

## AIA Indiana Strategic Council Representative - 2025-2027 Term - Call for Candidates

The AIA Indiana Board of Directors is actively seeking passionate individuals interested in serving as the AIA Indiana Strategic Council Representative. The Strategic Council plays a pivotal role in advancing the architectural profession by keeping the Board of Directors and other AIA entities informed about crucial professional matters and opportunities. Its mandate includes identifying both opportunities and threats within the profession, engaging in strategic planning, and shaping AIA's goals and objectives for the future. Unlike administrative or programmatic goals, the Council focuses on long-term aspirations and outcomes. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to view the latest Handbook for the Strategic Council.

Councilors serve as vital communication links between the Strategic Council and their respective states, enhancing the flow of information within the AIA. Participation in the Strategic Council involves attending Council assemblies, and Councilors may also be appointed to Board committees, task forces, or other AIA bodies. This position entails a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2025 and would begin with attending AIA Governance Week in December 2024 for Council Orientation, which is mandatory for all new Council members.

Candidates for the Strategic Council must be active members in good standing, having fulfilled all dues and obligations to the AIA and its associated components, and meeting continuing education requirements. Both Architect and Associate members are eligible for this role. While previous leadership experience within the AIA is not mandatory, a history of volunteering within the organization is valued.

Key expectations for Councilors include:

- Understanding the Councilor role as an innovative thinker, possessing an open-minded approach, and experience in ideation.
- Volunteering time for calls, assemblies, committee work, etc.
- Availability for limited travel to attend Council assemblies and other pertinent meetings, including those within one's state. AIA provides a travel stipend for Councilors attending these events.
- Concentration on strategies, research, and outreach with other states, regions, and AIA National Staff members to promote AIA's values and Framework for Design Excellence.
- Possessing strong communication skills to engage with membership, gather input on relevant issues before the Council, and report back on Council activities and progress.

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents to jshelley@aiaindiana.org by June 7:

- Statement of interest (500 words or less).
- Resume detailing previous leadership roles and involvement within the AIA at the local or state level.
- Letter of commitment from your firm leadership acknowledging the expected time commitment for volunteering in this position.

Interested candidates will be invited to attend the AIA Indiana Board meeting on July 16, scheduled between 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. via Zoom, to introduce themselves and articulate why they should be considered for this role. The board will conduct a vote and select the representative by the meeting's conclusion.

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the current AIA Indiana Strategic Council Representative Rob Proctor, AIA, <u>rproctor@ratiodesign.com</u>.