



ARTICLE 1
ORGANIZATION

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.01 Name. The name of this organization is The Georgia Association of The American Institute of Architects, Inc. and hereafter referred to as this Association, formerly named The Georgia Council of The American Institute of Architects. Except for reports to governmental and other instances requiring official identification, the commonly used name for the association shall be AIA Georgia.

1.011 Related Institute Organizations. In these bylaws the governing board of this Association, the Board of Directors, is referred to as the Board. The American Institute of Architects is referred to as the Institute, and the Board of Directors of the Institute as the AIA Board.

1.02 Objects. The objects of this Association shall be to promote and forward the objects of The American Institute of Architects within the assigned territory of this Association.

1.03 Domain. The domain of this Association shall be that territory described in its charter as the State of Georgia.

1.04 Organization. This Association is a non-profit membership corporation incorporated in the State of Georgia under the name of The Georgia Association of The American Institute of Architects, Inc, on January 1, 1969. Originally formed in 1906 as The AIA Georgia Chapter, the Association was chartered under the name of The Georgia Council of The American Institute of Architects by the Institute on April 20, 1963 and then amended to be named The Georgia Association of the American Institute of Architects Inc. on January 1, 1969.

1.05 Authority. This Association shall represent and act for the Institute membership within the territory assigned to it under a charter issued by the AIA Board. The Institute and this Association may act as agent, one for the other, or through a delegated third party, for the purpose of collecting and forwarding dues, acting as custodian of funds, or otherwise; provided that the Institute and this Association execute a written agreement to that effect.

1.06 Conformity with Institute Policy. No act of this Association shall directly or indirectly nullify or contravene any act or policy of the Institute. This Association shall cooperate with its state organization and regional organization to further the interests of the membership and by agreement with these organizations may represent and act for them within the territory of this Association.

1.1 AFFILIATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

1.11 Purpose of Affiliations. This Association may affiliate with any local organization of the construction industry operating within the territory of this Association that is not used or maintained for financial gain, price fixing or political purposes, if and while the objects of this Association will be promoted by such affiliation.

1.12 Agreements of Affiliation. Every affiliation must be authorized by the Board and shall be evidenced by a written agreement signed by the President, the Executive Director, and the affiliated organization.

1.121 Statement of Purpose. Every agreement of affiliation shall state the purposes and objects of the affiliation, the terms and conditions under which it is entered into, the duration, the objects of the affiliate and the nature of its organizations, membership, government and operations.

1.122 Limitations. No affiliated organization shall have any voice in the affairs of this Association and shall not bind or obligate this Association to any policy or activity unless the Board has voted to be so bound or obligated.

1.123 Termination. Any affiliation may be terminated by majority vote of the Board upon such notice to the affiliated organization as may be required in the agreement of affiliation.

1.13 Privileges of Affiliated Organizations. The representatives of an affiliated or collaborating organization may attend any of the regular meetings of this Association, and may speak at the invitation of the presiding officer.

1.2 ENDORSEMENTS

Neither this Association, nor the Board, nor the Executive Committee,, nor the State Council, nor any Association committee, nor any of its officers, directors, committee members or employees, in an official capacity as such, shall approve, sponsor or endorse, either directly or indirectly, (any public or private enterprise operated for profit, or) any material of construction or any method or manner of handling, using, distributing or dealing in any material or product.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.01 Categories of Membership. The membership of this Association shall consist of:

- a) the Architect and Associate members of the Institute who have been assigned to the Association or who have been admitted to unassigned membership in this Association, and
- b) the allied members the Association may admit as provided in Paragraph 2.25.

2.02 Definitions. In these bylaws, Architect and Associate members who have been assigned to this Association by the Institute are referred to as "assigned members." The term "allied" shall refer to allied members. The term "member," if not otherwise qualified, shall refer to all persons in all classes of membership in this Association.

2.03 Qualifications. This Association shall not establish qualifications in addition to, or which vary from, the Institute's policies for membership.

2.04 Non-resident Status. Non-resident status shall be accorded to members who reside and have their principal place of business outside the territory of the Association and not in the territory of another component. Members who have applied for and been granted such status shall have the same rights and privileges as resident members in the same category.

