



Resolutions for Consideration by the Delegates to the 2017 Annual Business Meeting of the Institute

6. 2017 Convention Resolutions

Resolution 17-1

Title	Where Architects Stand: A Statement of Our Values
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Intent	To confirm the enduring values of the American Institute of Architects and its members.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, the American Institute of Architects works to advance our nation’s quality of life and protect the public’s health, safety and welfare, as it has done for 160 years; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, today our nation faces unprecedented challenges; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, now more than ever, the collective voice of architects is essential for designing a better future for our country and planet; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, even in times of change, the AIA’s values remain constant.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we stand for equity and human rights. Access to good design is a fundamental right, and architects are the agents of change to make this right a reality. We stand for human and civil rights, and the unbiased treatment of all persons in employment, civic, and business transactions regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical abilities, or religious practices. Our commitment to tolerance is evidenced not just by the policies we adopt, but in the words we speak, the actions we take, and the buildings we design. This is why we advocate for protecting and expanding laws that reflect these values, such as fair housing policies, civil rights protections, and accessibility to the built environment for all; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for architecture that strengthens our communities. Infrastructure is more than roads and bridges. It is the public buildings that are the bedrock of our communities—like schools, hospitals, libraries, police and fire stations, parks and government buildings. For too long, policymakers allowed these spaces to deteriorate, reducing safety and diminishing the quality of life for millions across the nation. Architects are uniquely positioned to guide policymakers to make informed decisions about reinvesting in our communities’ essential buildings and spaces. That is why we advocate for policies that invest in well-designed civic infrastructure; and</p>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for a sustainable future. At a time when the world is feeling the damaging effects of excessive carbon in our atmosphere, the AIA will continue to advocate for policies that protect the environment by encouraging the design, preservation and construction of high-performing buildings. Reducing the carbon footprint of buildings is not just good for the environment; it's good for business. According to a 2015 study, from 2011 to 2014, the green construction market generated \$167.4 billion in Gross Domestic Product, supported over 2.1 million jobs and provided \$147.7 billion in labor earnings. That is why we advocate for policies that lead to energy efficient, carbon neutral buildings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for protecting communities from the impact of climate change. Global warming and man-made hazards pose an increasing threat to the safety of the public and the vitality of our nation. Rising sea levels and devastating natural disasters result in unacceptable losses of life and property. Resilient and adaptable buildings are a community's first line of defense against disasters and changing conditions of life and property. That is why we advocate for robust building codes and policies that make our communities more resilient; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for economic opportunity. Architects, the backbone of the nation's design and construction industry, are entrepreneurs and small businesses. Working in offices, storefronts, and home offices in every community, design firms do more than simply create great spaces: they create well-paying jobs and opportunity. But with narrow profit margins and increasing costs of running a firm, many struggle just to meet their business plans. We stand for federal policies that help firms thrive, not hold them back. That means a tax code that treats architects fairly, small business programs that provide loans and financing support and programs that give small firms the chance to compete. That is why the AIA advocates for policies that ensure small firms remain strong contributors to the nation's economy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand for investing in the future. A generation of young people is being held back by a lack of access to education and the crushing burden of student debt. Nowhere is this truer than in architecture, where recent graduates are often forced to leave the profession to pay down student loans. Without a pool of qualified architects to design buildings, projects will not move forward, stifling economic development. That is why the AIA advocates for policies that provide better access and financing for young people to enter and remain in the profession of architecture; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we speak up, and policymakers listen. Together, AIA members carry a powerful voice for the values they uphold in their practices each and every day. As natural facilitators and problem-solvers, architects stand ready to develop new policies that create a better, stronger, and more equitable and sustainable society. Through a culture of values-based advocacy, AIA members are committed to engaging in the policy-making process and to focus the power of design on solving the challenges facing our great nation.

