

CHAPTER 2

MEMBERSHIP

2.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS - MEMBERSHIP

2.01 Categories of Membership. The Institute is a nonprofit membership corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, with the following categories of membership:

2.011 Architect Members. Individuals admitted to membership with full voting status and privileges are called Architects. Architect members may also hold the titles Fellow and/or Emeritus.

2.012 Associate Members. Individuals admitted with limited voting status and privileges are called Associates. Associate members may also hold the title Emeritus.

2.013 Honorary Fellows, Honorary Members and Allied Members. There are three categories of non-voting membership, Honorary Fellows, Honorary Members and Allied members.

2.014 Definition of Member and Assigned Member. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the term "member" in these Bylaws means any individual in any category of membership, and the term "assigned member" means any Architect (including those with Emeritus or Fellows status), or Associate member (including those with Emeritus status) assigned to a component.

2.02 General Rights and Duties of Members. Every member of the Institute in good standing shall have and may exercise and use all of the rights and privileges of his/her category of membership conferred by law or granted by the provisions of these Bylaws or by the Board.

2.021 Literature. Architect and Associate members in good standing shall have their names published in any membership listing of the Institute and shall receive the magazine of The American Institute of Architects and other documents, periodicals, and literature from the Institute and from the region, state, and chapter to which they belong, under terms which the respective governing boards shall fix.

2.022 Component Membership. All assigned members of the Institute shall maintain membership in the component(s) to which they are assigned.

2.03 Amendments to Membership Provisions. Changes in membership eligibility or qualifications set forth in these Bylaws shall not be retroactively applied.

2.04 Good Standing. To be in good standing in the Institute, members must have paid all dues and other obligations due to the Institute and all of its component organizations to which they are assigned. An individual under suspension for violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct is not in good standing.

2.05 Application for Membership

2.051 Declaration by Applicants. Every applicant for membership shall agree to comply with these Bylaws and to accept the rights, privileges, duties, responsibilities, obligations, and liabilities set forth herein.

2.052 Application for Membership. Application for membership shall be made in a manner determined by the Institute. Applications are subject to verification of eligibility for membership.

2.06 Reapplication for Admission. An applicant found not qualified for admission may reapply upon becoming qualified for admission.

2.07 Component Assignment.

2.071 Assignment Upon Admission. Once admitted, all Architect and Associate members of the Institute who are resident in the United States are assigned membership in a chapter and state organization. Architect and Associate members not resident in the United States who reside or have their principal place of business in the territory of a component are assigned membership in the component.

2.072 Assignment/Transfer. At the written request of a member, the Institute shall transfer the member's assignment from one chapter to another provided that the transferring member either lives or works within the territory of the new chapter.

2.073 Special Assignment. In special cases, upon receiving written application from a member, the Secretary may assign a member to a chapter that is neither the legal residence nor principal place of business of the member.

2.074 Participation in an Unassigned Chapter. In addition to membership in the assigned chapter, a member may, without action by the Institute, participate voluntarily in any unassigned chapter upon approval of an application by such chapter. The member, however, may not vote for delegates or on matters affecting the Institute in the unassigned chapter and shall be listed in the records of the Institute only in the assigned chapter.

2.075 Voluntary Assignment. Architect and Associate members who are not assigned when admitted to membership may request assignment to any component that agrees to accept the assignment. Members so assigned shall be counted as assigned members for apportionment of delegates and directors and shall have all the rights and privileges of assigned members in the same membership category, except that the component may lower dues and/or assessments for nonresident members.

2.076 Members Not Assigned. Architect and Associate members who are not assigned to a component under any of the provisions of section 2.07 shall be members only of the Institute and shall not be counted for the apportionment of delegates or directors. Assigned members who move their residence and principal place of business to a place that is not in the territory of any component may retain or relinquish component assignment by notifying the Secretary. Architect and Associate members who are not

assigned and who establish residence or a principal place of business in the territory of a component will be assigned membership in the component.

2.08 Termination of Membership. Membership shall be terminated: (1) by resignation from the Institute, (2) by default in payment of obligations to the Institute or its components under the conditions prescribed in these Bylaws (3) for violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct pursuant to Chapter 8 of these Bylaws (4) by the death of the individual in the membership.

2.081 Resignation from Membership. A member in good standing may resign from the Institute in writing. The resignation shall be offered in writing to the Institute through the assigned chapter, and if the individual is eligible to resign, the chapter shall forward the resignation to the Institute in a timely manner. The resignation shall become effective as of the date of receipt of the letter of resignation by the Institute.

