and official appointment by AIA LA Board of Directors.

APPOINTMENT

Call for resumes will be issued to the full AIA Louisiana membership. Resumes and any potential interviews will be conducted by the current year Executive Committee also including input from the AIA LA Presidents Council. Recommendation for appointment will be sent by ExCom to the Board of Directors for discussion and appointment.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for the Strategic Council must be members in good standing (having paid all dues and obligations due to AIA and its components to which they are assigned and having met continuing education requirements for membership). An individual under suspension for violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct is not in good standing.

Both Architect and Associate members are eligible to serve as State Councilors.

Although years or membership or previous leadership experience within the AIA at the local, state or national level are not prerequisites, a history of volunteering within AIA is important.

Councilors are expected to:

- Understand the role of a Councilor as an innovative thinker, to be open-minded, and to have experience in ideation.
- Be able to volunteer time for calls, assemblies, committee work, etc.
- Be available for limited travel to attend Council assemblies and other meetings, including those in one's state. AIA provides a travel stipend for Councilors to attend Council meetings and to attend meetings in their state.
- Possess strong communication skills and be able to engage with membership, solicit input on relevant issues before the Council, and report back on activities and progress of Council.