Resolution 17-2

Title	Emeritus Membership – Proposed Amendment to the Institute Bylaws
Sponsors	AIA California Council
Intent	<p>To amend pertinent sections of the Institute Bylaws concerning specific eligibility criteria for AIA Emeritus Membership; specifically, current language in the Bylaws provides that AIA members who have maintained membership for a minimum of 15 successive years, are fully retired, and 70 years of age, are eligible to upgrade to Emeritus status in order to maintain membership rights and privileges.</p> <p>This proposed change to the Bylaws would retain the age of eligibility at 70 years of age, fully retired, and 15 years of successive AIA membership, but would allow eligibility if the applicant has been an AIA member for at least 25 years.</p>
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, Section 2.3 of the Institute Bylaws states that any Architect member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for 15 successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70 and is retired from the profession of architecture, or (ii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in the profession; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Section 2.312 of the Institute Bylaws states that any Associate Member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for 15 successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70 and is retired from an occupation related to the profession of architecture, or (ii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in an occupation related to the profession of architecture; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there are a considerable number of Architect members who may, for reason of inadequate resources, allow their membership to lapse upon retirement waiting to reach the age of 70, only to find themselves ineligible because they do not have the required successive 15 years of membership, yet they have been AIA members most of their professional careers; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, because there are a number of retired members choosing to terminate their membership in lieu of paying the full dues rate, AIA fails to retain and engage the talents, contributions, and advocacy of members who have long supported the AIA at all three levels of the organization, thereby impacting the AIA's desire to maintain and expand the strength, visibility, and influence of the AIA; and</p>

WHEREAS, never before has the need been greater for mentorship and professional guidance to be actively encouraged between AIA's more experienced members and emerging professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors shall direct the AIA Secretary and the Secretary's Advisory Committee to prepare amendments to Sections 2.311 and 2.312 of the Institute Bylaws, for presentation at the Institute's Annual Business Meeting at the AIA 2018 National Convention, which would allow Architect and Associate members who retire at the age of 70 be allowed to elevate to Emeritus status if they have been AIA members for 15 successive years or 25 non-successive years when all other criteria for eligibility for Emeritus status are also met.

Resolution 17-3

Title	Housing Humanity – Elevating the Human Experience
Sponsor	AIA California Council
Intent	To elevate the discussion and the duty of the AIA to prioritize and develop a member engagement strategy to address the challenge of housing affordability and homelessness and their impact on society.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, AIA California Council, AIA Chicago, and AIA Illinois, authors of this resolution and full partners in its envisioning and creation, ask for the full support of the convention delegates in recognizing and prioritizing this issue of National importance; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, housing is a fundamental need and expectation of the human experience; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, addressing the nation’s housing crisis and its impacts on social equity is one of the most difficult challenges facing America’s policymakers and shapers of the built environment; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there is a growing body of evidence linking poor health to a lack of adequate housing as evidenced by research conducted or published by the American Public Health Association, Annual Review of Public Health, Corporation for Supportive Housing, National Center for Healthy Housing, World Health Organization and Yale Global Health Leadership Institute among others; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the scope of the affordable housing problem is massive, impacting the homeless, low income families and individuals, student debt holders, first-time buyers, and long-term tenants of rental properties across the nation; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the lack of affordable and safe housing results in many workers not having access to job markets within their own communities, lower income households are being forced to locate farther from places of employment and thereby encouraging blight, urban sprawl, traffic congestion, and the loss of greenfield and vital farm lands; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, a host of organizations are urging comprehensive action to treat housing as health care, including the American Hospital Association, Association of American Medical Colleges, Catholic Health Association of the United States, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, National Health Care for the Homeless Coalition, and the World Economic Forum, among others; and</p>

