



Call for: Young Architects Forum Regional Director (YARD)



The AIA North Central States Regional Council is soliciting nominations for the Young Architects Forum (YAF) Regional Director (YARD). Architects who have been licensed for ten years or fewer are eligible for the YARD liaison position. The individual elected will begin a two-year term on January 1, 2021 and serve through December 31, 2023. YARD's can re-apply once for an additional 2-year term (total of 4 years). Nominations of candidacy should be made by sending required application materials to the AIA North Central States Region, by **Thursday, October 29th**. Decisions shall be held via conference call by Regional Directors and AIA Component Executives. Candidates will be notified by mid-November. The successful candidate's name shall be forwarded to the national YAF Advisory Committee for affirmation.

Applications should include:

- Applicant letter of interest: One page maximum describing applicant's interest in the position.
- One letter of recommendation from a local/state/regional component leader.
- Support information: Up to three pages maximum (resume and/or event/activity documents).

Applications (and Questions) should be submitted to:

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Position Description:

YARD's are responsible for gathering information about issues facing young architects within their geographic areas and disseminating information about national/regional activities and resources for use on the local level. YARD's serve as an important link between young architects and the national organization. Some of the specific responsibilities include:

- Communicate with NCSR committee counterparts (Strategic Council, National Associates, & College of Fellows)
- Maintain communication with all YAF/EP chapters & the overarching components within the North Central States.
- Serve as a conduit and disseminate information between the local YAF/EP chapters and the National YAF.
- **Participate in the Annual National YAF Meeting (typically in Jan/Feb, expenses covered by AIA National).**
- Participate in the National YAF Committee, monthly conference calls.
- Participate in a National YAF focus committee, with monthly conference calls.
- Serve as co-chair for the AIA North Central States EP Committee with the Region's National Associate Regional Director (RAD) hosting an monthly call for EPs and other committee counterparts in the region.
- Maintain the EP Friendly Firm Award for NCSR (market it, review applications, notify, and announce awardees)

Other opportunities include (not required):

- Attend the AIA National Convention (currently un-funded, but reduced rates available to volunteers)
- Attend the Knowledge Leadership Assembly (KLA) – potentially virtual in 2021
- Attend Grassroots – potentially virtual in 2021
- Leadership opportunities on Board Committees or Knowledge Communities.
- Contribute content/articles to the AIA YAF digital publication: Connections.
- Coordination of the Annual EP Summit for North Central States Region.
- Speak at the AIA National Convention or facilitate/volunteer with a YAF session.
- Actively shape and contribute to conversations around architecture at a national scale.
- Develop new and exciting ideas and initiatives at the National and Regional AIA Levels.