AIA Michigan President's Message

July 1, 2024

Greetings fellow AIA Members. There is a lot to report from the AIA Convention in Washington DC. Michigan was well represented with nearly all of our chapters and sections sending representatives as delegates to the annual meeting. It was also great to see and run into many AIA Michigan members in attendance and at some of the alumni networking events. I assure you there were no dull moments. As many of you may have read in some of the news circles, AIA National is under scrutiny for several issues related to the current budget, staff changes and other disparities. Whatever side or opinion you are on, I assure you the truth will arise and based on the information expressed by members of the board, past AIA Presidents as well as our current AIA National President Kimberly Dowdell these matters will be tended to. I think the worst we can do as an organization at this point is to take sides or lose faith the in process. We must be a united AIA.

Congratulations are in order to all of the elected candidates, IIIya Azaroff, FAIA 2026 President, Joshua Flowers, FAIA 2025-2026 Secretary and Matt Toddy, AIA 2025-2027 At-Large Director who were elected to the AIA National Board. Each of the candidates took the items listed above very seriously and all stood on a platform of service to the members as well as transparency in board actions. I see a bright future for our AIA National Board and hopefully acts on righting the ship.

Further congratulations to Michael Guthrie, FAIA who was elevated by the AIA College of Fellows to be part of the 2024 class. As many of you may know, only 3% of Architects have this distinction. It is quite an honor to be an AIA Fellow.

Back to the AIA Annual Meeting and Convention, there were several proposed bylaw changes related to membership status and categories. All but one of the motions passed with the exception of Bylaws Motion 1 that addressed the termination of membership for misconduct. Similar if an architect was to commit misconduct to have their professional license revoked, the AIA can terminate their AIA membership. The remainder of the failed motions related to changes in membership category changes all failed to pass. Those included:

- Bylaws Amendment 2 to amend the AIA categories of Membership related to Architect members, Associate Members, Allied Members, and Honorary Members. (The motion was to expand categories to include a Senior Associate Member category)

- Bylaws Amendment 3 to amend the AIA to expand AIA membership to Internationally Licensed Architectural Professionals. (The motion was to expand a membership category to Internationally Licensed members)
- Bylaws Amendment 4 to amend the AIA to expand AIA Membership to Academic Members. (The motion was to expand a membership category to Academic Members currently not AIA or Associate members)
- Bylaws Amendment 5 to amend the AIA to expand AIA Membership to Student Members. (The motion was to expand to a category to students regardless of AIAS membership.

Back to Michigan, if you are still planning on attending the 81st AIA Mid-Summer Conference, please contact AIA Michigan Staff as rooms at the Grand Hotel are sold out. If you hurry, there maybe a chance to still attend the conference and staying at alternative accommodations on the island. Also keep a look out for more information on ArchiFusion and our annual Honor Awards. Both will be in Lansing this year from November 7 through November 8th with AIA Michigan Honor Awards and Celebration happening Friday Evening November 8th.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you all again for taking the time to read this message. AIA Michigan is running strong with a full agenda of conferences, activities, and continuing education planned for 2024. Keep a lookout for our calendar of events.

Cheers,



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