WHEREAS, the combined impacts of underfunded urban planning, housing policies that encourage low density development, community resistance to new higher density housing, and cumbersome, lengthy, and expensive entitlement and plan review processes, all contribute to the problem of housing availability and affordability that contribute greatly to the increasing challenges of homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The American Institute of Architects reasserts its belief that “access to good design is a fundamental right” and that, as change agents, members, firms, and components require the vision, tools, and guidance on potential methodologies to mitigate the problem of the nation’s homelessness and housing affordability crisis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as architects are duty-bound to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in the built environment, and this organization is the voice for the profession acting collectively to advance shared goals and implement such a nationwide engagement strategy that shall include a sustained public outreach and aggressive communications plan that stimulates the engagement and support of concerned public agencies, construction industry stakeholders, and like-minded allies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a report and plan of action (comparable to the example of the AIA-led Resilience Building Coalition which produced a joint industry statement and commitment), will be presented no later than at the 2019 AIA Conference on Architecture to the delegates assembled thereat to include measurable goals, recommendations, ongoing progress reports and member engagement opportunities that accomplish together what cannot be achieved alone.

Resolution 17-4

Title	Specialty Credentialing
Sponsor	AIA California Council
Intent	Establish an inventory of principles and guidelines to shape development and implementation of Specialty Credentialing programs and activities.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, The American Institute of Architects, as the principal membership organization of licensed and emerging architects in America, is exploring the benefits and the challenges of Specialty Credentialing; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, as a result of several studies in 2016, AIA members appear to generally support the idea of the AIA being engaged in Specialty Credentialing, the American Institute of Architects' Board of Directors has authorized launching of Specialty Credentialing programs by 2018; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, Specialty Credentialing within the design and construction industry is widespread and many organizations are currently offering a variety of specialties to be recognized; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, emerging generations appear to value and appreciate the need for Specialty Credentialing much more than previous generations; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there exists a multitude of possibilities for Specialty Credentialing related to the work of architects, including but not limited to building types, disciplines, and skill sets. Accordingly, AIA Specialty Credentialing needs to proceed very carefully so as not to challenge the traditional roles of the architect as a generalist and team leader; constrain the scope or validity of an architectural license, or encumber the value and benefits of AIA membership; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there is strong probability that failure to proceed with the AIA's involvement in Specialty Credentialing may create a vacuum that other organizations may occupy, thereby enhancing public and client confusion regarding architectural services and the scope of licensed practice; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the AIA's established committees, continuing education and Knowledge Community infrastructure provide existing platforms that can be refocused on Specialty Credentialing and elevate the value of continuing education, while also expanding the definition of architecture and of architectural practice; and</p>

WHEREAS, since the impact of AIA Specialty Credentialing is likely to change member relationships and has the potential of changing the nature of competition among members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AIA should adopt a code of principles to shape the development of Specialty Credentialing, specialty certification, or specialty designation. The code of principles would help foster and sustain foundational beliefs and principles such as:

- Ensuring equality and inclusiveness of AIA members.
- Any specialty credential or recognition program should be an integral part of the AIA member benefit landscape, and price, as a prerequisite to accessing Specialty Credentialing, should not be a real or perceived barrier to members enrolling in Specialty Credentialing programs and activities.
- Before launching Specialty Credentialing, AIA should commit to a robust and sustainable marketing and public outreach program to help enhance client demand.
- Specialty Credentialing should be based on added value and responsive to the needs of society. Service to society is at the core of most respected credentialing programs.
- To avoid tarnishing the AIA brand, tactical efforts and activities supporting Specialty Credentialing must be predictable, dependable, and ensure quality.
- The AIA has clear policies and a strong commitment to discourage misuse of titles or designations that might impair or weaken the value of Specialty Credentialing and the AIA brand.
- Specialty Credentialing should be integrated with AIA's Code of Ethics.
- While appreciating the need for a certain level of confidentiality in research and development of Specialty Credentialing, the AIA should nonetheless conduct an ongoing national conversation with the membership, especially AIA component leadership.
- The AIA's venture into Specialty Credentialing should remain a voluntary framework of engagement, and that any Specialty Credentialing effort be conducted with a philosophy of "doing no harm" to those who members who choose not to embrace Specialty Credentialing.

