

South Atlantic Regional Representative (2020-22)

Job Description and Criteria for Eligibility

JOB DESCRIPTION

Leadership on Regional Issues:

South Atlantic Regional Representatives are expected to lead SAR Council dialogue and action on key relevant issues affecting the three states in the region, or region as a whole. (ex.: In 2016, the SAR Council reviewed and acted upon NC legislation HB-2, the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act.) This primary responsibility involves leading frequent conference calls, meetings at the AIA Grass Roots Conference and the AIA Conferences on Architecture, and the annual strategic planning meetings of the SAR Region (every winter). This role also requires committed interactions with all three state chapters and the larger local components, primarily AIA North Carolina (which is the contracted administrative entity for the South Atlantic Region). These responsibilities may require regional travel, which may be reimbursed by the SAR Council.

Responsibilities as a South Atlantic Strategic Council Representative:

Regional Representatives to the Strategic Council are the primary conduit of information from AIA members to National Leadership. Through dialogue with membership, they communicate relevant concerns and issues to the greater Council, who subsequently vet such information through Council assembly or work groups. As such, SAR Representatives have a responsibility to visit and converse with the greater regional membership. Information is measured with relevance to the AIA's Strategic Plan which is organized in four Strategic Initiatives: knowledge, prosperity, sustainability, and workforce.

The Council, through communication to the Board, recommends which topics they believe should be furthered through Board action, through Knowledge Communities, task forces, etc. The Board may or may not choose to act on such recommendations.

The Board may also request action on the part of the Council to study relevant topics of interest. (ex.: In 2018, the Board requested Council help leading a task force studying Resolution 18-7 as amended: Repositioning, member value, and a study of AIA Regions).

These responsibilities may require extensive travel nationally, which may be reimbursed through multiple channels.

ASPIRE Experience Conference:

The position has significant obligations in leading and facilitating the SAR's re-envisioned SAR conference – ASPIRE. The ASPIRE Experience is a three-year regional commitment (2019-2021) by the SAR states working in unison to provide members a more relevant and inspirational outwardly focused conference experience. The SAR Representative shall work closely with consultants, sponsors, volunteer members and component staff to achieve conference goals. For the three-year period the conference will be held in Asheville, NC.

The time commitment to ASPIRE includes the event itself, frequent planning meetings and conference calls, and one-on-one communications with component leadership.

CRITERIA FOR SAR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

The AIA Georgia Executive Committee will be the entity that determines the eligibility of applicants, and thus the final slate for consideration by the membership. The AIA Georgia Board of Directors will provide guidance and feedback. Any AIA Georgia officer or director who wishes to be a candidate for the SAR Strategic Council Representative position will not participate in the nominating committee or selection process. If such a member is on the Executive Committee, AIA Georgia will choose a replacement from the board. The nominating committee will review the submitted nominations from the AIA Georgia membership on the basis of the following criteria:

The applicant must be an AIA Member in good standing as of January 31, 2019.

Understanding of AIA

- Awareness of the National Board and the Institute, and its multiple levels of governance
- Awareness of local, state, regional and national perspectives and priorities
- Service to the AIA at the National, State or local level; NOMA and other allied organization leadership will also be considered as comparable if other criteria are also met

Leadership Capabilities

- Has vision for the organization, and understands key issues facing AIA and the profession
- Collaborative personality, is a team player and consensus builder
- Strategic thinker who sees "big picture" and will not get lost in specifics or detail issues

Ability to Represent and Advocate for the South Atlantic Region

- Is well received by AIA Georgia members and is known in North and South Carolina
- Ability to work within the South Atlantic Region

Ability and Willingness to Advance in the Organization

- Is or could be well received by AIA members outside our region
- Has excellent communication and networking skills
- Is willing and able to commit the time for this position, and has support of their employer or practice to execute this role

Practice and Industry Awareness

- Is leading or has led a strong firm practice, and is currently practicing architecture or in a closely related profession (such as architecture education, or related industries)
- Awareness of current issues facing firms and university architecture programs

Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion

- Supports and advocates for inclusive membership in the organization and diverse modes of practice
- Sensitivity and understanding of minority groups of gender and ethnic diversity, with demonstrated relationships with aligned professional societies (NOMA, etc.)

Demonstrate a Broad Base of Support

- Possesses a broad and deep network of support from their business partners and co-workers, professional colleagues, and AIA members
- Preferably maintains relationships across the state of Georgia, as well as with leaders in allied organizations such as NOMA, the Architecture Foundation, student groups, and/or the Architecture Design Center.

Should the nominating committee feel that a proposed nominee does not meet the criteria set forth herein, a representative of the nominating committee will call the nominator to request additional information for consideration or in lack thereof to decline the nomination.