2.05 Enrollment of Members. Every member assigned to or admitted by this Association shall be duly notified to that effect by this Association, and shall be enrolled by the Secretary as a member of this Association.

2.06 Annual Dues and Assessments. Every member of this Association shall pay the fixed annual dues and assessments of this Association as determined in Article 3.

2.07 Resignations. Any member may resign from this Association by presenting a written resignation to the Secretary. The resignation of an assigned member, if the Secretary finds the member eligible to resign, shall be forwarded to the Institute and will be effective upon its receipt by the Institute. Other resignations shall be effective as of the date the letter of resignation was received by the Secretary.

2.08 Good Standing Defined. A member is not in good standing in this Association if and while in default of dues or other obligations to either this Association or the Institute.

2.09 Loss or Suspension of Interests, Rights and Privileges. A member who resigns, or is suspended or terminated by the Institute loses all rights in this Association and the Institute, including any right to use the Association's or Institute's name, initials, symbol, or seal, until the member is reinstated in good standing. Resignation, suspension or termination of membership does not relieve the individual of the obligation to pay any indebtedness owed to the Association.

2.1 ASSIGNED MEMBERS

2.11 General. The qualifications, rights and privileges of assigned Architect and Associate members shall be as provided in the Institute Bylaws.

2.12 Action on Applications. Whenever an application for membership in the Institute and assignment to the Association is filed with this Association, the Executive Director shall promptly complete the application and forward it to the Institute. Where the applicant is ineligible under AIA Bylaws, the Association will send a recommendation to the Institute Secretary to deny the application.

2.13 Admission Fees Prohibited. An assigned member shall not pay any admission or initiation fee for membership in this Association.

2.14 Termination. Assigned membership in this Association is terminated by the death of the member, resignation or termination of membership in the Institute, or reassignment of the member to another Association.

2.15 Emeritus Members. A member who is granted Emeritus status in accordance with the Institute Bylaws shall automatically become an Emeritus member of this Association. All rights, interest, privileges, titles, liabilities and obligations of such members, other than the payment of regular and supplemental dues, shall remain unchanged.

2.2 ALLIED MEMBERS

2.21 Admission. Every application for admission to allied membership in this Association shall be promptly acted upon by the Executive Director, subject to approval by the Executive Committee.

2.22 Admission Fees. Every applicant for an allied membership, except Honorary Members, shall pay an admission fee in an amount determined by the Board as provided in section 3.02 of these bylaws.

2.23 Termination. Allied membership is terminated by the death or resignation of the member and by the admission or eligibility to be admitted as an assigned member. The Board may terminate the membership of an allied member for indebtedness as provided in section 3.32 or, by two-thirds vote, for conduct detrimental to the interests of the Association.

2.24 Rights and Privileges of Allied Members. Allied members shall have the rights and privileges specified in the Institute Bylaws. Allied members in good standing:

- 1) May serve as a member of any committee of this Association that does not perform any duty of the Board;
- 2) May attend and speak but may not make motions or vote at any meeting of this Association;
- 3) Shall not be eligible to serve as an officer or director of this Association;
- 4) May not in any way use the name, initials, seal, symbol or insignia of this Association or of the Institute.

2.25 Allied Members. Individuals not otherwise eligible for membership in the Institute or the Association may become Allied members if they have established professional reputations and are registered to practice their professions where such requirements exist, or are employed outside of architectural practice but are involved in positions allied to the field of architecture. Allied members may include engineers, planners, landscape architects, sculptors, muralists, artists, and others in government, education, journalism, manufacturing, industry and/or other fields allied to architecture who the Association believes will provide a meaningful contribution by reason of their employment or occupation.

2.3 HONORARY MEMBERS

2.31 Qualifications. A person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute or this Association but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture, or to the arts and sciences allied therewith within the territory of this Association, may be admitted as an Honorary Member of this Association.

2.32 Nomination and Admission. A person eligible for Honorary Membership may be nominated by any member of the Board. The nomination must be in writing over the signature of the nominator and include the name of the nominee, biography, a history of attainments, qualifications for the honor and the reasons for the nomination. The Board, at any regular meeting, may admit a nominee as an Honorary Member.

