

**AIA Virginia
Board of Directors
Meeting Agenda Item**

Date: November 8, 2018

Submitted by:
Bylaws Task Force

Speaker at Meeting:
Jeanne LeFever, AIA

Action at Meeting:

Item:

Proposed Bylaws Revisions – Disaster Assistance Committee.

History/Background Information:

During the review of the Rules of the Organization, the Task Force suggested the creation of a Disaster Assistance Committee as a standing committee. The Committee is responsible for managing the readiness of AIA Virginia for serving as second-responders in the Commonwealth after a natural disaster. The Committee is chaired by the AIA Virginia State Disaster Coordinator and consists of the Alternate State Disaster Coordinator, one member from each local AIA component and a representative from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

The Committee reviews the number of members that have completed the Safety Assessment Program training, review effectiveness of communication strategies in place, recruit architects/engineers/building code officials to complete training and other duties as appropriate.

Having this Committee be a standing committee in the Bylaws signifies the importance of resiliency, aligns with the AIA Code of Ethics, and ensures the organization meets the Institute's accreditation requirements in disaster assistance recovery.

Motion:

The membership approves the amendment to the AIA Virginia Bylaws, as revised by the Bylaws Task Force and endorsed by the Board of Directors for the formation of a Disaster Assistance Committee as a standing committee.