I am looking forward to being the 2015 President of the AIA Rochester. I will admit that the changes in how we communicate now-a-days has me somewhat nervous that I won’t be able to keep up; you know, it is hard to teach an old dog new tricks, but I will try my best with your help. The National and New York State AIA are going through some major repositioning changes and our chapter will be affected. So, along with the activities and programs we already have going on, we will be continuing to address the impact of these repositioning changes on the health and validity of the AIA Rochester chapter.

Here are a few of the 2015 initiatives we will be continuing to develop:

- Maintain the financial stability of the chapter.
- Work with the National and State organizations to understand their repositioning initiative.
- Continue and enhance the existing educational series.
- Develop closer ties with the Architectural schools in the area.
- Renew relationships with other like-minded organizations in the area.
- Expand the speaker series to include aligned professions.
- Energize the use of the Information Technology methods to market ourselves better.
- Continue to pursue methods of getting the local Architects the media exposure we deserve.

Many of these initiatives have already been started by my successors and I intend to keep that momentum going. We are blessed with a chapter that is considered the best in New York and across the nation. You have made us the best and everyone should be proud of how far we have come.

I need everyone’s help, ideas and feedback to make us stronger and more successful, so please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

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AIA Rochester 2015 President