

**Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of the  
American Institute of Architects New York Chapter (dba AIA New York)**  
(to be voted on by the membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting on June 14, 2023)

The AIA New York Board of Directors in seeking to ensure equitable access to the benefits of AIA membership had recognized that by drawing solely on those members who have already been elevated to the College of Fellows the Chapter was not providing opportunities for input and deliberation from members who have traditionally not been well represented or honored for their work in the field of architecture. Therefore, the Chapter has laid out revisions which expand the size of the committee by two, draw on a broader range of members, and express the responsibility to include members with a variety of perspectives within the profession.

In the text below –black text shows the existing bylaws, items in **red are additions** to the existing text, and items with a strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) will be removed.

### **7.3 FELLOWS COMMITTEE**

7.31 Composition. There shall be an elective Fellows Committee, consisting of **a total of eight assigned members**, ~~six members of whom~~ shall be Fellows of the Institute **and two of whom shall be drawn from the membership at large. The candidates for the committee shall be selected to include underrepresented professionals, as well as individuals with a variety of personal experience and contributions to the profession.**

7.32 Term. The term of ~~each of its members~~ **the six Fellows** shall be three years so arranged that the terms of two ~~of its members~~ shall expire each year; **the term of the remaining two members shall be two years.** No member of this committee shall be eligible for re-election until ten months after that member's term of office has expired. This committee shall elect ~~one~~ **up to two** of its continuing members as its chair **or co-chairs** for a term of one year.

7.34 Responsibility. This committee shall follow applicable procedures of the Institute, regarding eligibility and nomination procedures for advancement of a member to fellowship and shall follow an appropriate method of communicating such information to all Chapter members. **This committee shall seek to nominate and support a broad spectrum of members consistent with the composition sought to be achieved as reflected in Section 7.31.**

This change to composition necessitates an update to the responsibilities of the Nominating Committee as follows:

#### **Section 7.2: Nominating Committee**

7.26 Responsibility. This Committee shall obtain from the Secretary the list of vacancies among officers, directors and elective committees, consider the specific qualifications of candidates for the roles and make nominations for any or all of the following: ...

12) **At least two and up to four** members of the Fellows Committee **dependent on term end dates.**