



Board Actions from the May 17-18, 2016 AIA Board of Directors Meeting

The smaller and more nimble AIA Board of Directors took decisive action at their May meeting prior to Convention. The following is a summary of their actions.

Dues Adjustment: The Board approved an increase in the Institute's annual dues by 2.1 percent for calendar year 2017 in accordance with the Institute's Bylaws and the Rules of the Board.

Note: This will result in a \$5 increase for Architect members, \$4 increase for International Associates and a \$2 increase for Associate members in 2017.

Treasurer's Report/Annual Audit Report: The Board accepted the Treasurer's report on the Institute's financial status as of March, as presented. In addition, the Board received the 2015 annual audit report from Michael Tryon, prepared by the Institute's outside audit firm, Tate and Tryon.

ArchiPAC Voluntary Contribution: The Board endorsed the institution of an ArchiPAC voluntary contribution program to be managed in connection with the Institute's online membership dues renewal process for a two-year trial period covering the 2017 and 2018 dues cycles, in a manner management finds best suited to achieve the program's purposes. The Board further directed that it be given a report on the status of the voluntary contribution program no later than June 30, 2018. Unless the Board chooses to terminate the voluntary contribution program by the conclusion of the two-year trial period (i.e., at the end of the 2018 dues cycle), management will have the inherent discretion to continue the program during succeeding dues cycles without further specific Board action.

Note: A \$25 opt-out contribution to ArchiPAC will be included on online dues renewals beginning with the 2017 dues process. Further messaging is being developed collaboratively with staff and CACE Excomm.

Position Statement on Diversity: Following a report from Equity in Architecture Commission Chair Emily Grandstaff-Rice, FAIA, the Board directed management to review the Institute's Position Statement on Diversity.

OTHER ITEMS:

- a. **Specialty Credentialing:** It was the sense of the Board that the Institute should look into the subject of specialty credentialing more closely. A task force of the Board will explore moving forward with credentialing related to both project type and practice skillsets. It is anticipated that a specialty credentialing program will be presented to the Board for approval later this year.
- b. **Grassroots 2016:** Results of the attendees' survey from Grassroots 2016 were positive. It was the sense of the Board that Grassroots should alternate between Washington, DC, and other locations. A select group of Board members and management will choose the 2018 site.
- c. **Advocacy Event in Fall 2016:** President Russell Davidson, FAIA, discussed planning for a post-election event this fall to promote the value of architects and architecture in communities. This event will specifically emphasize the need to spend money to improve "social infrastructure"; i.e. schools, libraries, justice facilities, parks, and other public buildings. The program will highlight the need, identify the benefits and provide data for use by components and firms.
- d. **Bylaws of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB):** The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the NAAB Bylaws, and will continue its discussion in July.
- e. **Management Report:** EVP/Chief Executive Officer Robert Ivy, FAIA, reported on the new AIA web site, and on Architectural Adventures, the AIA's new travel program offering. Management suggested that the Board Public Outreach Committee could serve as a communications liaison between staff and the Board, to provide input and feedback on similar offerings.
- f. **Convention Rebranding:** Don Neal, of 360 LiveMedia, presented ideas on the AIA Convention of the future. The Board is resolved to move forward on this initiative and will commence discussions with the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE) as well as with all-volunteer components, to gather their viewpoints including modifications to AIA governance activities that now occur at Convention. A cost proposal for this effort is being assembled and will be reviewed by the Board later this year.

Annual Business Meeting Actions

Bylaws Amendments: Delegates approved a series of technical amendments to the Institute Bylaws, and a revision that grants the Institute Secretary authority to waive the age requirement for Emeritus membership.

Note: Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Resolutions:

The following resolutions were adopted by majority vote of the delegates:

- Resolution 16-1, Joint Nomination of Two Individuals for Honorary Membership in the Institute

- Resolution 16-2, Amending the Current “Intern Declaration Policy”

The following resolution failed:

- Resolution 16-3, Investigation of the Total Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7

The following resolutions were approved by acclamation:

- Resolution 16-4, Appreciation to Retiring Strategic Council Representatives and Board Members
- Resolution 16-5, Appreciation to Members, Fifty Years
- Resolution 16-6, Recognition of Newly Licensed Members
- Resolution 16-7, Recognition of Component Executive and National Staff Service Anniversaries
- Resolution 16-8, Appreciation to the Host Chapter
- Resolution 16-9, Appreciation to Convention Committees
- Resolution 16-10, Appreciation to Exhibitors
- Resolution 16-11, Appreciation of Russell A. Davidson, FAIA, and Susan Davidson, Assoc. AIA