

Young Architects Forum



Roles and Duties of the Young Architect Representative

Young Architect Representatives (YARs) represent young architects within AIA at the state and national level. They are the primary connection between local AIA chapters and the national YAF Advisory Committee (AdCom).

1. The Young Architect Representative communicates information from AIA National to local emerging professional groups and vice versa by:
 - a. Maintaining quarterly communication with all YAF chapters within their state
 - b. Serving as a conduit between local YAF chapters and the AdCom
2. The Young Architect Representative contributes to the direction and planning of the YAF by:
 - a. Participating in the YAF Annual Meeting and attending YAF full committee conference calls
 - b. Working with the AdCom on various national issues through participation in at least one YAF Focus Group
 - c. Attending AIA Grassroots and AIA National Conference, when possible
3. The Young Architect Representative serves young architects at the state level by:
 - a. Serving on their state Board of Directors if required by the state.
 - b. Providing reports regarding the activities of the YAF and emerging professionals groups when requested
 - c. Maintaining quarterly communication with the following counterparts from their state: National Associates Committee (NAC) State Associate Representative (StAR), Strategic Council representative, and College of Fellows (COF) regional representative
 - d. Attending monthly AIA Board Visibility Network calls
 - e. Suggesting or encouraging young architects for nomination for state or national awards, positions, or committees/subcommittees
4. Young Architect Representatives have the option to represent YAF within the larger AIA National community by serving as a member of or liaison to any of the following: Strategic Council work groups, Knowledge Communities, Board Committees, Member Interest Groups, or Task Forces. These opportunities may vary from year to year.
5. Additional responsibilities may be required by each respective state. Young Architect Representatives are required to work with their states to ensure that expectations from state leadership are clearly defined and met. The AdCom encourages all applicants to discuss the position with their state leadership (either the state AIA President and/or Executive Director) to fully understand the role and commitment that the Young Architect Representative will have to their respective state prior to applying.