



Region of the Virginias

2016 Notes

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New Regional Strategic Council Representative:

Congratulations to Brian Frickie, AIA – our new Region of The Virginias Strategic Council Representative.
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Board Actions:

March 24, 2016 Board Actions

- Board approved credential committee and Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education jury.
- Board approved request for AIA Trust to offer human resources outsourcing known as Professional Employer Organization.
- Board committed \$1 million to Architects Foundation for the Octagon renovation.

May 5, 2016 Board Actions

- Board approved 2017 AIA Jury of Fellows including Mary Cox, FAIA and the 2017 Jury of Honorary Fellows which Mary will also serve on.
- Board received an overview of the AIA's new Client Insights research initiative which is an annual view into the views of clients.

September 16-17, 2016 Board Actions

- Approved affiliation between the AIA and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.
- Approved affiliation between the AIA and the AIA Students.
- Reviewed initial recommendations from the Equity in Architecture commission to continue to consider equity, diversity and inclusion as evaluation criteria for Board business.
- Endorsed the Louise Blanchard Bethune Fellowship proposal for Strategic Council members.
- Received update on K-12 Task Force and its recommendations for developing a long-term, comprehensive curriculum.
- President Russ Davidson will hold a Build America Summit, November 29-30, 2016 in NYC to call attention to the reinvestments needs of community infrastructure.
- Board received a report from the Specialty Credentialing Task Group. It was the sense that the group pursue developing a competency-based specialty credential scenario. Further discussions will occur in December.
- Board received an update on the activity of the Education Coordination Council and its collaterals.
- AIA has a new travel program called Architectural Adventures.

Strategic Council Notes:

- The Strategic Council has spent time helping to set the “Next Big Thing” for the AIA, the architectural/engineering/construction industry and our communities at large. Please see the Design Intelligence Foresight Report that begins to consolidate many of the ideas and trends.
 - o Demographics and population changes.
 - o Economics and geopolitics
 - o Emerging environments
 - o Changes in society
 - o Changes in the natural environment
 - o Business of Architecture – drive to collaboration
 - o Increased urbanization and changes to housing patterns
 - o Performance measurement in health care and perhaps in other design areas
 - o Sustainability
 - o Technology trends
 - o Generation trends

Knowledge Communities:

There are currently 21 Knowledge Communities (KC) representing architectural specialty areas across the profession. The BoKnowCo monitors KCs to affirm successful activity and respond effectively to less successful KC activity from the standpoint of operation, program, financial viability, member interest, alignment with AIA priorities, and potential for increasing member value. Each BoKnowCo member is assigned to at least two KCs.

KCs presence at the AIA Convention included workshops, tours, receptions/lunches, open forums, CES sessions and awards galleries.

Knowledge Leadership Assembly:

The 2016 KLA was attended by members representing all of the 21 KC's, Small Firm Roundtable, National Associates Committee, Board Knowledge Committee, AIA Staff and elected AIA Leadership. The Annual Event was organized to provide KC leaders access to relevant information/presentations to assist them in 2016 evaluation, 2017 planning while also providing time to network and create collaborations with other KCs and groups in attendance.

Research:

The Board Knowledge Committee fosters an AIA Research Agenda that connects the profession, industry, and the academy to member needs; create a culture of sharing and means of access to archived knowledge. The committee is enthused with the topic of research and understands its importance to our members over time. The committee is looking to elevate our members of awareness of research, and how to use it, through a variety of actions including the connection of research topics across already existing AIA programs; increased awareness of BRIK; creation of tools to by KC's and Components who are interested in funding or directing research; create opportunities for best practice sharing for those firms who already use research in their design process.

Resiliency Committee:

- Tort Reform Law. The AIA supports governmental policies and reforms to minimize lawsuit abuse and to promote the administration of a fair civil liability legal system. Society is best served by legislative and regulatory reforms that curtail the cost and risks of professional liability for architects and their clients without jeopardizing the public interest. The AIA specifically supports:
 - Policies that limit the architect's liability for third party claims (where such claims are permitted) to a reasonable time frame.
 - Emergency Responder (Good Samaritan) legislation that provides architects with liability protection for providing advice, professional services, labor, and materials during a declared state of emergency.
- Resiliency Committee also offers HURRIPLAN Courses and Emergency Responder courses. Typically one of these courses is offered free the day prior to the national convention. If we have enough participants we can have the courses offered free in The Virginias. See Paula Loomis to coordinate.

Changes to AIA National Voting:

As you know, the AIA is in a multi-year effort to transform the annual convention to further elevate the conference experience for our members. We saw many new and improved changes last year in Philadelphia. Over the coming months, we will share with you more changes to expect for the Orlando convention, April 27- 29, 2017, and especially wanted to now bring to your attention those that relate to the AIA Business Meeting, accreditation, and elections.

Our members shared with us that the responsibilities of being a voting delegate frequently conflict with increased learning and networking opportunities during the AIA Convention.

We're changing that!

Accreditation, the Regional Caucuses, Candidate Speeches and the Annual Business Meeting will all happen prior to the start of the convention, on Wednesday, April 26th. For your planning purposes, please see the agenda below.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation will now take place outside the Expo Hall, near registration, which will make it easier for delegates to find and to be accredited when they come to pick up their registration materials.

Hours: Tuesday, April 25, at 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm;
Wednesday, April 26, at 6:30 am - 12:30 pm

The hours of accreditation are important to remember. Accreditation will close sharply at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, April 26. Anyone who is not accredited by then will not be able to serve as a delegate or vote.

REGIONAL CAUCUSES

Regional Caucuses with candidates will be held Wednesday, April 26, from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

CANDIDATE SPEECHES AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Annual Business Meeting of the Institute, including candidate speeches, will immediately follow the Regional Caucuses on Wednesday, April 26, from 2:45 pm - 5:30 pm.

VOTING

Voting for officers will be outside the Expo Hall, near the registration area, which makes it more convenient for delegates to vote.

Hours: Thursday, April 27 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm).

In the event of a run-off election, voting will take place on Friday, April 28 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

This is a big change from what we are all accustomed, and by changing the timing of the Annual Business Meeting we can fully engage delegates in the entire experience of the convention.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. We have shared this information with CACE, and after the first of the year, will conduct webinars with CACE, chapter presidents, and delegates-at-large, to ensure everyone is well aware of the date/time change. We welcome your comments.

AIA Honors Nominations:

Be thinking of fellow Virginians to nominate for fellowship and AIA Honors. The categories for the Honors area Edward, C. Kemper Award, Fellowship, Honorary Fellowship, Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture, Whitney M Young Jr. Award and Young Architects Award. Contact HonorsAwards@aia.org.

Want to Run for a National AIA Office:

Contact japadill505@gmail.com

Pre-Licensure Titling:

The AIA supports the title of "intern" for students who are working in an architectural office while actively pursuing architecture degrees in programs accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), or studying in pre-professional programs.

The AIA supports the title of "Architectural Associate" or "Design Professional" for those who 1) have earned a degree from a program accredited by NAAB, or who have met education/experience requirements in their jurisdiction AND 2) are participating in the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Architectural Experience Program or are meeting their jurisdictions' experience requirements.