



**Talking Points from the AIA National Board of Directors meeting  
December 8-9, 2011  
Washington, D.C.**

2012 AIA Gold Medal	Presentations were made on the nominees. Steven Holl, AIA, was selected as the recipient of the 2012 AIA Gold Medal. As a result of his selection, Mr. Holl has been automatically elevated to Fellowship.
2012 AIA Architecture Firm Award	Presentations were made on the nominees. VJAA Architects, Minneapolis, Minn., was selected as the recipient of the 2012 AIA Architecture Firm Award.
AIA 2012 Whitney M. Young Jr. Award	A presentation was made on the nominee, Mortimer M. Marshall Jr., FAIA, and he was selected as the recipient of the AIA 2012 Whitney M. Young Jr. Award.
2012 AIA/ACSA 2012 Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education	The recipient of the AIA/ACSA 2012 Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education is George Baird, BArch, OAA, FRAIC, AIA.
Policy Discussion: Position Statements	The Board extended the following twelve Position Statements, without revision, for a period of three years commencing January 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2014: #6, Architectural Practice Definition #10, Internship and Professional Development #13, Use of the title Architect & Derivatives #15, Enforcing Licensing Laws #21, Studio Culture #22, Building Codes & Standards #27, Qualifications Based Selection #33, Diversity #34, NCARB Relationship #36, Housing #42, Sustainable Built Environment #45, Eminent Domain



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The Board extended the sunset date of the following eight Position Statements, without revision, through May 15, 2012 (pre-Convention Board meeting):

- #3, Mandatory Continuing Education
- #4, Practice Specialty Credentialing
- #7, Design of Structures for Human Habitation
- #17, Expanding Professional Experiences
- #28, Affordable Health
- #32, Civil Rights
- #37, Livable Communities
- #43, Sustainable Architectural Practice

In addition, the Board extended the following four Position Statements, as proposed with revision, for a period of three years, commencing January 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2014:

- #2, Art and Architecture
- #25, Legal Form of Practice
- #35, Accessible Environment
- #40, Government Procurement: Stock Plans

(Note: A copy of the revised Public Policy Directory will be posted on [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org), and is available by contacting Pam Day, Hon. AIA, at [pday@aia.org](mailto:pday@aia.org).)

Final Discussion and Adoption/Endorsement of:

- 2012 Operating Plan
- 2012 Operating Budget

The Board endorsed the Institute's 2012-2013 Operating Plan, as presented. The Board also adopted the Institute's 2012 Operating Budget, as presented. In addition, the Board authorized management to utilize the Institute's unrestricted financial reserves as needed to normalize cash flows up to \$4 million during 2012. These funds will be returned to reserves as cash flow improves.

AIA/Hanley Wood Partnership Update

The Board received a presentation from its media partner, Hanley Wood, on publishing and convention matters.



Proposed Amendments to the Institute Bylaws:  
Emeritus Membership

Subject to such comments as it may receive up to and including the AIA 2012 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference, the Board conditionally sponsored the following proposed amendment to the Institute's Bylaws, and directed that it be presented for approval by the delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Institute:

*The delegates assembled at the 2012 Annual Meeting hereby amend Section 2.31 of the Institute's Bylaws as follows:*

2.31 Eligibility.

2.311 Architect Members. Any Architect member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70 65, and is retired from the profession of architecture (including involvement in research, administration or the teaching of architecture), or ~~(ii) has achieved architect emeritus status under law in any state of the United States or~~ (iii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in the profession.

2.312 Associate Members. Any Associate member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70 65 and is retired from an occupation related to the profession of architecture (including



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involvement in research, administration or the teaching of architecture), or (ii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in an occupation related to the profession of architecture.

2.313 Waiver by the Secretary. The Secretary, in exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, may, on an individual basis, waive all or part of the period of good standing required for Emeritus status.

Public Directors Presentation

The Board received a presentation from its two Public Directors, Vivien Li and David Zach.