Resolution 17-5

Title	Investigation of the Total Collapse of World Trade Center Building 7
Sponsor	Daniel Barnam, FAIA, and Fifty (50) Members of the Institute
Intent	To adopt a Position Statement declaring the AIA's support for a new investigation into the total collapse of World Trade Center Building 7 on September 11, 2001.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, thousands of members of the architecture and engineering professions, including the more than 50 members sponsoring this resolution, now believe there is sufficient evidence contradicting the findings of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to warrant a new investigation into the total collapse of World Trade Center Building 7 (WTC 7), a 47-story high-rise that collapsed into its own footprint at 5:20 PM on September 11, 2001; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the cause of the total collapse of WTC 7 has become the subject of intense public debate, to which architects — through their knowledge, skill, and experience — are uniquely qualified to contribute; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, prior to and since September 11, 2001, no steel-framed high-rise has ever suffered a total collapse, except buildings demolished through the procedure known as controlled demolition; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the total collapse of WTC 7 exemplified many of the signature features of controlled demolition, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sudden onset: The roofline of WTC 7 went from being stationary to being in free fall in approximately one-half second.• Rapidity: The roofline of WTC 7 fell to the ground in less than seven seconds.• Free fall: For 2.25 seconds of its descent, WTC 7 fell at the rate of gravity over a distance of eight stories, meaning that the lower structure of the building provided no resistance whatsoever.• Symmetry: WTC 7 fell directly downward through what had been the path of greatest resistance, with the debris deposited mostly inside the building's footprint.• Explosions and window breakage: Vertical sequences of explosions and window breakage could be seen running up the north face of WTC 7 as it began to collapse.• Dismemberment: The steel frame of WTC 7 was almost entirely dismembered.• Pulverization: Most of WTC 7's concrete was pulverized to a consistency of sand and gravel.

- Totality: The entire structure of WTC 7 collapsed to the ground, leaving no sections of the building standing; and

WHEREAS, first responders and bystanders reported explosions and other phenomena suggestive of controlled demolition immediately prior to and during the total collapse of WTC 7, as exemplified in the following statement by a New York University medical student who was interviewed on 1010 WINS radio moments after the collapse:

“[W]e heard this sound that sounded like a clap of thunder. Turned around.... [I]t looked like there was a shockwave ripping through the building and the windows all busted out.... And then about a second later the bottom floor caved out and the building followed after that”; and

WHEREAS, a CNN video camera captured the sound of an explosion coming from WTC 7 and the following statements prior to the onset of the collapse:

Unidentified voice: “You hear that?”

Voice of emergency responder #1: “Keep your eye on that building. It’ll be coming down soon.”

Voice of emergency responder #2: “Building is about to blow up, move it back.... We are walking back, there’s a building about to blow up. Flame and debris coming down”; and

WHEREAS, numerous experts in controlled demolition and structural engineering have attested that the total collapse of WTC 7 could have been caused only by controlled demolition, as exemplified in the following statement made by Dutch demolition expert Danny Jowenko after viewing video of the collapse:

“This is controlled demolition.... It’s been imploded. It’s a hired job, done by a team of experts.... It’s without a doubt a professional job”; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the fact that the fires in WTC 7 were unextraordinary and the building had only modest structural damage, the New York City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) began warning members of the New York Fire Department (FDNY) sometime before 11:30 AM that WTC 7 “was in serious danger of collapse,” and the FDNY proceeded to establish a safety zone around WTC 7 in the early afternoon; and

WHEREAS, officials at the scene were so certain of WTC 7's impending total collapse that it became widely covered in the media, as exemplified by MSNBC's Ashleigh Banfield, who reported, "I've heard several reports from several different officers now that that is the building that is gonna go down next. In fact, one officer told me they're just waiting for that to come down at this point" — and by the BBC, who erroneously began reporting the total collapse 23 minutes before it actually occurred; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the fact that the total collapse of WTC 7 had been predicted with absolute certainty and accuracy starting six hours in advance, investigators for the Building Performance Study, conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), were reportedly "stunned" by the collapse and concluded in May 2002:

"The specifics of the fires in WTC 7 and how they caused the building to collapse remain unknown at this time. Although the total diesel fuel on the premises contained massive potential energy, the best hypothesis has only a low probability of occurrence"; and

