

AIA Public Policies

Motion approved at Board meeting, 12/2 -3/04:

The Board of Directors hereby approves, on Second Reading, the following AIA Public Policies:

- Architecture profoundly affects people. The work of architects is essential to human well being, and architects must embrace their ethical obligation to uphold this public trust.

The Architect

- As members of their communities, architects are professionally obligated to use their knowledge, skill, and experience to engage in civic life.
- Design, construction, and society are constantly changing. To serve society, architects must commit to continual professional growth through learning, innovation, and exploration.
- The practice of architecture should be regulated. The privileges and responsibilities of practice should be extended only to those architects who demonstrate through education, experience, and examination that they are ethically and technically prepared.

The Practice

- With an obligation to the future of the architecture profession, architects must encourage, recruit, and inspire those who would become architects.
- Regulation of the construction industry shapes the built environment. As stakeholders, architects must participate in the development and application of appropriate regulations and standards.
- The financial health of architecture businesses is essential to the future of the profession. Architects should advocate within the law for sound business practices and compensation reflecting the architect's value to society.

The World

- Leadership in design and construction requires collaboration. Architects must encourage and celebrate the contributions of those who bring diverse experiences, views, and needs into the design process.
- Architecture expresses the values of society and has the power to enhance the quality of life for this and future generations.
- Architects must advocate for responsible design that results in beautiful and healthy places that respect and accommodate society's diverse cultures and needs.
- The creation and operation of the built environment require an investment of the earth's resources. Architects must be environmentally responsible and advocate for the sustainable use of those resources.