



Name: Andrew Gorzkowski

2nd Term Nominee

1. Why are you interested in potentially serving in this leadership role on the Board of Directors?

I have greatly enjoyed serving AIA Connecticut and the professional community at large during the last 2.5 years as a Director. If nominated and elected, I would relish the opportunity to continue to serve the organization, help it thrive, and contribute to shaping its future growth. I recently have enjoyed helping out the Policy Subcommittee and would be interested in continuing that work, especially in efforts related to the next Strategic Plan.

2. What kind of prior experience, if any, do you have serving on a Board of other organizations?

Prior to serving on the AIA Connecticut Board of Directors, I was very active within my architecture department community as an undergraduate and served several elected terms on a student leadership board. In meetings with department chairs, degree program chairs, and the dean of the college, we voiced concerns and ideas related to the present and future state of the school's architecture program, its pedagogy, and its culture.

3. How many years have you been a member of AIA Connecticut? **4.5 years**

4. Have you actively participated in any AIA Connecticut committees? If so, please provide a description of this involvement.

In addition to my current involvement as a Director and member of the Policy Subcommittee, I also am involved in the Committee on the Environment.

I previously served on the ARE/AXP Task Force when I was pursuing licensure and continued in the group while newly licensed. I also previously participated in the Emerging Professionals Community and its events.

5. What are your leadership strengths?

I pride myself as being someone who is able to detach themselves from their own personal views and try to understand the merits, weaknesses, and context of multiple (and often conflicting) positions. This is a critical asset for any leader, especially one who serves within a group dynamic like a board of directors. Additionally, I am organized, approachable, and not afraid to speak up.

6. What are your passions/interests?

Beyond architecture and design, my interests are quite varied. I have a strong interest in public policy. At some point later in my life, I would like to put this interest to greater use and serve in local government outside of my primary career.

In my spare time, I love exploring the great outdoors and going hiking. Additionally, as a former student violinist and jazz vocalist, I love music of all kinds.

Members of the Board of Directors have a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure that the organization does the best work possible in pursuit of its goals; believe in the purpose and the mission of the organization; and act responsibly and prudently as its steward.

7. Can you meet all of the following expectations of Board membership? **Yes**

1. Understand the time commitment of a 1-year term.
2. Attend regular and special meetings of the Board.
3. Serve on one of the committees of AIA Connecticut.
4. Represent the Board to outside organizations.
5. Actively attend events and programs of AIA Connecticut- the AIA CT Conference/Annual Meeting & one other major event are required.
6. Act as a resource for the Executive Director and the Executive Committee.
7. Consider the potential leadership role as an Officer of the Board's Executive Committee.
8. Help to sustain the overall mission and purpose of AIA Connecticut.