



## **AIA Indiana State Associate Representative (STAR) - 2025-2026 Term - Call for Candidates**

Are you an Associate AIA Member? Are you interested in confronting the issues recent graduates and young professionals face as they navigate the next step in their careers? Would you like to help the National Associates Committee (NAC) address these issues? Then you may be just the person we're looking for.

Every two years, AIA Indiana nominates an Associate AIA member to represent the state on the National Associates Committee. Submissions are now being accepted for the NAC State Associate Representative (STAR) of Indiana for the 2025 - 2026 term.

This is a tremendous opportunity to take on a larger leadership role within the AIA. This rewarding experience will allow you to be actively engaged in shaping the future of the profession and to grow your network with the NAC, Young Architects Forum (YAF), and the AIA both regionally and nationally.

Since 2000, the NAC has been dedicated to representing and advocating for Associates, both mainstream and non-traditional, in the national, regional, state, and local components of the AIA. By promoting excellence, providing information and leadership, fostering inclusiveness and encouraging individual, community and professional development, the NAC strives to integrate the growing Associates community of the profession into a strong voice within the American Institute of Architects. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the NAC.

### **Eligibility/Responsibilities**

The STAR must be an Indiana Associate AIA member in good standing. The representative will act as liaison to the national committee; sit on the state board (non-voting); participate in various NAC meetings throughout the term as requested by AIA National.

This position is a two (2) year term and begins on January 1, 2025 with monthly calls as part of a work group with a particular focus.

The STAR works with their counterparts, the YARs, AIAS Quad Director, and Architect Licensing Advisors. STARs are responsible for gathering information about issues facing Associates within their states and disseminating information about national/state

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activities and resources for use at the local level. Of equal importance, STARs serve as a vital link between Associates and the national organization.

STARs are the key to vertical communication, connecting Associate leaders at all levels of the Institute. STARs are also encouraged to work on various issues important to them and their states through the NAC work groups

Key expectations for STAR include:

- Understanding the STAR 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 NAC meetings and other pertinent meetings, including AIA Indiana Board meetings. *AIA provides a travel stipend for STARs 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 NAC, and report back on NAC activities and progress.

### **How to Apply**

To apply for this position, please submit the following documents to [jshelley@aiaindiana.org](mailto: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 STAR by the meeting's conclusion.

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact the current AIA Indiana STAR Cassandra Quissell, Assoc. AIA, [cquissell@dlz.com](mailto:cquissell@dlz.com).