



AIA Northwest & Pacific

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Region Associate Director (RAD) nominations being accepted now. Applications due no later than January 15, 2012

The AIA Northwest & Pacific Region (Region) is seeking names of candidates for consideration and appointment as the Region Associate Director.

The main job of the RAD is to act as the representative of the Region associates to the National Associates Committee (NAC) during their 2 year term. The RAD represents associates, both mainstream and alternative, by providing information and leadership to components. The RAD addresses local, regional and national issues and helps to shape and dictate new policy.

The RAD serves as a resource to AIA National regarding issues that affect Associate members, by providing regional feedback/comment. They maintain regular contact with NAC Chair, NAC ExCom, and other RADs. In their position the RAD also contributes news and announcements from regional, state and local chapter Associate member events for NAC publications on a regular basis (monthly).

The RAD also fosters expanded interest in the program, encourages growth of the profession, acts as a mentor, builds relationships, creates goals for the Region, and disseminates knowledge. The RAD receives some financial support from the Region and National. Additional funding for attending meetings will need to come from other sources such as the candidate's place of employment. The successful candidate is required to attend the NAC Conference, Grassroots Leadership Conference, AIA Convention and the NWPR Region Conference.

This is great opportunity for people who enjoy travel and meeting new people. The chance to get to know their peers from around the country and make lasting friendships is a tangible reward for this commitment to serving in this role.

In order to apply the individual must be an Associate member of the AIA in good standing assigned to a Component within the Region. The individual must be an Associate member at the commencement of their term; however, they are encouraged to pursue licensure during their term. A RAD who has obtained his or her license in architecture may not seek re-appointment for subsequent terms. For more information about all the responsibilities of the RAD please click [here](#).

Nominators, and interested candidates, are asked to submit the following information (please have all information included as a single PDF file):

- A one page letter describing the nominee's appropriateness and interest in the position.
- Self-nominations are accepted. Letters may be submitted by the nominee themselves.
- All nominees must provide three references that are either AIA members in good standing and/or an AIA component supporting the nomination.

This is an open nomination and an appointment will be made by the Regional Directors as soon as a qualified candidate is identified. If you are interested in the position, you are encouraged to apply right away as this term is scheduled to start on September 1, 2011.

Please email your letters and references to the AIA Northwest & Pacific Region office at kinney@aiawa.org.

If you have questions regarding the program you can contact the Region's Executive Director Stan Bowman at bowman@aiawa.org.

Regional Associate Director (RAD) Responsibilities and Funding

Representative to the National Associates Committee (NAC)

The RAD's charge is to represent associates, both mainstream and alternative, providing information and leadership to every regional, state and local component. A RAD will address local, regional and national issues and create, shape, and dictate new policy. The NAC is charged with approaching an issue and arriving at a definitive solution that will create a legacy and standard for future Associates. More information: http://www.aia.org/nac_default.

- Appointed by the Component hosting the Region Conference in the 2nd year of the RAD's term (if no one is appointed by the host component, the Region Directors will work with other components in the Region to appoint a RAD).
- Appointee must be an Associate AIA member at the time of appointment (it is allowable for the person to become licensed and move to AIA Member status during his/her term)
- Must be appointed by September 1, in the year prior to the term of service beginning (e.g. 2010-2011 RAD is appointed by September 1, 2009)
- 2-year commitment
- *Attend NAC Conference* (usually held in late-October or early-November)
 - National provides a travel stipend
 - *Requirements:* provide a written report back to the region within 30 days following the conference.
- *Attend Grassroots Leadership Conference* (usually held in late-February or early-March)
 - Region pays for airfare and registration (not lodging)
 - RAD located in the continental 48 states (Idaho, Oregon, Montana and Washington) and \$750 outside that area (Alaska, Guam, Hawaii, Hong Kong and Japan).
 - *Requirements:* Attend Region Board Meeting and Region Dinner (region covers the cost of dinner); participate in NAC activities; participate in Congressional visits and sessions; provide a written report on findings within 30 days following the conference.
- *Attend AIA Convention* (usually held in late-May or early-June)
 - National provides a travel stipend (estimated at \$1,000). Region will pay for travel-related expenses not covered by the stipend, up to \$400.
 - *Requirements:* Attend Region Board Meeting and Reception; participate in NAC activities at convention; provide a written report on findings within 30 days following the Conference
- *Region Conference (Usually held in October)*
 - Basic conference registration fees to be waived by the conference host component
 - *Requirements:* Attend Business & Board meetings; provide an oral report at the Business Meeting.