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Nominations Are Now Open for AIA New York State Strategic Councilor

STRATEGIC COUNCILOR CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Deadline for Nominations: July 23, 2026

Election by the AIANYS Board of Directors: August 26, 2026 *

Term of Office: January 2027 – December 2029

About the AIA Strategic Council

Formed in 2015, the AIA Strategic Council advances the architecture profession by informing the Board and other Institute bodies about important professional issues, opportunities, and threats. Although it is not an AIA governing body, the Council's work is vital to AIA's ability to serve the profession.

The Council approaches its tasks with an emphasis on an outward and forward-focused vision. In this spirit, the Council focuses on long-term goals and outcomes of AIA's work rather than the administrative or programmatic efforts that achieve those goals.

The AIA Strategic Council ("Council") is a diverse group of over 60 forward-thinking leaders, charged with exploring new ideas and solutions to significant issues facing the profession of architecture and its role in society. The Council seeks to prioritize and make advancements by informing the AIA Board of Directors and other Institute bodies about important professional issues and opportunities.

What Are the Ideal Characteristics of Strategic Councilors

While the form and operation of the Strategic Council have continued to evolve since its

inception in 2015, engaged and effective Councilors over this time have several shared qualities:

- A true representative of our state’s members who can bring forth the diversity of perspectives within our various communities, yet see the perspective of the entire AIA community.
- An exemplary communicator, listener, and advocate who will capably serve as an active conduit for information and ideas to and from our members.
- A natural leader who can inspire, collaborate, and work with others and who possesses a bias for action.
- A reflective thinker who offers expertise, experience, insight, and/or unique perspectives

Please note the Strategic Council is not a governing body, it is the think tank of The American Institute of Architects.

What Are the Time Commitments and Responsibilities of a Councilor?

Monthly – there are monthly, virtual gatherings of the entire Council. There may be a published agenda. Subgroups of the Council may choose to use these gatherings to share their work to date and seek feedback from the Council. Other calls may take place surrounding determined topics.

Annual Events

<i>AIA Leadership Summit</i>	<i>Conference on Architecture – 2027 - Philadelphia</i>	<i>Knowledge Leadership Assembly</i>
<i>Annual Business Meeting</i>	<i>Governance Week (Washington DC) – December 2026</i>	

AIA New York State Board of Director Meetings

Strategic Counselors serve as Ex Officio members of the Board, without voting. While attendance at Board meetings is not mandatory, it is anticipated Councilors will file reports or attend meetings whenever their presence is warranted.

What are the requirements and processes for becoming a candidate for the AIA Strategic Council from New York State?

Requirement:

Be a member in good standing of AIA New York State.

Process for Nominations:

A Nominating Committee shall be appointed prior to the AIA New York State Board of Directors meeting, at which the election of the **Strategic Councilor shall occur. August 26, 2026.** Candidates will be asked to appear before the Board on August 26th for a five minute presentation on what they will bring to the Strategic Council, followed by no more than five minutes of questions and answers by the Board.

Councilors are elected by the AIA New York State Board of Directors. Nomination packets are reviewed for completeness by the Nominating Committee.

This Committee shall recognize and place in nomination the name of any qualified candidate for whom it has received a letter of support from the Candidate's Chapter in which they hold membership and certified by the Chapter President and Secretary (adopted October 2023).

Nominating Materials:

Included with this Memorandum is a Chapter Acknowledgement Form and Checklist. The Chapter Acknowledgement Form is to be signed by the Chapter President and Chapter Secretary and returned to the candidate to be included with the nominations packet, please also send a copy to gabailey@aianys.org and clongobardi@aianys.org by July 23, 2026.

Other items to be included in Strategic Councilor Nominating Package:

- Professional photograph of the Candidate – please see below*
- Statement of Philosophy
- Statement on the Future of the Profession (500 words)
- Statement on the Future of the American Institute of Architects (500 words)

- Statement on why the candidate wishes to serve on the Strategic Council
- Candidate's CV
- Letter of Support from the candidate's Chapter and signed Chapter Acknowledgement Form

***Headshot:** provide a recent color headshot in high-resolution JPG or PDF format (at least 1MB file size or 300dpi). Please submit the image as a separate file rather than embedding it in a Word document, and do not crop the image, as additional space around the subject may be needed.

Included with Memorandum:

- 2026 Strategic Council Chapter Acknowledgement Form
- 2026 Strategic Council Nominating Checklist

Questions:

Please contact Georgi Bailey, CAE, at gabailey@aianys.org

Distribution:

New York State Local Chapter Presidents
Members of New York CACE
AIA New York State Board of Directors

*Previously listed as August 27th.

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2027-2029 New York State Representative to the AIA Strategic Council Chapter Acknowledgement Form

Form Return Date: July 23, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.

Return form to Nominee and cc: gabailey@aianys.org; clongobardi@aianys.org

A Chapter Component that has nominated a candidate for an AIANYS office (President-elect, Vice President Government Advocacy, Vice President Public Advocacy, Secretary, and Treasurer) may not in the same year submit a letter of support on behalf of the same individual as a candidate for the of New York State Strategic Councilor.

Election of the third New York State Strategic Councilor is dependent upon the number of AIA New York State members as of August 1, 2025. A Chapter Component may not, in any year, submit a Chapter Acknowledgment Form on behalf of more than one candidate for the New York State Strategic Councilor.

New York State Strategic Councilor forms must come from the Chapter Component. Please read the accompanying memorandum for complete information on the New York State Strategic Councilor to the AIA National Strategic Council.

We, the undersigned President and Secretary of the _____ Chapter, do hereby support
_____ of the _____ Chapter, for
New York State Strategic Councilor for the term January 2027 through December 2029.

In signing this petition, we attest our Chapter’s support for the nomination of the candidate named on this form.

Chapter President Signature

Chapter President Name (print)

E-mail

Cell Phone

Date

Chapter Secretary Signature

Chapter Secretary Name (print)

Email

Cell Phone

Date

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2027-2029 New York State Representative to the AIA Strategic Council Nominating Checklist

Please use this checklist to make sure you have all the necessary items to submit your nomination by the submission deadline. This checklist should be included as one of your attachments.

Term of Office: January 2027 – December 2029

Governance Week: December 2026

Form Return Date: July 23, 2026 – 5:00 p.m.

Candidate's Appearance with AIANYS Board: August 27, 2026

Election by the AIANYS Board of Directors: August 27, 2026

Name of Nominee: _____

Local Chapter: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

- Your Local Chapter Acknowledgement Form signed by the Chapter President and Secretary. Please make sure the form is signed.
- Your professional photograph in both black and white and color (please include as a JPG attachment. Do not embed it in the document).
- Your Statement of Philosophy (how you approach leadership, collaboration, problem solving, etc.)
- A Statement on the Future of the Profession (no more than 500 words per statement)
- A Statement on the Future of the American Institute of Architects (no more than 500 words)
- Your statement on why you wish to serve on the Strategic Council of the American Institute of Architects.
- A letter of support of your nomination from your New York State local Chapter.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please Print Your Name: _____

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