2.33 Rights and Privileges. In addition to the rights and privileges set forth in paragraph 2.24 above, Honorary Members of this Association may use the title "Honorary Member of the AIA Georgia Association", and shall not pay any admission fee or annual dues nor be subject to any assessment.

ARTICLE 3
DUES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

3.0 ANNUAL DUES

3.01 Obligation to Pay Dues. All members except Emeritus members and Honorary Members shall pay annual dues on or before the date set each year by the Institute.

3.02 Amount of Annual Dues. The Board by the concurring vote at the Annual Membership Meeting may set, before the end of any fiscal year, the annual dues to be paid by each category of member for the immediately succeeding fiscal year and the amount of admission fees required of allied members. The dues shall automatically increase annually in the amount equivalent to the consumer price index as of May 31 of the current year, unless opposed by a majority vote of the Board.

3.03 Dues upon Admission. A newly admitted assigned or allied member shall pay full annual dues, except that those admitted during a month of the year stated by Institute Policy to pay reduced dues.

3.04 Dues for Nonresident Members. Nonresident members shall full annual dues.

3.05 General Waiver of Annual Dues and Admission Fees. This Association, by the concurring vote of not less than two-thirds of the total number of assigned members present at a meeting, may waive for any fiscal year any part or all of the annual dues required to be paid by any membership class or any part of the admission fee required to be paid by allied members.

3.06 Hardship Dues Reduction. The Executive Committee (upon recommendation from a Chapter) may, in exceptional circumstances, waive all or any part of the annual dues of any member. After consultation with the Institute Secretary and other affected components, the Board may, in exceptional circumstances, waive all or any part of the dues or fees owed by a member to the Institute and other assigned components, provided that such waiver is in equal proportions across all levels of membership.

3.07 Exemptions. Emeritus members and Honorary members shall pay no dues or assessments to the Association. Emeritus members and Honorary members who wish to receive mailings from the Association shall pay a fee in an amount determined by the Board pursuant to section 3.02.

3.1 ASSESSMENTS

3.11 Authority. This Association, by the concurring vote of a majority of Architect members present at a meeting, may levy an assessment on its Architect members, and by the concurring vote of a majority of its assigned members may levy an assessment on its Associate members and allied members.

3.12 Notice of Assessment. Notice of the intention to levy an assessment stating the amount, the reasons for the assessment, and when it shall be payable, shall be mailed to every member not less than 30 days prior to the meeting of this Association at which the proposed assessment is to be voted on.

3.2 DEFAULT OF ANNUAL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

3.21 Annual Dues. Every member who has not paid the entire amount of required annual dues for the then current fiscal year when due shall be in default for the unpaid amount.

3.22 Assessments. Every member who has not paid the entire amount of an assessment on or before the date fixed for payment shall be in default for the unpaid amount.

3.23 Notice of Default to Member. Every member who is in default to this Association shall be given 30 days' notice in writing of impending termination because of said default.

3.3 TERMINATION OR SUSPENSION FOR DEFAULT OF DUES OR ASSESSMENTS

3.31 Assigned Members. At appropriate intervals, the Secretary of this Association shall send to the Institute Secretary a list of all assigned members in default to this Association with the amount of such default and request termination of those memberships. When any such default is cured, the Secretary shall immediately notify the Institute Secretary.

3.32 Allied Members. If an allied member is in default to this Association for nonpayment of dues and assessments, such membership shall be suspended or terminated, provided that in all cases such member shall have been given a written notice of impending suspension or termination at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such action, during which period the member shall remain in good standing and such default may be cured.

ARTICLE 4 ASSOCIATION RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER INSTITUTE ORGANIZATIONS

4.0 THE INSTITUTE

4.01 Delegates to Institute Meetings. The Delegate representing the Association at the annual convention of the American Institute of Architects shall be the President or a member of the Executive Committee designated by that body. The Executive Committee shall select the delegates to represent the assigned membership at other meetings of the Institute from among the assigned members of the Association in the number prescribed in the Institute Bylaws as follows:

4.011 Delegate Selection Procedure. If this Association neglects, fails or refuses to select all its delegates, or should any appointed delegates fail to be accredited, then the President or a designated representative may appoint delegates to represent this Association or execute a proxy as provided in the Institute Bylaws.

