

ADVOCACY WORKGROUP



THE MISSION

PUBLIC AWARENESS. VALIDATION. EVOLUTION.

The NAC Advocacy Work Group is an AIA Associate body that strives to serve its membership through the public promotion of the Associate experience in order to validate the presence of the unlicensed within the architectural industry, ultimately leading it to professionally evolve.

01

CITIZEN ARCHITECT

Discussion with State and Local Advocacy Director Michael Winn, AIA, revealed that Associates are eligible for Citizen Architect recognition on the AIA website

02

ASSOCIATE REPRESENTATION

Two AWG members have been appointed to Strategic Council groups.

Active participation in state Board meetings regarding titling and EP concerns

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TITLING RECOMMENDATION

Discussion with State and Local Advocacy Director Michael Winn, AIA, regarding prior titling task forces within AIA and NCARB, bringing important context on industry opinions

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VALUE WORKGROUP



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Our mission is to empower the Associate voice through the justice, equity, diversity, & inclusion foundation that the Institute has laid. The collective voice of architects and associates is essential for designing a better future for our country and planet. We are that voice.

01

EMPOWER. IDENTIFY. DEVELOP.

Empower associates through local and state board positions. Identify voting and non-voting members. Develop strategic tools to gain voting rights.

Creating prompts to foster communication between STARS and both local and state boards:

- What is the value of including the Associate voice at the local and state level?
- What is the value of giving the Associate voice a vote at the local and state level?
- How does this empower the Associate position to best represent and support the collective associate voice at the local or state level?
- What are some perspectives unique to the Associate AIA that can bring value to the conversation?
- How does including the associate voice at a board level support diversity and inclusion within the AIA?
- How does inclusion of the Associate AIA perspective further the collective goals of the NAC and AIA overall?

Review the results from surveying STARS to find ways to tie the results to moving the goals of 2024 from the Value work group.

VALUE

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KNOWLEDGE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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We are a group of Statewide Associate Representatives who advocate for the community of current and future Associates by defining, collecting, and disseminating available resources to aid in personal and professional development.

01

CREATING CONNECTIONS

KPD is currently working on creating templates and guidelines to facilitate introductions to associate members within the state.

We welcome Libby Lamb, Kentucky StAR to the KPD Workgroup!

02

RESOURCES SHARING

The KPD Workgroup is creating a NAC Handbook of resources for four areas of membership utilizing the results of the survey that the NAC completed last month. The team will focus on sharing and highlighting successful programs.

03

NAC SURVEY

The KPD Workgroup will be compiling the resources shared in the NAC Survey and will incorporate into the NAC Handbook.

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR NAC

Nexus Mentorship program is live! NEXUS is a virtual, nationwide mentorship program aimed at aiding those who need it the most, connecting young professionals with AIA Fellows across the country in one-on-one mentoring relationships. The program provides a monthly series of discussion sessions over a six-month period, featuring engaging guest speakers on relevant topics, centered around professional development and growth.

In its Fourth Year, NEXUS is exploring a new partnership between the College of Fellows and the National Associates Committee to provide a professional development pipeline, strengthen relationships, and foster networking across the AIA and across the country. With the NAC's help, Nexus would like the NAC's participation to help mold the program. Sign up by May 1st by filling out this online registration [here](#).

KNOWLEDGE: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (KPD)

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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



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Our goal is to connect more broadly with the Institute, by engaging with more Knowledge Communities, Strategic Council Sprints, and with opportunities available with AIA Staff. We aim to elevate more Associate voices across the Institute and forge strategic alignments to share common goals.

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KNOWLEDGE NET

Populating knowledge net with original content

02

NAC UPDATES

Formal recommendations for reducing barriers of entry submitted to National Board of Directors

New Associate Awards and AXP Firm Friendly division created in Indiana for 2024 awards cycle.

House Bill 24-1329 maintaining state licensure passed in Senate with testimony from CO star in collaboration with land surveyors and engineers.

SHOUTOUT TO CASSANDRA QUISSEL

IN STAR for passing her PPD Exam!

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CLIMATE ACTION



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We study knowledge gaps on the topics of Climate Action, Sustainability, & Resilience and explore ways to deliver sustainable career advancement for Associates and EPs through utilization of existing tools and programs available through AIA.

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BUILDING ON THE FRAMEWORK

We are creating a resource that helps associate members and emerging professionals understand and utilize the Framework for Design Excellence.

02

STATE/LOCAL UNDERSTANDINGS

We have been talking with representatives in our states and territories to assess attitudes regarding the incorporation of sustainable solutions in projects.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

We have been seeking out other communities within the AIA and connecting our members with theirs to establish greater means of communication.

CHANGE - Jeray

Good design is adaptable, resilient, and flexible to change over time—reducing the building's risk and vulnerability and enhancing its usability, functionality, and value.

Focus Topics:

- Resilient Design Strategies
- Risk & Vulnerability Assessment
- Passive Survivability & Livability
- Flexibility & Adaptability

Questions:

How does the project address future risks and vulnerabilities from social, economic, and environmental change?
How is the project designed for adaptation to anticipate future uses or changing markets?
How does the project address passive survivability and/or livability?

Source:

[Design for Change—Framework for Design Excellence \(aia.org\)](https://www.aia.org/design-for-change-framework-for-design-excellence)

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