

Fellowship Objects

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Object One – “To promote the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession”. Design, Urban Design, or Preservation

Fellowship in this category is granted to architects who have produced distinguished bodies of work through design, urban design, or preservation. This may be accomplished through individual or organizational effort. Works submitted may be of any size for any client, of any scope and reflecting any type of architectural design service.

- Documentation that the nominee has been Largely Responsible for Design of the work displayed in the Section 3 Exhibits.
- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.
- Award recognition of nominee's work—national, regional, state, and local awards. Of particular interest are AIA awards and awards from other design-focus organizations depending on the nominee's design focus (interior design, urban design, preservation) and other industry awards.
- Publication of nominee's work—of particular interest are architectural journals, related design publications, and recognition beyond nominee's immediate locale.
- Sharing of nominee's expertise through design juries, teaching, lecturing, speaking, writing, national media coverage.
- AIA activities—committees chaired and offices held.
- Civic/community involvement—leadership roles held.
- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized design peers/experts in the same field as nominee.

Object Two – “To advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of practice” (with the option of a subcategory of Management or Technical Advancement)

Fellowship in this category is granted to architects who have made notable contributions through their work in the practice of architecture. Practice includes firm management, administration, and project management or specialty areas (specific building types, technical expertise).

- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.

- Appropriate award recognition of nominee's work—national, regional, state, and local awards. For practice, the jury would expect to see national, regional, and local awards and recognition of the nominee's strengths in firm management, specific project type expertise, etc.
- Publication of nominee's work —of particular interest are architectural journals, publications directly related to their field of expertise, and recognition beyond nominee's immediate locale.
- Sharing of nominee's expertise through juries, teaching, lecturing, speaking, writing, national media coverage. For practice in particular, jury members are looking for ways in which the nominee has shared his/her expertise beyond the firm and influenced or advanced the profession.
- AIA activities—committees chaired and offices held.
- Civic/community involvement —leadership roles held.
- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized peers/experts in the same field as nominee.

Object Three – “To coordinate the building industry, and the profession of architecture”. Led the Institute, Led a Related Organization

Fellowship in this category is granted to architects who have actively, efficiently, and cooperatively led the Institute or a related professional organization over a sustained period of time and have gained widespread recognition for the results of their work.

- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.
- AIA activities—committees chaired, offices held, initiatives originated and led by nominee; results of leadership and offices held. Or, if nominee is leading a related organization the jury needs to know not only what the nominee accomplished for the other organization but how their contribution affected the architecture profession and benefited AIA members.
- Appropriate award recognition of nominee's work —national, regional, state, and local certificates of appreciation, service, and commendation awards. Of particular interest are awards or other documentation that reflect the nominee's leadership skills and widespread results.
- Publication of nominee's work—of particular interest are national, regional, and local publications of the nominee's efforts/results in leading the Institute or related organization and benefits to AIA members.
Sharing of nominee's expertise through teaching, lecturing, speaking (particularly at other AIA components, conventions, or committees), writing, and national media coverage.
- Civic/community involvement—leadership roles held.

- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized leaders qualified to verify the nominee's significant contributions in leading the Institute, the related organization and how AIA members benefited.

Object Four—To ensure the advancement of the living standards of people through their improved environment”. Public Service, Government, Industry or Organization

Fellowship in this category is granted to architects who have made notable contributions in public service or work in government or industry organizations through leadership in the development of civic improvements and needed governmental projects, including such elements as conservation, beautification, “land-use regulation, transportation, or the removal of blighted areas, or who have clearly raised the standards of professional performance in these areas by advancing the administration of professional affairs in their fields.

- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.
- National, regional, and local recognition of the nominee's efforts in Public Service or work in Government or Industry Organization through initiatives originated and led by nominee; results of leadership and offices/positions held. The nominee must also demonstrate that their achievements were beyond the normal expectations of their job. The benefit to the AIA must be documented.
- Appropriate award recognition of nominee's work—national, regional, state, and local certificates of appreciation, service, and commendation awards. Of particular interest are awards or other documentation that reflect the nominee's leadership skills and widespread results.
- Publication of nominee's work—of particular interest are national, regional, and local publications highlighting the nominee's efforts/results in the public service or government/industry organization and benefits to the profession or AIA members.
- Sharing of nominee's expertise through teaching, lecturing, speaking, writing, national media coverage.
- AIA activities—committees chaired and offices held.
- Civic/community involvement—leadership roles held and results achieved.
- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized leaders qualified to verify the nominee's significant contributions in the public service or government/industry organization. They can be from colleagues who can attest to your work but are at an “arm's length” relationship.

Object Five—“To make the profession of ever-increasing service to society”. Alternative Career, Volunteer Work with Organizations Not Directly Connected with the Built Environment, or Service to Society

Fellowship in this category is granted to architects who have made notable contributions to the public through alternative careers or volunteer work with organizations not directly connected to the built environment. Achievements may also be of a kind that transcends the other categories for advancement to serve society or humanity in a unique and important manner.

- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.
- Documentation that the nominee is a nationally recognized leader in the alternative career and how the contributions affect or influence the profession. If nominee is contributing through volunteer work, it must be made evident to the jury how the nominee's contributions are important because the nominee is an architect as opposed to a volunteer who's a banker, businessman, etc., and it must be clear that the nominee is truly volunteering architectural expertise and not gaining commissions through the volunteer service. Achievements may also be of a kind that transcends the other categories for advancement by being nominated for achievements in all of the objects.
- Appropriate award recognition of nominee's work—national, regional, state, and local certificates of appreciation, service, and commendation awards. Of particular interest are awards or other documentation that reflect the nominee's leadership skills and widespread results in the alternative career or volunteer work.
- Publication of nominee's work—of particular interest are national, regional, and local publications of the nominee's efforts/results in the alternative career or volunteer organization and benefits to the AIA and/or its members.
- Sharing of nominee's expertise through teaching, lecturing, speaking, writing, national media coverage.
- AIA activities—committees chaired and offices held.
- Civic/community involvement—leadership roles held.
- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized leaders qualified to verify the nominee's significant contributions in the alternative career or the volunteer organization.

Object Six: Education, Research, Literature

"To advance the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, and training. Fellowship in this object is granted to architects who have made notable contributions through their work in education, research, or literature. Work in education may be teaching, research, administration, or writing and should have a lasting impact, be widely recognized, and provide inspiration to others in the field and the profession. Research

areas may include building codes and standards, specifications, new material applications, or inventions.

- Strong support of the nominee's contributions in the sponsor letter.
- Of particular interest are awards related to the candidate's particular focus. For instance, for education the jury would expect to see higher education institution teaching awards; other applicable national awards from AIA, ACSA, AIAS; grants received, etc. For research, national, regional, and local award recognition for research leadership or research awards or grants received would be of interest to the jury. For literature, appropriate literature awards and national, regional, and local awards and recognition of the nominee's literature strengths.
- Reference letters that are from geographic area beyond nominee's area, speak specifically to nominee's contributions, and are from other recognized peers/experts in the same field as nominee. For those in education, letters can be from colleagues who can attest to your work but are at an "arm's length" relationship. They should not be from architects you have hired.