4.02 Nomination and Election of Institute Directors. This Association shall nominate and elect the Institute Director for this Association's region in the manner provided in the bylaws of the Regional Organization.

4.1 REGIONAL ORGANIZATION

4.11 Association Representation in Regional Organization. This Association shall participate in the Regional Organization in the manner provided in the bylaws of that organization. The President, President-elect, Immediate Past President and Executive Director shall represent this Association at meetings of the Regional Organization, The South Atlantic Regional Council.

4.2 STATE COUNCIL

4.21 Membership. The State Council shall be comprised of the Board and the President and President-elect of each local Chapter contained within the territory of the Association.

4.22 Meetings.

4.221 Meeting Schedule. The Council shall be required to hold four meetings each year at such times and places as shall be fixed by the Board. Two regular meetings shall be held concurrently with a Membership meeting.

4.222 Special Meetings. A Special Meeting of the Council may be called by the President or by written request by any three member Chapters of the State Council.

ARTICLE 5
ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

5.0 MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL BUSINESS AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

5.01 Annual Membership Meeting. This Association shall hold an annual membership meeting, which shall be a joint meeting with the Council and the Membership to be held at the time and place fixed by the Board during the annual State Conference, for the purpose of nominating and electing the officers, directors, and representatives to the Regional Organization to succeed those whose terms are about to expire; for receiving the annual reports of the Board and the Treasurer; and for the transaction of such other business as may be appropriate.

5.02 Regular Membership Meeting. This Association shall hold a regular membership meeting no less than 30 days prior to the Institute's requirement for the next year's member dues information for the purpose of adopting a general budget and establishing dues for the succeeding year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be appropriate.

5.03 Special Meetings. A special meeting of this Association may be called by the President or the Board or shall be called by the President at the written request of not less than ten percent of the total numbers of this Association's members in good standing. No other business than that specified in the notice of the special meeting shall be transacted, and all rules and procedures at the meeting shall be the same as those for an annual business meeting.

5.1 NOTICE, QUORUM, MINUTES FOR ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

5.11 Notice of Association Meetings. A notice of each meeting of this Association, stating the date, time and place where the meeting will be held, shall be sent by mail or electronically to each member entitled to vote at the meeting. Notice shall be given not less than thirty days before the date fixed for the meeting, except in the case of Special Meetings, wherein it shall be sent to members in time for them to receive it at least fifteen days prior to the meeting. Notice is sufficient if published in the Association newsletter and sent to members in time for them to receive it at least ten days prior to the meeting.

5.12 Quorum at Meetings. At any meeting of this Association, a majority of the Council members including at least one member from a majority of the Chapters comprising the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business. The members present may adjourn the meeting despite the absence of a quorum.

5.13 Minutes of Meetings. Written minutes of every meeting of this Association, recording the matters considered at the meeting and the actions taken, shall be kept by the Secretary. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Secretary after they are approved at a subsequent meeting of the Association and thereafter filed in the Association's records.

5.2 DECISIONS AT MEETINGS, ELIGIBILITY FOR VOTING

5.21 Majority Vote. Every decision at a Association meeting shall be by a majority vote of those members in good standing who are present and voting, unless otherwise required by law or these bylaws.

5.22 Roll Call Vote. A roll call vote shall be taken at the call of the presiding officer or whenever one-third of the voting members present so request.

5.23 Proxies. Unless otherwise required by law, there shall be no voting by proxy at a meeting of this Association.

5.24 Limitations on Voting Eligibility. Only assigned members in good standing may vote on the following matters:

- 1) Matters so designated elsewhere in these bylaws;
- 2) Elections of Institute Directors; delegates to meetings of the Institute and the Regional and State Organization;
- 3) Instructions to delegates;
- 4) Any matters relating to membership;
- 5) Voting on dues and assessments for Architect members shall be limited to Architect Members; or
- 6) Other matters relating to the government, meetings, affiliations, budget and finances of the Institute.

