AIA Michigan

Associate Director Message

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Hello and Happy Spring!

I write to you today acknowledging this final year serving as the Associate Representative on the AIA Michigan Board. My final exams have been scheduled and I am wrapping up my AXP hours as I write this update. If you know of anyone interested in this position, please reach out to the AIA MI staff.

It was a treat to attend the Annual Meeting in Memphis this past February. While there I met the other State Representatives, ate plenty of barbeque, learned about and chose a workgroup for 2024, and gained valuable knowledge on other state representative support for each region. For instance, did you know that other regions provide reimbursement support for National Dues? Or that some regions provide a yearly award for an exemplary firm which supports licensure candidates and AIA involvement? Spreading ideas like hosting a Fellowship with Fellows event or State-wide study sessions are why we all congregate and discuss how we support our regional membership.

The Climate Action workgroup has officially kicked off, and as a service to our Emerging Professional group, we have begun work on a quick start guide to the AIA Framework for Design Excellence. This aligns well with my continued involvement at ROSSETTI in our Sustainability Lab, where we have established a Framework checklist, begun a passive design lecture series, and continued to discuss how sustainability influences all aspects of design.

I look forward to keeping you all updated on the Associate level progress this year with the National Associates Committee!

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