2.082 Termination for Default. If a member is in default, membership shall be terminated and the member and assigned components so notified. Termination for default of component dues will be initiated only on request of the governing board of the component.

2.083 Termination Without Prejudice. When the Institute finds that a member is no longer eligible for membership, judged by the same standards used to admit that member, such membership may be terminated with the same effect as resignation in good standing provided, however, that the member shall be given full opportunity to explain his/her position before being terminated.

2.084 Membership While Ethics Charge is Pending. Notwithstanding any other provision in these Bylaws, a member against whom a charge of violating the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct is pending may not resign or be terminated from membership until all proceedings related to the charge are completed.

2.085 Loss or Suspension of Interests, Rights and Privileges. Any individual who resigns, is suspended, or is terminated from membership thereby loses all rights and privileges granted by law or these Bylaws, including the right to use the Institute's name, initials, or symbol until reinstated in good standing.

2.086 Liability. Nothing contained in these Bylaws shall be construed to limit the liability imposed by law on a member. Termination or suspension of membership shall not relieve the person whose membership has been terminated or suspended from indebtedness to the Institute or to any of its component organizations.

2.09 Readmission to Membership.

2.091 Eligibility. Any person whose membership was terminated for violation of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct may be readmitted only with the approval of the Board of Directors. In other cases of termination, or of resignation while in good standing, an application for readmission shall be considered in the same manner as an original application.

2.092 Readmission Fee. Former members who are reapplying for membership may be assessed a reinstatement fee, in addition to the dues for the year of reinstatement, in an amount determined by the Board.

2.093 Readmission After Termination Without Prejudice. Persons whose membership was terminated without prejudice may reapply any time they meet the eligibility requirements, without payment of the readmission fee.

2.1 ARCHITECT MEMBERS

2.11 Eligibility for Architect Membership. Individuals who are currently entitled under law to practice architecture and use the title Architect in any state of the United States are eligible to be Architect members in the Institute. Such architects shall demonstrate honorable standing in the profession and in their community.

2.111 Continuing Education Requirement. Effective January 15, 1996, Architect members shall fulfill a periodic continuing education requirement to remain eligible for membership. The Board shall define the elements of the continuing education requirement in the Rules of the Board. Architect members who fail to meet the requirement on and after January 15, 1996, shall be subject to termination under section 2.08 of these Bylaws.

2.12 Rights and Privileges of Architect Members

2.121 Title. Architect members in good standing may print and otherwise use in connection with their practice and work:

- a) the initials AIA as a suffix to their names and
- b) the titles Member of The American Institute of Architects and Member of the (assigned chapter or state organization) of The American Institute of Architects.

2.122 Pin and Symbol. Architect members may use the gold AIA lapel pin and AIA symbol within the limitations established by the Board.

2.123 Privileges. Architect members have full rights and privileges, including but not limited to the following:

- a) To serve as voting members on section, chapter and state boards.
- b) To speak and vote in section, chapter, state, and regional meetings on business matters and in elections on all issues.
- c) To be appointed as members of committees at all levels of the Institute.
- d) To serve as chapter delegates to state, regional, and national AIA conventions.
- e) To participate in all Institute group insurance, retirement, and other benefit programs.

- f) To serve as a national officer, national director, or component officer or chair a national committee.

2.2 ASSOCIATE AND INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

2.21 Eligibility for Associate Membership. Individuals without architectural licenses from a U.S. licensing authority who meet any of the following requirements shall be eligible for Associate membership in the Institute:

- a) Those who are eligible by education or experience and are employed, enrolled or participating in circumstances recognized by licensing authorities as constituting credit toward architectural licensure, or
- b) Those who are employed under the supervision of an architect in a professional or technical capacity directly related to the practice of architecture, or
- c) Those who have a professional degree in architecture, or
- d) Those who are faculty members in university programs in architecture and who are actively involved in research, administration or the teaching of architecture.

2.22 Eligibility for International Associate Membership. Individuals without architectural licenses from a U.S. licensing authority who meet the following requirements shall be eligible for International Associate membership in the Institute:

- a) Those who have an architectural license or the equivalent from a non-U.S. licensing authority and demonstrate honorable standing in the profession in the locale in which they are licensed. Such persons may be resident within or outside the U.S.

