



Memorandum

Date: June 7, 2024

To: AIA Membership

From: Kimberly N. Dowdell, AIA, 2024 President on behalf of the 2024 AIA Board of Directors

Subject: 2024 Annual Business Meeting Outcome

Copies: AIA Chapters and Sections

Wednesday, June 5, 2024, AIA held its Annual Meeting during the AIA Conference on Architecture & Design in Washington D.C. At the meeting, the delegates considered amendments to AIA Bylaws, resolutions, and candidates for AIA elected office.

AIA President Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC, started the meeting by addressing an April 4, 2024, letter from 22 Former AIA Presidents to AIA's Board of Directors. The letter inquired about AIA financial and management decisions. Among the issues called into question were the sale of AIA's contract documents business, which occurred in 2020, expanding AIA membership, and an in-person AIA staff learning retreat that took place in March.

AIA's Board of Directors engaged an external law firm to conduct an independent and legally privileged review of the issues. Dowdell reported that the firm had completed their preliminary review of the staff learning retreat and presented their findings to the board. As a result, the board determined that no further action needed to be taken on that matter. The Board will continue to provide information as the rest of the external review is complete.

Following the report, delegates moved to regular business. Below is the outcome of the discussion and list of motions considered by accredited delegates during the Annual Meeting:

- Voted to accept Bylaws Motion 1 with amendments to address termination of membership for misconduct, provide clarity on the At-Large Director appointments to the Board of Directors, and accept governance edits.
- Voted to reject Bylaws Motion 2 to amend the AIA Bylaws categories of Membership related to Architect Members, Associate Members, Allied Members, and Honorary Fellows and Honorary Members.
- Voted to reject Bylaws Motion 3 to Motion to amend the AIA Bylaws to expand AIA membership to Internationally Licensed Architectural Professionals.

- Voted to reject Bylaws Motion 4 to amend the AIA Bylaws to expand AIA membership to Academic Members.
- Voted to reject Bylaws Motion 5 to amend the AIA Bylaws to expand AIA membership to Student Members.

The delegates also considered four resolutions. The outcome of the accredited delegates voted on the resolution is as follows:

- Motion to accept Resolution 1 with amendments: AIA Health and Wellbeing Policy
- Motion to accept Resolution 2: Inclusion of Additional Underrepresented Groups within the AIA Strategic Plan 2021-2025's Equity Statement.
- Motion to accept Resolution 3 with amendments: Governing Body Amendment
- Motion to reject Resolution 4: Providing Virtual Attendance Options for AIA Annual Conference and Women's Leadership Summit.

In accordance with the AIA Rules of the Board, resolutions adopted at the Annual Meeting will be referred to the Board of Directors during their Board meeting on September 12, 2024, for consideration of ratification and implementation.

The AIA Board of Directors would like to thank all the accredited delegates who participated in the Annual Business Meeting.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Dowdell, AIA
2024 President