International Union of Architects (UIA): Congress and Assembly Update

The Board received a report on the 2011 International Union of Architects' (UIA) recent Congress (similar to the AIA Convention) and Assembly (similar to the AIA Business Meeting), in Tokyo in October. President Manus also reported on a trip he and other AIA leadership had taken to the earthquake-ravaged region of Sendai.

College of Fellows: 2011 Update

Chester A. Widom, FAIA, 2011 Chancellor of the College of Fellows, reported on the College's activities including mentorship and research. (Note: The governor of California has recently selected Mr. Widom as the California State Architect.)

Continuing Education: Next Steps

The Board amended Section 2.11 of the AIA Rules of the Board as follows:

*2.11 Continuing Education Requirement. The annual continuing education requirement for Architect members is 18 learning units, which must include ~~eight (8)~~ twelve (12) hours of health, safety, and welfare education. During the years 2009 through*



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*2012, this requirement must also include four (4) hours of sustainable design education within the total 18-hour continuing education requirement. The Institute will re-evaluate this requirement in 2012. The Institute shall determine what activities or programs qualify for learning units. One hour earned in an eligible activity or program shall equal one learning unit. An activity or program may qualify both for health, safety, and welfare education and for sustainable design education.*

Awards Task Force Update

2012 President-elect Jeff Potter, FAIA, chair of the Awards Task Force, provided an interim report on behalf of the Task Force. Work will continue into 2012, with a report at the Grassroots Board meeting.

Open Discussion/New Business

Items included:

- *Appointment of the National Ethics Council:* The Board appointed Victoria Beach, AIA, as chair of the National Ethics Council for 2012; and Paul D. Boney, FAIA, and Cornelius R. (Kin) DuBois, FAIA, to three-year terms on the National Ethics Council, commencing January 1, 2012, and ending on December 31, 2014. (The term of Benjamin Vargas, FAIA, expires on December 31, 2012, and did not require action at this time. The terms of Tricia Dickson, AIA, Clyde Porter, FAIA, and Bradford C. Walker, AIA, will expire on December 31, 2013, and did not require action at this time.)
- *Board Delegation of Authority to Benefits Committee Trustees:* The Board delegated to the American Institute of Architects Benefits Committee of Trustees (the "Benefits Committee", all of whom are appointed by the AIA President) the authority to oversee and administer the Benefit Plans and to carry out the AIA's administrative responsibilities as plan administrator of the Benefit Plans.
- Update on the work of the Energy Modeling Work Group.
- Update on donations to the AIA headquarters building refresh project.
- Update on donations to ArchiPAC.



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Announcement of Candidates for Election at the 2012 AIA National Convention and Design Exposition

Members who announced their intention to declare for election at the AIA 2012 AIA National Convention and Design Expo are:

*2013-2014 Secretary:*  
Frederick Butters, Esq., FAIA  
Richard DeYoung, AIA

*2013-2014 Vice President (two will be elected)*  
Donald C. Brown, FAIA  
Thomas Vonier, FAIA

*2013 First Vice President/2014 President*  
Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA  
Peter G. Kuttner, FAIA

Farewell Remarks and Presentation of Richard Upjohn Fellows Medals

Remarks were made by those members of the Board whose terms ended at this meeting:

- Tyler W. Ashworth, Assoc. AIA, LEED AP
- Douglas A. Benson, AIA
- Stacy Bourne, AIA
- Donald C. Brown, FAIA
- D. Graham Davidson, FAIA
- Richard De Young, AIA
- Jeffrey T. Gill, AIA
- Leonard E. Koroski, AIA
- Richard D. Licata, FAIA
- Paul Mankins, FAIA

Remarks were also made by members of the 2011 Executive Committee whose terms ended at this meeting:

- Amy Blagriff, Hon. Affiliate/AIA Honolulu, CACE Representative to the Executive Committee



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- Peter G. Kuttner, FAIA, Vice President
- John W. Rogers, AIA, ACHA, Treasurer
- Jonathan M. Taylor, AIA, Senior Associate Director

Each was presented with a Richard Upjohn Fellows medal and certificate, and thanked for his or her service on the Board.

President Manus concluded the meeting with remarks of his own, on his years on the Board as well as his year as President.