

MOTION | AIA Virginia Board of Directors

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Item

AIA Additional Items

Background

AIA is contemplating/has proposed action on a number of issues including:

- membership categories
- automatic elevation of AIA Board members to Fellowship

To ensure that all delegates, volunteer leaders, and components are informed about the bylaw amendments, AIA will host several townhall sessions for delegates, volunteers, and component leaders:

- May 1, 2024 (3 pm ET): AIA Townhall for AIA Members to review and discuss bylaw changes and resolutions. Register here - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- May 7, 2024 (12 pm ET): AIA Townhall for AIA Members to review and discuss membership category bylaw changes. Register here - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)
- May 15, 2024 (10 am ET): AIA Townhall for AIA Members to review and discuss membership category bylaw changes. Register here - [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

These issues are not without controversy. As evidenced by the letters included herewith, these proposals have provoked a strong response – as regards both their substance and the manner in which they are being enacted. Additional letters are being contemplated/developed by numerous parties.

President Callahan will serve as delegate during AIA'2024: the Conference on Architecture and will cast votes on behalf of AIA Virginia. However, given what is known about the manner in which these issues are being managed, there is some urgency. Some of these items may be acted upon by the AIA Board independently, at its Meeting scheduled for 8 MAY 2024. Additionally, some local chapters and our Large States partners are curious about our position. **This unit of the Board Packet has been provided to the leadership of the local chapters for their consideration, along with an invitation to provide comment. What, if any, further communication might be provided will be determined by the Board at the meeting.**

Action:

The Board will need to:

- *determine its position on each of the issues*
- *provide direction to President Callahan to consider as delegate during AIA'2024*
- *determine whether, and how, it will make its position known*

Options to communicate our position(s) include:

- *writing our own letter(s)*
- *becoming a co-signatory to one or more of the letters in circulation*

The Board will also need to determine to whom the letter(s) will be addressed and/or shared.

Motion(s):

That the AIA Virginia Board of Directors [description of position on the issue(s)]

That the AIA Virginia Board of Directors direct President Callahan, as delegate, to vote [specific direction, including any conditional direction, for the issue(s)]

That the AIA Virginia Board of Directors make its position on [specify issue(s)] known by [method of communicating position, further stipulating addressee and manner of delivery]