



Memorandum

Date: May 8, 2024

To: AIA Membership

From: 2024 AIA Board of Directors

Subject: May 2024 Meeting Outcome

Copies: AIA Chapters and Sections

Background

On March 9, 2024, the AIA Board of Directors provided notice to the AIA membership that at its meeting on May 8, 2024, the Board would consider approving amendments to Chapter 2.42 on automatic elevation to AIA Fellowship for elected officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer only) and recipients of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award. The proposed amendments were provided to the AIA membership as required by the AIA Bylaws to give members sixty (60) days' notice prior to Board action.

Outcome of Board of Directors Meeting

During the May 8, 2024, AIA Board of Directors meeting, the Board discussed the feedback and comments received from AIA members and chapters. Below is the outcome of that discussion and the list of motions voted on by the members of the Board of Directors:

- The AIA Board of Directors voted in favor of amending the AIA Bylaws to automatically elevate eligible recipients of the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award.
- The AIA Board of Directors voted to oppose the proposed amendments to 2.42 related to the automatic elevation of elected AIA officers.
- The AIA Board of Directors voted to form a task force to implement solutions on past findings and take action on the Honors and Awards equity assessment, taking

into account previous efforts, and working in collaboration with COF, NOMA, and all necessary stakeholders.

Approved Amendments to 2.42—Authority of the Jury of Fellows

The Jury of Fellows has the authority and power to advance or deny advancement to Fellowship, ~~except that an~~ Architect members who wins the Gold Medal, *Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award*, or the Edward C. Kemper Award of the Institute, shall automatically be elevated to Fellowship *status*, without regard to the above qualifications.

The AIA Board of Directors would like to express its appreciation for the feedback and letters submitted to the Board related to the proposed amendments to 2.42.

The Board and AIA staff will continue to look at the Institute's processes for amending the AIA Bylaws in the future. Going forward, we will seek to ensure transparency and more effective communications around our decision-making. Please know that we are focused on advancing the AIA mission, and we will continue doing so with your feedback in mind.

Sincerely,



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2024 President