

At-Large Director

The AIA Georgia Board of Directors maintains five elected At-Large Board Director positions, each with a two (2) year term. These positions are staggered, with two slots open for terms beginning in odd-numbered years, and three in even-numbered years.

At-Large Board Directors may serve up to two consecutive terms. These five At-Large Directors work cooperatively with two Appointed Board Directors, and the Executive Committee (President Elect, President, Past President, Treasurer and Secretary). Terms begin at the adjournment of the Board Transition meeting in December of the same year of election.

Current Elections (Fall 2024):

- Two (2) At-Large Board Director positions are open.
- The term begins in January 2025.

Key Responsibilities

All AIA Georgia Board Directors:

- Set the strategic vision for the organization
- Oversee finances and ensure responsible resource allocation
- Represent AIA Georgia at public events and meetings
- Participate in political advocacy efforts (attending Day at the Capitol, etc.)

Additional Responsibilities for At-Large Directors:

- Serve on one of three standing committees: Fellowship & Recognition, Communications and Marketing, or Political Advocacy
- Attend monthly board meetings and key events
- Participate in AIA Georgia's annual Strategic Planning process

Time Commitment

At-Large Directors should anticipate that their time commitment will be between 4 and 8 hours each month, on average. Certain events or time periods may require greater time commitments.

Preferred Skills

- Deep commitment to AIA's mission and a desire to promote it among all designers.
- Ability to think strategically and consider the needs of all AIA members in Georgia.
- Ability to work effectively with others.
- Understanding of nonprofit financial management principles.
- Willingness to dedicate significant time and effort to the role.

Georgia State Associate Representative (StAR)

State Associate Representatives (StARs) advocate for unlicensed AIA members and Emerging Professionals at the state and national levels. They gather information about member concerns, share resources, and connect with other StARs across the country. StARs also serve as a bridge between AIA National, NCARB, and local chapters.

This role offers various opportunities to engage with the architecture community, including participation in national committees, webinars, and conferences. StARs can also contribute to the development of young architects by mentoring and providing guidance.

Current Elections (Fall 2024):

- One StAR position is open.
- The 2-year term begins in January 2025.

Key Responsibilities

- **Communication:** Maintain regular communication with AIA Georgia chapters and sections, as well as the National Associates Council (NAC).
- **National Involvement:** Participate in NAC work groups and national meetings.
- **Statewide Leadership:** Serve on the AIA Georgia State Council and collaborate with other leaders.
- **Young Architect Development:** Support the Aspire XP Conference Young Leaders Committee.
- **Networking and Advocacy:** Build relationships with AIA leaders at the state and national level.
- **Professional Development:** Attend industry conferences and events to stay updated on the latest trends and opportunities.
- **Mentorship and Support:** Mentor and support other young architects in Georgia.
- **Community Engagement:** Participate in local and national community initiatives.

Benefits

- Involvement in AIA National Knowledge Communities and Strategic Council work groups.
- Participation in webinars and panel discussions with noted leaders in the field.
- Career advancement and leadership development.
- Paid travel to conferences agreed upon by the committee.

Eligibility

Any Georgia AIA Associate member (unlicensed) as of December 31, 2024 in good standing with AIA, and who is no more than 15 years from successfully completing their first architectural degree, is eligible to enter this election. Age is not a criteria.

Secretary

The AIA Georgia Board of Directors has a Secretary position that serves a two-year term. Any AIA member can hold this position for as long as they want. The Secretary works with the other board members and the Executive Committee (Treasurer, President, President-Elect, and Past President). AIA Georgia holds elections for the Secretary position in the fall of even-numbered years. The term starts when the Board Transition meeting ends in December of the same year.

Current Elections (Fall 2024):

- One Secretary position is open.
- The term begins in January 2025.

Key Responsibilities

- Maintain accurate records of board meetings, executive committee meetings, and other organizational meetings. Assist in interpreting and maintaining AIA Georgia's governing documents (bylaws, articles of incorporation, policies, etc.).
- Serve as the primary election officer for all board, institute, and regional elections and appointments.
- Share in the general responsibilities of all board directors, including:
 - Setting strategic vision
 - Overseeing finances
 - Representing AIA Georgia publicly
 - Participating in political advocacy
 - Serving on committees (Fellowship & Recognition, Communications & Marketing, Advocacy)
 - Attending board meetings and events

Time Commitment

Approximately 5-10 hours per month on average. The position may require more time during certain periods and moderate travel.

Preferred Skills

- Deep commitment to AIA's mission and a desire to promote it among all designers.
- Ability to think strategically and consider the needs of all AIA members in Georgia.
- Ability to work effectively with others.
- Understanding of nonprofit financial management principles.
- Willingness to dedicate significant time and effort to the role.

President Elect

The AIA Georgia Board of Directors maintains a three (3) year rotation cycle for the positions of President-Elect, President, and Past President on its Board of Directors, each of which independently has a term of one (1) year. AIA Members who run for election to the position of President-Elect will serve one year in that role, then automatically progress to the role of President, followed by a third and final year as Past President. AIA Georgia conducts elections for the President-Elect position in the fall of each year, and the term begins on January 1 of the following year.

President-Elect Responsibilities:

- Actively participate in the AIA Georgia Advocacy Committee.
- Attend advocacy-related events, including Day at the Capitol and Grass Roots initiatives.
- Shadow the current President to prepare for the role in the next year.

President Responsibilities:

- Lead the organization, board, and executive committee.
- Set the vision and scope for AIA Georgia's work.
- Represent AIA Georgia publicly.

Past President Responsibilities:

- Chair the Nominations Committee to recruit new board members.
- Lead the board elections process.
- Chair the Honor Awards process and manage the program.
- These roles have specific responsibilities related to advocacy, leadership, and organizational management.

Additionally, all of the President positions should expect to:

- Actively participate in the Executive Committee.
- Serve on one of three standing committees: Fellowship and Recognition, Communications and Marketing, or Advocacy.
- Attend monthly board meetings and AIA Georgia events.
- Promote AIA Georgia to both members and non-members.
- Participate in the December Transition Board Meeting and Strategic Planning process.

Time Commitment

The AIA Georgia President-Elect and Past President should anticipate that their time commitment will be between 4 and 8 hours each month, on average. The AIA Georgia President should anticipate spending 6-15 hours each month. Certain events or time periods may require greater time commitments.

Questions?

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