2.23 Rights and Privileges of Associates and International Associates.

2.231 Title. Associates in good standing may indicate that they are Associates of The American Institute of Architects, subject to applicable state laws, and may use the title Associate AIA, but not AIA Associate nor the initials AIA alone, as a suffix to their names. International Associates in good standing may indicate that they are International Associates of The American Institute of Architects, subject to applicable state laws, and may use the title International Associate AIA, but not AIA International Associate nor the initials AIA alone, as a suffix to their names.

2.232 Pin and Symbol. Associates and International Associates in good standing may wear the silver AIA pin. Associates and International Associates shall not be permitted to use the gold AIA pin nor the AIA symbol.

2.233 Privileges. Associates and International Associates shall have the same rights and privileges as Architect members, except as noted below and in Sections 2.231 and 2.232 above:

- a) Associates and International Associates together may not hold more than two seats or one-third of the total seats, whichever number is greater, on section, chapter, or state organization boards.
- b) Associates and International Associates may not vote on dues for Architect members; provided, however, that nothing in these Bylaws shall restrict Associate Directors from voting on dues for Architect members when the Associate Directors are performing their duties as members of the Institute's Board of Directors or as delegates-at-large at annual or special meetings of the Institute, nor shall it restrict the Associate representative to the Executive Committee from voting on dues for Architect members while performing his/her duties as a member of the Executive Committee.
- c) Associates and International Associates together may not constitute more than one-third of any component delegation to state, regional, and national AIA conventions.
- d) Neither Associates nor International Associates shall be eligible to serve as a national officer, regional director, component officer, or on the National Ethics Council.

2.234 Advancement from Associate to Architect Membership. An Associate who receives an initial license to practice architecture thereby becomes eligible for Architect membership and may not renew membership as an Associate.

2.3 MEMBERS EMERITUS

2.31 Eligibility.

2.311 Architect Members. Any Architect member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years and either (i) has attained the age of 70, or (ii) has attained the age of 60 and is retired from the profession of architecture, or (iii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in the profession.

2.312 Associate Members. Any Associate member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years and either (i) has attained the age of 70, or (ii) has attained the age of 60 and is retired from an occupation related to the profession of architecture (including involvement in research, administration or the teaching of architecture); or (iii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in an occupation related to the profession of architecture.

2.313 Waiver by the Secretary. The Secretary, in exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, may, on an individual basis, waive all or part of the period of good standing required for Emeritus status.

2.32 Rights and Privileges of Members Emeritus. All Architect or Associate member rights, interests, privileges, titles, liabilities and obligations shall remain unchanged upon advancement to Emeritus status, except that:

(a) Members Emeritus shall no longer be required to pay either regular or supplemental dues; and

(b) Architect Members Emeritus shall no longer be required to maintain the right under law to practice and use the title Architect.

2.321 Title. Architect members holding Emeritus status may use the title Member Emeritus written in full after the initials AIA, or after the initials FAIA if they have been granted Fellowship. Associate members holding Emeritus status may use the title Member Emeritus written in full after the title Associate AIA..

2.4 FELLOWS

2.41 Qualifications for Fellowship. Architect members who have been in good standing for at least ten years may be nominated for Fellowship. Architect members may be advanced to Fellowship under guidelines set by the Board if they have contributed notably to the advancement of the profession of architecture.

2.42 Authority of the Jury of Fellows. The Jury of Fellows has the authority and power to advance or deny advancement to Fellowship, except that an Architect member who wins the Gold Medal or the Edward C. Kemper Award of the Institute shall automatically be elevated to fellowship, without regard to the above qualifications.

2.43 Rights and Privileges of Fellows. Architect members advanced to Fellowship shall retain full Architect member interests, rights, privileges, obligations and liabilities in the Institute and in its component organizations.

2.431 Fellowship Title. Architect members in good standing who are Fellows may print or otherwise use in their practice and work, the title Fellow, The American Institute of Architects, and the initials FAIA, in addition to all other titles and initials which they are privileged to use as an Architect member.

2.432 Fellowship Pin. Architect members who are Fellows may wear the Fellowship lapel pin.

2.433 Fellowship Medal. Architect members who are Fellows may wear the Fellowship Medal as established by the Board.

2.5 HONORARY FELLOWSHIPS

2.51 Qualifications for Honorary Fellowships. An architect of esteemed character and distinguished achievements who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a resident of the United States and who does not primarily practice architecture within the domain of the Institute may be admitted to Honorary Fellowship.

2.52 Rights and Privileges of Honorary Fellows

2.521 Honorary Fellowship Title. An Honorary Fellow may use the title Honorary Fellow, The American Institute of Architects, or the abbreviation Hon. FAIA. Honorary Fellows may not use the initials AIA or FAIA alone.

