



July 12, 2021

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** New York Region Chapter Presidents, President Elects and New York Region Members of Council of Architectural Component Executives

**RE:** Nomination and Election of the New York Region Member of the AIA Strategic Council

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### Information for Chapters and Candidates for New York Region Strategic Councilor

**Nominations Due:** All nomination materials are due by: August 12, 2021

Term of Office: January 2022 – December 2024

Transition Week: December 7-10, 2021 (Washington, D.C.)

#### **What is the AIA Strategic Council?**

The Strategic Council is the think tank body for the national organization committed to ensuring the prosperity of the AIA and seeks candidates who are first and foremost thought leaders of our profession. Not only must these candidates seek to connect, investigate, and understand the pressing issues in the profession, but they must also demonstrate the ability to collaborate with others inside and outside of the AEC industry. Creative thinking is the greatest contribution to a think tank for the Institute in projecting the near to long term future for the AIA and its members.

Other relevant skills beneficial to candidates for Strategic Council, include quickly adapts, forward thinking and good communication skills.

#### **Process for Nominations:**

Candidates must be nominated by three Chapters of the New York Region. One of which must be their own Chapter.

#### **Note:**

A Chapter Component that will be nominating a candidate for an AIANYS office (President-Elect, Vice President Government Advocacy, Vice President Public Advocacy, Secretary or Treasurer) may not in the same year submit a nominating petition on behalf of the same individual as a candidate for the office of Regional Representative. Additionally, a Chapter Component may not, in any year, submit nominating petitions on behalf of more than one candidate for the office of Regional Representative.

**Included with this Memorandum is the 2021 Nominating Form.**

#### **Election of the New York Region Strategic Councilor:**

The AIANYS Region Representative to the AIA Strategic Council shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the AIANYS Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Tentative)



**\*\*Please Note:** Candidates should be aware that this position is dependent on the total AIANYS membership comprising more than 8% of the National AIA membership. Therefore, if the AIANYS membership decreases (as measured during the national AIA census count in August each year), it is possible, (but not highly likely), that this position could no longer be available. Therefore, there is a possibility that no election would be held this year for a Regional Representative. However, since the status of this third Regional Representative position won't be confirmed until mid-August, the nominations process is proceeding according to the time schedule as required by AIANYS Bylaws, in anticipation that the position will exist.

**Time and Travel Commitment:**

While 2020 and 2021 has seen meetings being transferred to virtual assemblies; Strategic Councilors typically travel approximately 6-8 days a year to meetings; and are required to participate in Council projects. It is anticipated that in 2022 as well as transition week in December, meetings will be face to face. Please feel free to reach out to Willy Zambrano, AIA, 2021 Chair of the Nominating Committee at [willy@zambranoarchitects.com](mailto:willy@zambranoarchitects.com) for clarification.

New York Region members of the Strategic Counselor are Ex-Officio Members of the AIA New York State Board of Directors. While attendance at AIA New York State Board Meetings are not required, but it is encouraged. Strategic Counselors receive all director reports to keep them up to date on Board Meetings. Counselors are asked to submit a written report for each Board Meeting so that the Board is up to date on Counsel activities.

**Nominating Materials:**

Included with this Memorandum is a Nominating Form and Checklist. The form is to be signed by the Chapter President and Chapter Secretary and returned to the candidate with a copy to [gabailey@aianys.org](mailto:gabailey@aianys.org) and [clongobardi@aianys.org](mailto:clongobardi@aianys.org).

The candidate's Local Chapter must also provide a Letter of Support as to why the candidate would be an asset to the AIA Strategic Council.

*Other items to be included in Strategic Councilor Nominating Package:*

Professional photograph of the Candidate  
Statement of Philosophy  
Statement on the Future of the Profession  
Statement on the Future of the American Institute of Architects  
Statement on why the candidate wishes to serve on the Strategic Council  
Candidate's CV

**Candidates should use the included Strategic Council Nominating Checklist included with this Memorandum.**

All materials will be forwarded to the 2021 Strategic Councilor Nominating Committee.

**Included with Memorandum:**

2021 Strategic Council Nominating Form  
2021 Strategic Council Nominating Checklist

**Questions:**

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