



A COVENANT BETWEEN

The American Institute of Architects and Its Members

MISSION STATEMENT:

The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architectural profession and the resource for its members in service to society.

The purpose of this document is to describe what we, as members, may expect of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and how we can contribute to the success of the organization. We count on receiving value through opportunities and services, whether accessed through the local, state, or national component of the AIA. Those in leadership count on the active participation of members to sustain the AIA in its mission to be the voice of the profession and the resource for its members in service to society. This reciprocal relationship is ultimately grounded in shared values, mutual trust, and a commitment to working together.

THE COMMITMENT OF THE AIA

The members of the American Institute of Architects create a community to share knowledge and advocate a shared vision to have a positive impact on the direction of the profession, the shape of our neighborhoods, and our world.

- The AIA is a democratic organization, representing members' interests in the selection of leaders, the setting of priorities, and the carrying out of programs.
- The AIA is dedicated to the highest standards of professionalism, integrity, and competence as embodied in the AIA's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct.
- The AIA represents the highest values of the profession in establishing public policies and advancing positions.
- The AIA offers opportunities for members to become more knowledgeable as professionals, increasing their value to clients and society.
- The AIA supports the advancement of knowledge that leads to a more capable profession, a better built environment, and a brighter future for all people.
- The AIA creates opportunities for its members to gather in fellowship and to advance areas of common interest.
- The AIA embraces the full spectrum of practitioners in membership and encourages the development of those who would like to offer their talents to the architecture profession.

THE CONTRIBUTION OF MEMBERS

Members of the American Institute of Architects can realize the most value from their membership and contribute to the success of the organization by

- Taking time to become informed about AIA services and programs. Informed members are most able to benefit from AIA membership and to acquaint others about opportunities for professional advancement and influence on the profession and society.
- Participating in decisions. Broad participation by a diverse membership assures that the AIA is relevant to its members and effective in its decisions.
- Participating in the planning and carrying out of AIA programs and initiatives. Collectively, AIA members can accomplish more when many professionals with their own ideas, experience, creativity, and energy work together.
- Contributing to a culture of inclusion, mentorship, and support for AIA members and pride in the organization. Together, architects can translate the passion they feel for design into a culture of pride and support for one another and the AIA as the voice of the profession.
- Contributing to the advancement of knowledge in the profession. With every project, architects create innovative solutions that can inspire others and advance the profession when shared through documentation and education.
- Responding as a citizen and architect to community needs. When members take part in civic dialogue as volunteers, communities become better places, architects gain perspective, and the profession is more highly valued.
- Shaping the organization and the profession as a leader in the AIA. Members of the AIA rely on those who step forward as leaders to articulate the profession's values and to advance a shared vision.

By forging a good-faith partnership among members, the AIA accomplishes things no single architect can do alone!