WHEREAS, NIST stated at the beginning of its investigation in August 2002 that fires "played a significant role" in the total collapse of WTC 7 — thus violating Sections 4.3.7 and 4.3.8 of *NFPA 921: Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations*, which advise:

"Until data have been collected, no specific hypothesis can be reasonably formed or tested. All investigations of fire and explosion incidents should be approached by the investigator without presumption...." and,

"Expectation bias is a well-established phenomenon that occurs in scientific analysis when investigator(s) reach a premature conclusion without having examined or considered all of the relevant data.... The introduction of expectation bias into the investigation results in the use of only that data that supports this previously formed conclusion and often results in the misinterpretation and/or the discarding of data that does not support the original opinion"; and

WHEREAS, three and one-half years after NIST began its investigation, NIST's lead investigator, Dr. Shyam Sunder, stated that NIST had some "preliminary hypotheses," but conceded, "[T]ruthfully, I don't really know. We've had trouble getting a handle on building No. 7"; and

WHEREAS, NIST finally concluded in 2008 — three years after the originally scheduled release of its WTC 7 report — that the total collapse of WTC 7 was caused by normal office fires that burned "at temperatures hundreds of degrees below those typically considered in design practice for establishing structural fire resistance ratings," and ruled out earlier hypotheses that diesel fuel fires and structural damage contributed to the collapse; and

WHEREAS, NIST declined to examine previously melted steel from WTC 7 that had a “Swiss cheese appearance,” and which had been documented in Appendix C of the FEMA/ASCE Building Performance Study as follows:

“Evidence of a severe high temperature corrosion attack on the steel, including oxidation and sulfidation with subsequent intergranular melting, was readily visible in the near-surface microstructure. A liquid eutectic mixture containing primarily iron, oxygen, and sulfur formed during this hot corrosion attack on the steel.... The severe corrosion and subsequent erosion of Samples 1 and 2 are a very unusual event. No clear explanation for the source of the sulfur has been identified”; and

WHEREAS, NIST’s computer model — which terminates less than two seconds into the seven-second collapse — fails to replicate the observed structural behavior, showing large deformations to WTC 7’s exterior not observed in the videos, while *not* showing the observed period of free fall; and

WHEREAS, NIST omitted critical structural features of WTC 7 from its computer model, which, in the opinion of independent engineers, if corrected, would show that the initiating failure reported by NIST had zero probability of occurring; and

WHEREAS, NIST has refused to release key portions of its modeling data to engineers studying the collapse of WTC 7, claiming that to do so “might jeopardize public safety” — thus making it impossible for any building professional in the world to independently verify NIST’s findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the AIA Board of Directors shall commence the process to adopt a Position Statement, to be published in the AIA Directory of Public Policies and Position Statements, declaring both:

- The AIA’s belief that incidents involving the catastrophic failure of buildings and other structures must be investigated using the highest standards of science-based investigation and analysis; and
- The AIA’s support for a new investigation into the total collapse of WTC 7.

Resolution 17-6

Title	Appreciation to Retiring Strategic Council Representatives and Board Members
Sponsor	Resolutions Committee
Text of Resolution	<p>BE IT RESOLVED that the AIA Convention 2017 extends its sincere appreciation to the retiring representatives of the AIA Strategic Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• J. Christopher Ball, AIA• Russell A. Davidson, FAIA• Keshika de Saram• Charles L. Desmone II, AIA• Brian Dougherty, FAIA• Michael L. Elliott, AIA• Chris A. Hudson, AIA• Daniel L. Kirby Jr., FAIA• Kristina Kotlier, Assoc. AIA• Heather B. Koury, Hon. AIA• Chere LeClair, AIA• Ross Miller, Assoc. AIA• Sherryl Muriente, Assoc. AIA• Tania Salgado, AIA• Jessica Sheridan, AIA• James A. Walbridge, AIA• Robert E. Walker IV, AIA• Drew White, FAIA• Jason C. Winters, AIA

