



AIA Gulf States Region Representative
AIA National Board of Director
Nomination Form
2011-2014 Term

Individual nomination form for a position on the AIA National Board of Directors designated to represent the Gulf States Region from 2011 - 2014. The term of this nomination is from December of 2010 to December of 2013. You may nominate yourself or another architect. Representation will be elected at the August 6th business meeting.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Chapter: _____

Phone: _____

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Send nomination form to: National Board Nomination, AIA Gulf States, P. O. Box 60128, Nashville, TN 37206.

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Briefly describe your contributions to your profession to date.

- Private practicing architect for 35 years.
- I have held registrations as an architect in 20 states plus the District of Columbia (DC).
- Past President of AIA/TN (2005)
- Past President of Tennessee Architect's Political Action Committee (TAPAC).
- Past member of AIA/TN Board of Directors.
- 25 years experience as AIA/TN Government Liaison and advocate.
- Recipient and contributor to numerous design awards for professional work.
- Participating member of numerous AIA and industry committees and task forces, i.e. the current AIA/TN Task Force regarding revisions to the State of Tennessee's A-E Selection Policies.
- Recipient of the annual Community Service Award from the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA).

Briefly describe why you are interested in the position and how you could make a difference.

- I am very pro-active and supportive of the continuing development of our profession in the Gulf States region.

- I think that good communications are absolutely essential among the states in the Gulf States Region and from National AIA to all components.
- I think that there should be more sharing of resources and knowledge within the Gulf States Region.
- I believe in being a strong advocate of federal legislation to strengthen our profession, for example:
 1. Financing of design and construction projects
 2. Relief for small businesses
 3. Rebuilding the American infrastructure
 4. The Green Revolution
 5. Stimulate new investments in commercial real estate
- I believe that AIA National needs more business-like leadership and vision to set clear directions for the betterment of this profession. These are challenging times both internally within the AIA and externally throughout the nation which is caught in the worst and most painful economic conditions of our lifetimes.