



## Texas Region | Young Architect Regional Director Call for Interest & Position Description | 2022-2023

*The Young Architects Forum (YAF) is the voice of architects in the early stages of their career and a catalyst for change within the profession and our communities. Working closely with the AIA College of Fellows and the American Institute of Architects as a whole, the YAF is leading the future of the profession with a focus on architects who are within ten years or less from the date of their initial licensure. The YAF Advisory Committee and Young Architect Regional Directors (YARDs) are charged with encouraging the development of national and regional programs of interest to young architects and supporting the creation of YAF groups within AIA components. Approximately 23,000 AIA members are represented by the YAF. YAF programs, activities, and resources serve young architects by providing information and leadership; promoting excellence through fellowship with other professionals; and encouraging mentoring to enhance individual, community, and professional development.*

### Eligibility

The Young Architect Regional Director (YARD)\* must be a member in good standing of a component within the Region/State\* and within the first 10 years of initial licensure during their first year of their term. No individual may serve as a YARD for more than four years in total, whether consecutively or non-consecutively. This eligibility shall remain consistent with the requirements of the YAF as of the time of the election of the YARD. The YARD shall serve a 2-year term (January 2022 – December 2023)

### Duties

The YARDs represent young architects within the AIA at the state and national level. They are the primary connection between local AIA emerging professional groups, the Texas Society of Architects (TxA), and the national YAF Advisory Committee (AdCom). In addition, the YARD holds a voting position on the TxA Board during their tenure.

### **The YARD shall travel to attend the following meetings as duties of the TxA Board:**

TxA Board Meetings every quarter (Friday & Saturday; Funded by TxA, in accordance with TxA Travel Policy) [*pending bylaws approval*]

TxA Board Leadership Retreat (Funded by TxA) [*pending bylaws approval*]

### **The YARD shall travel to attend the following meetings for duties as a member of the YAF:**

AIA NAC/YAF Annual Meeting (normally in January/February, funded by AIA National)

[*2022 virtual vs. on location to be determined*]

Grassroots (Funded by TxA in accordance with Travel Policy) (or) AIA National Convention (not funded)

Expenses to attend these meetings will be reimbursed consistent with the policies of the Region/State\* and the Young Architects Forum/AIA. The TxA funding annual funding cap for all events is \$3500.

### **Ongoing duties for TxA Board:**

- Collaborate with the Associate Director and Regional Associate Director (RAD) on emerging professional-focused issues in the region.
- Associate Director and RAD to produce the Emerging Professionals track at the regional design



conference.

- Participate in TxA Board Work Group

#### **Ongoing duties for the YAF:**

- Monthly calls for the YAF (full committee)
- Monthly calls for selected YAF work group
- Monthly AIA Board Visibility Network calls
- Work on national issues relevant to young architects through at least one YAF Work Group
- Maintain regular communication with all YAF/EP chapters within the region
- Maintain regular communication with the counterparts from their state: Regional Associate Director (RAD), Strategic Council Representative, College of Fellows Representative.
- Regional reports twice per year

YARDs have the option to represent YAF within the larger AIA national community by serving as a member of or liaison to any of the following: Strategic Council work groups, Knowledge Communities, Board Committees, Member Interest Groups, or Task Forces. These opportunities may vary from year to year.

#### **Nominations**

- Letter of interest (2 pages maximum) signed by a current member of the TxA Board or a local component's current Board member.
- Resume / biographical information (2 pages maximum).
- Additional documentation (2 pages maximum) as desired (e.g. letters of recommendation, etc.).

Nomination submittal packages shall be sent via e-mail to the current YARD, [amaya.labrador@gmail.com](mailto:amaya.labrador@gmail.com), with the subject line "YARD – Texas"

#### **Timeline**

Nomination Submittal Package due August 27, 2021

Appointment made by a committee that includes the current YARD, AdCom representation and TxA input. Successful candidate to be informed by October 1, 2021. Term begins January 1, 2021.

*\*The title "Young Architect Regional Director" will change as a result of the regions dissolution, likely in 2022. The role and responsibilities will remain the same.*