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the AIA Convention 2017 extends its sincere appreciation to the retiring members of the AIA Board of Directors:

- Torrey Stanley Carleton, Hon. AIA
- Stuart L. Coppedge, AIA
- L. Jane Frederick, FAIA
- Joseph P. Lai, AIA
- Ronald J. Miller
- Thierry Paret, FAIA
- Thomas Vonier, FAIA
- Sarah Wahlgren, Assoc. AIA
- Katharine Weymouth

Resolution 17-7

Title	Appreciation to Members, Fifty Years
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Intent	To acknowledge the dedication, benevolence, and volunteer spirit of those members of the American Institute of Architects who have maintained membership for 50 years or more.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, for 160 years, the American Institute of Architects has been the premier professional organization representing the collective action and influence of the architectural profession in service to society; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the strength of the American Institute of Architects is dependent upon the collective energy and financial contributions of its members, and their volunteer spirit that fuels AIA policies, programs, activities, and service to society; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there are members of the American Institute of Architects who have been members for 50 years or more, and who have supported the AIA through membership and volunteer service; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, such dedication, benevolence, and model behavior deserve the recognition and respect of the American Institute of Architects, the leadership, and the AIA membership; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the AIA annual convention provides an excellent opportunity to recognize and honor those AIA members who have supported the organization for 50 years or more.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects congratulates those members who have been members for 50 years or more.</p>

Resolution 17-8

Title	Recognition of Newly Licensed Members
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Intent	To recognize those members of the AIA who became licensed in 2016.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, the American Institute of Architects recognizes the importance of supporting emerging professionals on the path to licensure; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, those members of the Institute who received their architectural licenses in 2016 have been chosen for recognition this year at the Conference on Architecture in Orlando.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects congratulates those members who received their architectural licenses in 2016 for their accomplishments and welcomes them as the next generation of architects; and</p> <p>BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects celebrates the continued leadership of the Young Architects Forum and encourages its sustained contribution to shaping emerging professionals.</p>

Resolution 17-9

Title	Recognition of Component Executive and National Staff Anniversaries
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Intent	To acknowledge the exemplary service to local, state, and international AIA components, and to the Institute, by component executives and national staff who are celebrating significant employment anniversaries in 2016; also, to recognize component executives and national staff who will retire in 2016.
Text of Resolution	<p>WHEREAS, the American Institute of Architects comprises more than 250 component organizations across the country and around the world to serve the needs of AIA members at the international, national, state, and local levels, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE) is an organization, administered under the auspices of the American Institute of Architects, composed of the executive and professional staff of AIA local, state, and international components, whose members conduct administrative, communications, and programmatic activities for their respective components, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Institute, based at AIA headquarters in Washington, D.C., includes more than 200 professional staff who work with their component counterparts and colleagues to meet the needs of members nationwide, and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the AIA should recognize CACE and national headquarters staff members who have enjoyed long and distinguished careers in service to the AIA and the architecture profession.</p> <p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects recognizes the service achievements of the following members of the Council of Architectural Component Executives and of Institute staff, who, in 2017, will celebrate significant employment anniversaries:</p> <p><i>(see next page)</i></p>

Five Years

CACE Members:

Jan G. Blackmon, FAIA
Sterling DaVon Bollinger
Bastiaan Bouma
Nicole Dufour, CPSM
Jennifer Fenstermacher
Jeffrey T. Gill, FAIA
Kathleen L. Lane, Assoc. AIA
Adrienne Montare, AIA
Cathy Mosley, Hon. Aff. AIAMI
Linden A. Mueller
Lauren R. Myrand, Assoc. AIA
Alesha K. Niedziela, Assoc. AIA
John Nunnari
Lisa Richmond
Joseph A. Simonetta
Sarah Testa
Zelda Wong

National Staff:

Bernard Best
Kathy Compton
Hasti Hejazi
Betteenia Hillman
Pamalus Kennedy
Shelita Masterson
Ann Novakowski
Steven Rayford
Ramiro Solorzano
Amanda Stratton
Wendy Young

