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Jeffrey G. Butts, Jr. Selected Regional Associate Director

The Board of Directors of the American Institute of Architects Region of The Virginias has selected *Jeffrey G. Butts, Jr., Associate AIA*, as Regional Associate Director for the 2019 – 2020 term on the AIA National Associates Committee.

Jeffrey graduated from Howard University in 2011 and works for Hanbury, where he has been since 2016. He previously worked for KGD Architecture in Bangalore, India, from 2011 to 2016, studied abroad at the *Danish Institute* from 2009 to 2010, and worked for *Americorps* from 2008 to 2009. He has been involved with both local and national organizations as a student, a community advocate, and as the AIA Hampton Roads Board Coordinator for the YAF, where he has been instrumental in its resurgence of energy and activity.

Jeffrey has an insatiable desire for “*extra-curricular*” action. During his time in India, he started his firm’s in-house magazine, founded *Paramorphous*, a think-tank collective, and co-founded *Klatsch*, an art and design collective, each born out of his desire for creative collaboration that directly engages the urban city and upholds creative expression. According to Jeffrey, “*My main objective in serving my local design community, has been to create a space for next-gen professionals to converge with one another.*”

“*Jeffrey has the natural ability to talk with anyone and make them feel included,*” according to Ian Vaughan, AIA, who cited Jeffrey’s instrumental role in reviving the YAF in his component. Marci Parrish, Executive Director at AIA/HR, noted that “*Jeffrey came to the table with an idea, led the team, and steamrolled the Hampton Roads community with insanely successful, new program-firsts.*”

The National Associates Committee (NAC) serves Associate AIA members in the advancing their careers. The NAC wants to be a catalyst by becoming agents of change, by challenging the status quo, by representing a diverse membership, and by promoting mentorship, fellowship, licensure, advocacy, and service.

The Regional Associate Director (RAD) serves as a vital link between Associates and the national organization. RADs work with other association counterparts, are responsible for gathering information about issues facing Associates within their Regions, and help disseminate information about national/regional activities and resources for use at the local level.