5.25 Mail Ballot. Any vote that may be taken at a meeting of this Association may be taken by direct mail or electronic ballot of the members of this Association, provided that the matters voted on have been introduced and discussed at a regular or special meeting of this Association.

ARTICLE 6 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.0 AUTHORITY OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.01 Powers. The business of this Association shall be managed by the Board, which shall be composed of the officers and directors of this Association and shall exercise all authority, rights and powers granted to it by the laws of the State of Georgia, the articles of incorporation and by these bylaws.

6.011 Custodianship. The Board shall be and act as the custodian of the properties and interests of this Association except those specifically placed by these bylaws in the custody of or under

the administration of the Treasurer. Within the appropriations made therefore, the Board shall do all things required and permitted by these bylaws to forward the objects of this Association.

6.02 Delegation of Authority. Neither the Board nor any officer or director of this Association shall delegate any of the authority, rights or power conferred by law or these bylaws, unless such delegation is specifically prescribed or permitted by these bylaws and is not contrary to law.

6.03 Freedom from Commitments. No committee, commission, officer, director, member, employee or agent of this Association shall initiate or carry on any activity that may commit the Association to an expense, policy or activity until the matter shall have been reviewed and approved by the Board.

6.1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

6.11 Nominations. Nominations for each office and for each of the elected directorships of this Association about to become vacant shall be made at the annual meeting from the floor. However, at a meeting of the Board held at least three months prior to the annual meeting, the Board shall select a nominating committee to prepare and present to the members a slate or slates of candidates for offices and directorships. Five of the seven directors on the Board shall be presented on the slate of candidates for directorships. Two to the directors shall be appointed to directorships by no less than 2/3 of the succeeding Board.

6.12 Selection of Officers and Directors. Officers and directors shall be selected in the following manner:

6.121 Officers and Elected Directors. All officers and five directors shall be presented on the slate of candidates for directorships. The nominee for an office or directorship who receives a majority of the ballots cast at the annual meeting shall be elected thereto. If there is only one nominee for any office or directorship, the Secretary may be directed by the meeting to cast a ballot for the full number of votes of the meeting for that nominee, whereupon the President shall declare the nominee to be elected by acclamation. Otherwise the name of each nominee for each office and each directorship shall be placed by the Secretary on ballots for voting by secret ballot.

6.122 Other Directors. The two remaining directors shall be selected by the other members of the incoming Board. Each such selection shall require approval by a two-thirds majority vote by such members.

6.13 Tellers. The President may appoint three tellers, who shall be members qualified to vote at the meeting, and who shall tally the qualified votes for each nominee, tabulate the results and immediately notify the Secretary thereof.

6.14 Tie Votes. In the event of a tie vote, the list of nominees for each office and each directorship in question shall be restricted to those involved in the tie, and the nominee receiving a majority in the runoff election shall be elected to the office.

6.15 Results. The President shall announce to the meeting the results of all balloting, and shall declare all elections.

6.2 TERMS OF OFFICE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

6.21 Term. Each officer shall serve a term of one year or until a successor has qualified.

Directors shall serve staggered terms and each shall serve a term of two years or until a successor has qualified. Term years begin on January 1 and end on December 31. No director shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms; this limitation, however, shall not restrict such director from serving as an officer following his/her service as a director.

6.22 Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board other than on account of the regular expiration of a term of office, the Board shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of office.

6.23 Resignation. Any officer or director may resign at any time, in writing, which shall take effect immediately upon receipt by the President or the Secretary unless a different time is stated in the resignation. No resignation shall discharge any accrued duty or obligation of an officer or director.

6.24 Removal of Officer or Director. Any or all of the officers and directors may be removed for cause by vote of the members or the Board when there is a quorum of not less than a majority at the meeting at which the vote is taken.

6.3 OFFICERS

6.31 Officers. The officers of this Association shall be the President, President-elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer and shall form the AIA Georgia Executive Committee, with the Executive Director being an ex-officio non-voting member. The membership of the Executive Committee shall consist of these officers, and shall also include the Executive Director as an ex-officio, non-voting member.

