

Suggested AIA New York Bylaws amendments for vote at the 2021 AIA New York Annual Meeting
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Amendment A:

Background

A few years ago, AIA New York membership approved an amendment that allows for an unassigned member to serve as “Public Director and Oculus Advisor”; at that time of adjustment we failed to realize that to maintain consistency in the required number of total assigned members laid out in clause 6.04, the overall “assigned” membership requirement should also have been reduced by one.

Adjusting the minimum number of “assigned members” to seventeen (17) the board would always have 7 assigned member officers, and Immediate past president who is an assigned member, and would therefore allow the nominating committee some flexibility while also ensuring at least 9 assigned members among the remaining 15 seats.

Text:

“6.04 Membership. The Board of Directors shall consist of twenty-three (23) members. ~~Eighteen (18)~~ **A minimum of Seventeen (17) members** shall be assigned members of this Chapter, at least one of whom shall be an Associate member on the date of their election to the Board of Directors.”

Amendment B:

Background

In response to concerns about the ability of the nominating committee to ensure a diversity of viewpoints for the Fellows Committee given the lack of diversity in the current members of the College of Fellows, the Board voted to recommend the following bylaws change.

Text:

7.31 Composition. There shall be an elective Fellows Committee, consisting of six members who shall be ~~Fellows of the Institute.~~ **assigned members, the majority of such members shall be Fellows of the Institute.**

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The full AIA New York Bylaws (updated June 2019) can be downloaded from the AIA New York Governance webpage [here](#).