Ten Years

CACE Members:

Joseph Blake
Don Bruce
Julie A. Pagnotta
Jason Shelley
Lorin B. Starr
Wendy S. Young

National Staff:

Ariel Enriquez
Taunya Everett
Elizabeth Henry
Kecia Jackson
Joel Mills
Karen Ross
Susan Van Bell

15 Years

CACE Members:

Heather Baugus Koury, Hon. AIA
Diana Smith
Larry Vinson

National Staff:

Dana French
Patti Gimbert
Mildred Hodge

20 Years

National Staff:

Alice Thornton

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects recognizes the special allies it has in the following members of the Council of Architectural Component Executives, who will retire from service in 2017:

- Joe Blake, Executive Director, AIA Mississippi
- Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA, Executive Vice President, AIA Virginia
- Carmen Pérez García, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Lower Rio Grande Valley
- Leslie Nathan, AIA, Executive Director, AIA San Fernando Valley
- Anne Swager, Hon. AIA, Executive Director, AIA Pittsburgh
- Carolyne Tinsley, Executive Director, AIA Akron

Resolution 17-10

Title	Appreciation to the Host Chapter
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Text of Resolution	BE IT RESOLVED that the 2017 Convention extends its deep appreciation to the members of AIA Orlando for their efforts over the past year to make this Convention and the Conference on Architecture a resounding success.

AIA Orlando President
Holly Stenger, AIA

AIA Orlando Planning Committee
Dan Kirby, FAIA co-chair
Jacquelyn Hale, AIA co-chair
Nathan Butler, AIA
Alan Helman, FAIA
Chu-Tzu Hsu, FAIA
Kandice Kroger, AIA
Ronok Doolen Nichols, AIA
Carl Shea, AIA
Holly Stenger, AIA
Gregory Stock, AIA
Allison Goldenberg
Christy Norcross, CMP, CCM

Resolution 17-11

Title	Appreciation to Convention-related Committees
Sponsor	AIA Board of Directors
Text of Resolution	BE IT RESOLVED that the 2017 Convention extends its appreciation to the members and other individuals whose work has contributed so greatly to the Conference on Architecture:

Credentials Committee

(to be appointed by the Board of Directors in April 2017)

Resolutions Committee

Deepika Padam, AIA, 2017 chair

Richard Haas, AIA

Christopher Gerrity, AIA

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Institute Secretary (*ex officio*)

Sarah Wahlgren, Assoc. AIA, President, American Institute of Architecture Students (*ex officio*)

Resolution 17-12

Title

Appreciation to Exhibitors

Sponsor

AIA Board of Directors

**Text of
Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the American Institute of Architects expresses its appreciation to the many businesses and firms that are supporting this convention through their exhibits. The AIA looks forward to their continued participation in future AIA conventions.

Resolution 17-13

Title Appreciation of Thomas Vonier, FAIA, and Françoise Vonier

Sponsor AIA Board of Directors

Text of Resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegates to the 2017 National Convention of The American Institute of Architects (AIA) express their deep appreciation to President Thomas Vonier, FAIA, for the eloquence of his words in calling the profession's and the public's attention to the power of architecture as a force for progress, equity in human affairs, and responsible environmental practices. At a time when more than ever architects are called upon to engage as citizens to help shape a more hopeful future that serves everyone without regard to race, creed, gender, or social standing, he has led by example, insisting that the profession's true strength is its commitment to its historic values. Combining seamlessly a focus on the practice of architecture in the United States with a global perspective, he speaks out both here and abroad for a unity of purpose to address unprecedented challenges to the very health of the planet.

Herself an eloquent voice for inclusion and a citizen of the world, his wife, Françoise, joins with her husband in advocating for the young women and men who are the future of the profession. Together they exhibit a quality of urbanity and vigor that expands an appreciation of architecture, while enhancing the AIA's influence as a credible voice wherever and whenever the challenge of creating a better tomorrow is discussed.