6.32 The President. The President shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of this Association, except those matters placed by these bylaws or by the Board under the administration and supervision of the Secretary and/or the Treasurer; preside at meetings of this Association and of the Board and Executive Committee; appoint, with the concurrence of the Board, all committees; sign all contracts and agreements to which this Association is a party; have charge of and exercise general supervision over the offices and employees of this Association, and shall perform all other duties usual and incidental to the office.

6.321 Authority. The President shall act as spokesperson of this Association and as its representative at meetings with other organizations and committees unless otherwise delegated by the Board. The President shall not obligate or commit this Association unless the obligation or commitment has been specifically authorized by the Board.

6.33 The President-elect. The President-elect shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the President in the event of the absence of the President or of the President's disability, refusal, or failure to act and shall perform such other duties as are properly assigned by the Board or the President.

6.331 Succession. President-elect shall succeed to the office of President upon expiration of the term of office of the President.

6.34 The Secretary. The Secretary shall act as the recording and corresponding secretary of the Association and the Board and the Executive Committee, and shall attend all their meetings and keep minutes of the proceedings; have custody of and shall safeguard and keep in good order all property of this Association, except property that is placed under the charge of the Treasurer; issue all notices of this Association; keep its membership roll; sign all instruments and matters that require the attestation or approval of this Association, except as otherwise provided in these bylaws; keep its seal, and affix it on such instruments as require it; prepare the reports of the Board and this Association; in collaboration with

the President, have charge of all matters pertaining to the meetings of this Association, and shall perform all other duties usual and incidental to the office.

6.341 Reports. The Secretary shall furnish the Institute, the Regional Organization and the State Organization with such reports as may be required from time to time and at least annually shall furnish the Secretary of each of those organizations with the names and addresses of all officers and directors of this Association and report changes in the membership as may be required to keep the records of those organizations up-to-date and complete.

6.342 Delegation of Authority. The Secretary may delegate to an assistant secretary or other assistant employed by this Association the actual performance of any or all duties as recording or corresponding secretary, but shall not delegate responsibility for the property of this Association, or the making of any attestation or certification required to be given by the Secretary, or the signing of any document requiring the signature of the Secretary.

6.35 The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge and shall exercise general supervision of the financial affairs and keep the records and books of account of this Association; prepare the budgets, collect amounts due this Association, and give receipts for and have the custody of its funds and monies and make all disbursements of funds; have custody of its securities and of its instruments and papers involving finances and financial commitments; conduct the correspondence relating to the office; and perform all duties usual and incidental to the office.

6.351 Reports. The Treasurer shall make a written report to each annual meeting of this Association and a written report to each regular meeting of the Board. Each of said reports shall set forth the financial condition of this Association, and its income and expenditures for the period of the report and the Treasurer's recommendations on matters relating to the finances and general welfare of this Association.

6.352 Delegation of Authority. The Treasurer shall not authorize any person to sign any order, statement, agreement, check or other financial instrument of this Association that requires the signature of the Treasurer, unless such delegation is expressly permitted in these bylaws. The Treasurer may delegate to an assistant treasurer or other assistant employed by this Association the actual performance of any or all duties as Treasurer, but shall not delegate responsibility for the property of this Association, or the signing of any document requiring the signature of the Treasurer.

6.353 Liability. The Treasurer shall not be personally liable for any loss of money or funds of this Association or for any decrease in the capital, surplus, income or reserve of any fund or account resulting from any acts performed in good faith in conducting the usual business of the office.

6.36 Officer Pro Tem. If any officer is absent or unable to act, the Board may elect from its membership a chairman pro tem, a secretary pro tem or a treasurer pro tem, as necessary, who shall serve until the regularly elected officer is able to act, and during such period shall perform the duties and exercise the power and authority of the office.

6.4 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.41 Composition. The Board shall consist of the officers and a maximum of seven directors of AIA Georgia and shall also include the Executive Director as an ex-officio non-voting member. At the

invitation of the Board, the representative of any accredited program(s) or activity of AIA Georgia may be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board. At the invitation on the Executive Committee, a representative elected by the Allied Members may be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board.

