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I have been deeply honored to serve as your President this year. To those who offered words of support along the way, thank you from the bottom of my heart - I could not have done it without you. I would also like to thank my executive committee: Norm, Bob, Cindy, Dan, and Jeff. We are lucky that Dan will be becoming our strategic councilperson next year, and that Jeff will be moving to chair of the finance committee. Also a big thank you to the directors on the board, for serving both AIA Michigan and their local components which is no small feat: Todd, Chuck Lewis, Chuck Bultman, Tom, Eric, Paul, Tracy, Mark, Kim, Karl, and Chris. And finally, a special thank you to our staff, Cathy Mosley, Evelyn, and Lizzy; we could never do what we do without you.

This year has flown by. The board made progress discussing important issues such as equity, diversity, and inclusion, as well as five-year goals for our new strategic plan. Perhaps most importantly, though, we are taking steps to ensure the long-term financial stability of AIA Michigan by moving our office. We are leaving Midtown Detroit and moving to Brighton, and will be in the same building as Professional Concepts Insurance Agency. The Midtown office rents are climbing rapidly, and Brighton will be more affordable moving forward. The staff has already been purging and organizing the office in preparation, and we hope to make the move in the second or third quarter of the year. Never fear, though, the organization will continue to offer the same great services no matter the location!

I wish you all the best in the upcoming holiday season and a happy new year - I hope you take the time to enjoy them.

Onward and upward,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristen Nyht". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Kristen" on the top line and "Nyht" on the bottom line.

Kristen Nyht, AIA, AICP, LEED AP, 2019 AIA Michigan President