

AIA Georgia

Process for Managing Election of 2020-22 SAR Regional Director

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Timeline

Dec. 15 – Jan 20:	Advertise position on website, newsletters, social media (“Coming Soon”)
Jan 21 – Feb 15	Nomination Period open on AIA Georgia website AIA Ex Comm reviews nominations to ascertain eligibility of all candidates
Feb. 26 – Mar. 19	Voting Period open AIA Georgia Ex Comm certifies results of election
April 14-16	Winning candidate attends Aspire Conference in Asheville

AIA Georgia members have the privilege of electing the next Regional Director to represent the South Atlantic Region (SAR) from January 2020 to December 2022. This individual will also serve on the AIA Strategic Council. This is a rare opportunity for the elected member to gain unique experience working on AIA issues at the national, regional and local levels, and the added chance to build a national network of colleagues who will be retained for the length of a career.

Candidates for the position must be AIA members in good standing as of February 15, 2019.

Qualified AIA Georgia members who are interested in being considered for the Regional Director position should review the [Job Description/Qualifications for the position](#), and submit a [nomination form](#) with the required supporting documentation. The deadline for submission is 4 PM on February 15, 2019. Online voting of the AIA Georgia membership will take place from February 26 – March 20, 2019 (*see below for voting process description*).

The South Atlantic Region (SAR) comprises the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Every three years a new Regional Director for the region is elected in a rotating basis between the three states. The South Atlantic Regional Council includes the SAR Regional Directors Representatives (2), the presidents, president-elects, and past-presidents of each state AIA component, the SAR Regional Associate Director (RAD), and the SAR Young Architect Regional Representative.

The incoming Regional Director is expected to attend the SAR Aspire Conference in Asheville April 14 - 16.

Voting Procedures

AIA Georgia, representing more than 2,100 architects and associates across the state, is interested in identifying a highly qualified candidate who has broad support across the entire membership. We also wish to run a voting procedure that will not require multiple iterations of runoffs if a candidate does not receive 50% of the voting in the first round. This position also must be filled by the end of 2016.

If we only receive 2 viable nominations for the position, the procedure will utilize simple 50%+1 to choose the winner. However, if we receive more than two nominations the election process will utilize Ranked Choice/Instant Runoff Voting to fill the position.

AIA Georgia members will be asked during voting to rank the candidates by order of preference, with "1" being their first choice, "2" their second, and so on. If at the end of voting no candidate has received 50%+ of "1" votes, then the candidate with the least number of "1" votes will be eliminated. The election panel will then look to see who the "2" choices were for those AIA members who voted for the eliminated candidate. These votes will then be added to the "1" totals for the remaining candidates, and an analysis will be done to see if any of them have reached the 50%+ threshold. This process will continue until a majority candidate is identified.

This process will encourage the election of the candidate who demonstrates the broadest and deepest support across the entire state of AIA Georgia members. It all eliminates the possibility of a time-consuming runoff round, and ensures that everyone's vote counts. All candidates will be asked to agree to this process before their name is placed on the ballot.