6.5 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.51 Meetings Required. The Board must meet in a regular or special meeting in order to transact business. Any one or more members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board by conference telephone or similar equipment that allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear one another at the same time.

6.511 Regular Meetings. The Board may hold regular meetings without notice at a time and place determined by it.

6.512 Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Board shall be held if requested in writing by one-third of the members of the Board, or at the call of the President. The Secretary shall issue a written call and notice of each special meeting, stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting and the business to be transacted, and only the business stated in the call and notice shall be transacted at the special meeting.

6.52 Quorum and Vote. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of its business. Except as otherwise provided by law, the vote of a majority of the Board members present at the time of the vote shall be the act of the Board if a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, those present may adjourn the meeting from day to day, or to a later date.

6.53 Minutes. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of each meeting of the Board, recording the matters considered at the meeting and the actions taken. Minutes shall be distributed to the members of the Board for approval at the next meeting and thereafter signed by the Secretary and filed with the Association's records.

6.6 REPORTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

6.61 Report to Members. The Board shall render a full report in writing to each annual meeting of this Association of the condition, interests, activities and accomplishments of this Association, making such recommendations with respect thereto as it deems proper.

6.62 Report to Institute. The Board or the Secretary shall make a written report to the Institute at such times as the Institute requests of the matters and in the form required by it.

6.7 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6.71 Composition. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board composed of the elected officers of AIA Georgia - President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, Secretary and Treasurer with the Executive Director as non-voting member.

6.72 Meetings. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be held as directed by the President or when requested by three members of the Executive Committee.

6.73 Quorum. A majority of the voting members shall be necessary to transact any business at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

6.74 Regular and Special Meetings. The Executive Committee may meet in a regular or special meeting in order to transact business. Any one or more members of the Executive Committee may participate in a meeting of the committee by conference telephone or similar equipment that allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear one another at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting.

6.75 Voting. Every decision of the Executive Committee shall be made by not less than a majority of the voting members in attendance.

6.76 Authority. The Executive Committee shall have full authority, right and power to act for the Board between Board meetings on all matters except those below.

6.761 Rules. The Executive Committee may not adopt or change the budget; purchase, sell, lease, or pledge any real property; form an affiliation; hire or terminate the Executive Director; fix admission fees and annual dues unless the authority to do so has been delegated to it by a two-thirds vote of the Board. It shall not change the Rules of the Board, the Bylaws, or any policy of AIA Georgia, or elect a successor to any officer whose office becomes vacant. It shall not perform any functions of the Board, which according to these bylaws require the action of the Board.

6.762 Delegation. The Executive Committee may authorize others to perform certain duties of the Executive Committee under these bylaws. The Executive Committee may at any time take over the performance of any or all of these duties unless explicitly provided otherwise in these bylaws. Only those to whom authority is delegated by the Executive Committee may perform duties of the Executive Committee, and each duty so performed shall be done under the general directions and instructions of the Executive Committee, which shall be responsible therefore.

6.77 Minutes. The Secretary shall keep written minutes of each meeting of the Executive Committee, recording the matters considered at the meeting and the actions taken. Minutes shall be distributed to the members of the Executive Committee for approval at the next meeting and thereafter signed by the Secretary and filed with the Association's records.

6.8 COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

6.81 Formation and Composition. The Board may form committees and task forces to carry out the work of the Association. The charge and duration of each committee or commission shall be determined by the Board. The members of committees and commissions shall be appointed by the President with the concurrence of the Board.

ARTICLE 7
FINANCES

7.0 FINANCES

7.01 Budgets and Appropriations. Prior to the beginning of every fiscal year, the Membership shall adopt an annual budget showing in detail the anticipated income and expenditures of this Association for the immediately succeeding year.

7.02 Expenditure Limitations.

7.021 General. No member, officer, director, committee, commission, employee or agent of the Association shall have any right, authority or power to expend any money of the Association, incur any liability for or in its behalf, or make any commitment that will or may be deemed to bind the Association to an expense or liability unless such expenditure, liability or commitment has been budgeted and authorized by the Board or a specific resolution at a meeting of the Association.

