

## **INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ADVISORY GROUP (IC-AG) MEMBER SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

The AIA International Committee is the forum where all the constituencies (the AIA representatives, the global practitioners, and the overseas members) of the AIA's International Program converge, so that practice, policy and member service issues will inform all aspects of the program. The International Committee is a resource for the President and the Board of Directors to advise on and to monitor global issues.

The AIA International Committee serves both international and domestic members by engaging in the global architecture community to benefit practice in global markets, to promote the highest standards of education and practice, and to promote the visibility of the AIA brand in the international arena.

The mission of the International Committee is to promote excellence in the international practice of architecture; to serve as a resource to members by disseminating information on international markets, practice and design; to develop expertise in international policy and trade issues; to facilitate and enhance the international practices of the members; and to foster relationships with architects abroad.

Advisory Group members should be recognized, effective leaders in the international practice of architecture who can guide the committee in its advisory role to the Institute.

**1. Membership:** The International Committee Advisory Group has both regular (appointed) and ex officio members. Three ex-officio members are the Secretary of the Institute, the International Director, and the AIA's official representative to the International Union of Architects.

**2. Terms of service:** The four regular members are appointed by the AIA President, with annual renewal, for a three or four-year term. The ex-officio members are appointed by the AIA President for a term equal to their elected or liaison position. An ex officio member may serve more than one three-year term if reappointed or re-elected as an officer of the UIA.

When the IC-AG chair makes initial contact with candidates, candidates are asked about their willingness to serve as the chair of the Advisory Committee. While not a strict criterion, experience has shown that it is best to ask this question before formal appointment in order to have experienced Advisory Group members who are willing to assume the commitment of a leadership position.

**3. Governance:** A chair serves for a one-year term. A vice-chair serves for a one-year term. Traditionally the vice-chair will succeed to the chair.

**4. Replacement Procedure:** When a vacancy is upcoming, an announcement is made by broadcast e-mail and is also placed in an issue of the *International eNews* to invite members to submit a letter of interest together with a professional resume to the chair. The submitted letters and resumes are circulated to the full Advisory Group. The candidates are reviewed,

evaluated and ranked by the Advisory Group. First and second choice candidates are selected for each vacancy. The names of these candidates are forwarded to the AIA president for review and for appointment.

**5. Criteria:** The Advisory Group utilizes the following criteria in making their evaluations.  
individual

- is an AIA and an IC member in good standing;
- is committed to a three-year term of service;
- has a record of involvement with the committee's past events, publications, or special projects;
- has an established reputation of following through on volunteer commitments;
- has an active international practice or other related international professional activity;
- will contribute to the diversity of the Advisory Group in terms of firm size, geography, gender, ethnicity and expertise;
- An active involvement with a component's international committee or program is an added advantage.