2.522 Honorary Fellowship Pin and Symbol. An Honorary Fellow may wear the Fellowship lapel pin, but may not use the Institute symbol.

2.523 Honorary Fellowship Medal. An Honorary Fellow may wear the Honorary Fellowship Medal as established by the Board.

2.524 Honorary Fellowship Privileges. An Honorary Fellow may attend the annual conventions of the Institute and may speak and take part in the discussions there and at the meetings of its component organizations and the College of Fellows on all matters except those relating to the corporate affairs, but may not vote.

2.53 Nomination and Election of Honorary Fellows. Any member of the Institute may nominate qualified individuals for Honorary Fellowship. Individuals shall be elected to Honorary Fellowship in the manner determined by the Board in the Rules of the Board.

2.54 Termination of Honorary Fellows. The Board, by a two-thirds majority vote, may terminate the membership and withdraw the privileges of any Honorary Fellow, for any reason it may deem sufficient.

2.6 HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

2.61 Qualifications for Honorary Membership. A person of esteemed character who is otherwise ineligible for membership in the Institute but who has rendered distinguished service to the profession of architecture, or to the arts and sciences allied therewith, may be admitted to Honorary Membership.

2.62 Rights and Privileges of Honorary Members

2.621 Honorary Membership Title. An Honorary Member may use the title Honorary Member, The American Institute of Architects, or the abbreviation Hon. AIA, but may not use the initials AIA alone.

2.622 Honorary Membership Pin. Honorary Members may wear the gold AIA lapel pin.

2.623 Honorary Membership Privileges. An Honorary Member may attend the annual conventions of the Institute and may speak and take part in the discussions there and at the meetings of its component organizations on all matters except those relating to the corporate affairs, but may not vote.

2.63 Nomination and Election of Honorary Members

2.631 Authority to Nominate Honorary Members. Any member of the Board, a component, or Professional Interest Area may nominate persons for honorary membership.

2.632 Jury's Authority to Elect Honorary Members. The authority and power to elect or deny election to any properly nominated candidate for honorary membership is delegated to the Jury of Honorary Members.

2.633 Appointment of Honorary Members. The Executive Committee may confer Honorary Membership and a medal or other appropriate insignia on the Presidents of national and international professional architectural associations or organizations pursuant to procedures set forth in the Rules of the Board. This appointment authority is separate from the authority of the Jury for Honorary Members and is not limited by any nominee's eligibility for membership in another class of Institute membership.

2.64 Termination of Honorary Memberships. The Board may terminate the membership and withdraw the privileges of any Honorary Member, for any reason it may deem sufficient.

2.7 ALLIED MEMBERS

2.71 Eligibility for Allied Membership. Individuals who are not otherwise eligible for membership in the Institute and who meet either of the following requirements shall be eligible for Allied membership in the Institute:

- a) Individual Members: Those with established professional reputations who are registered to practice their professions where such requirements exist, or persons who are employed outside of architectural practice but are involved in positions allied to the field of architecture. Individual Allied members may include engineers, planners, landscape architects, sculptors, muralists, artists, and others in government, education, journalism, manufacturing, industry and/or other fields allied to architecture.
- b) Organizational Representatives: Those who are employed by firms in the construction industry engaged in research, design, development, testing, manufacture, distribution, or training for building and construction products or systems.

2.72 Membership in the American Architectural Foundation. Allied members of the Institute shall also be members of the American Architectural Foundation as provided in its bylaws and rules.

2.73 Rights and Privileges of Allied Members. Allied members may serve in any capacity on Institute committees, attend meetings and conventions, and participate in the scheduled activities and programs of the Institute. They may not vote (except on committees) or be appointed or elected as an officer, director, or delegate or serve in any other policy-setting position. Allied Individual Members may not print or permit to be printed or in any way use the name, initials, emblem, seal, symbol, or insignia of the Institute or any component. Firms

that employ Allied Organizational Representatives in good standing may say that they are an Allied Organization of The American Institute of Architects as long as the use of this phrase may not be construed as Institute endorsement, sponsorship or approval of any construction material, product, or service. Except as stated above, neither Allied Organizations nor their representatives may print or permit to be printed or in any way use the name, initials, emblem, seal, symbol, or insignia of the Institute or any component.

2.731 Dues for Allied Members. The Board of Directors shall annually determine the dues payable by Allied members.