7.03 Review of Financial Records. At appropriate intervals, the Board shall employ a firm to prepare a compilation of the financial records of the Association as the basis for a financial report to the members.

7.04 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of this Association shall be the calendar year.

7.1 REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

7.11 Authority. In order to carry on its affairs and exercise its powers this Association may acquire and dispose of real and personal property for its own use.

7.12 Gifts. Only the Board shall have any right or authority to solicit or accept any gift, bequest or devise for or on behalf of this Association; it shall not accept any gift, bequest or devise that will not promote the objects and purposes of this Association, or that will place an undue financial or other burden on this Association.

7.2 DIVIDENDS PROHIBITED

An unencumbered balance of income at the close of a fiscal year shall never be distributed as profits, dividends or otherwise to the members of this Association.

7.3 INSTITUTE PROPERTY INTERESTS

This Association shall not have any title to or interest in any property of the Institute nor be liable for any debt or other pecuniary obligation of the Institute. The Institute shall not have any title to or interest in the property of this Association, and the Institute shall not be liable for any debt or other obligation of this Association.

ARTICLE 8
GENERAL PROVISIONS

8.0 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The administrative and executive offices of the Association shall be in the charge of the Executive Director, who shall be employed by and report to the Board. The Executive Director shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the Association and such other duties as the Board may assign. Specifically, the Executive Director shall:

1. Serve as assistant Secretary and assistant Treasurer to perform such duties as the Secretary and Treasurer may delegate;
2. Employ such staff as the Board may authorize as may be necessary to perform the duties assigned by the Board;
3. Attend all meetings of the Board and the Executive Committee as a member ex officio without vote;
4. Make reports to the Board and the Executive Committee on the affairs and business of the Association when requested by the Board and the Executive Committee.

8.1 RECORDS OPEN TO MEMBERS

The correspondence and the minute books, the Treasurer's books of account and the Secretary's records of this Association, except confidential matters relating to membership applications and bestowal of honorary memberships, shall be open to inspection at the executive offices of this Association during the business hours fixed by the Board, by any member of this Association in good standing.

8.2 PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall supplement the rules and regulations adopted by this Association and shall govern this Association, the Board, the Executive Committee and the Association committees in all cases in which such rules are applicable and are not inconsistent or in conflict with law, these bylaws or the rules and regulations adopted by this Association or by the Board.

8.3 LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

8.31 Liability. In the absence of misconduct, fraud or bad faith, the present and former officers, directors and employees of this Association shall not be personally liable for its debts, obligations or liabilities.

8.32 Indemnification. If a director or officer of the Association is made a party to any civil or criminal action or proceeding arising from the performance by the director or officer of his or her duties on behalf of the Association, then, to the full extent permitted by law, the Board by affirmative vote of a quorum of its members who are not parties to the action or proceeding, may indemnify such director or officer for all sums paid by him or her in the way of judgments, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees actually and necessarily incurred, in connection with the action or proceeding.

8.33 Insurance. The Board may authorize the purchase and maintenance by this Association of such insurance on behalf of the present and former officers, directors, employees and persons acting in any other capacity at the request of this Association as may protect them against any liability asserted against them in such capacity, whether or not this Association would have the power to indemnify such persons under applicable law.

ARTICLE 9
AMENDMENTS

9.0 AMENDMENTS AT MEETINGS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

9.01 Notice of Proposed Amendments. These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of this Association by two-thirds vote of the members present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment and the meeting at which it will be voted on is given to the membership not less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

9.02 Bylaws Relating to Assigned Members. It shall require a vote of not less than two-thirds of the assigned members of this Association who are present at the meeting to amend a bylaw relating to such assigned members.

9.1 AMENDMENTS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.11 Conformity with Institute Bylaws. The Board, without action by a meeting of this Association, shall amend any of these bylaws as may be necessary for conformity with Institute Bylaws. These bylaws, and any amendments to them, shall be forwarded at the request of the Secretary of the Institute for review for conformity with Institute Bylaws.

9.12 Delegation of Authority. The Board shall be authorized to amend specific provisions of these bylaws if the power to do so has been delegated to it by a two-thirds vote of the members of this Association eligible to vote thereon.