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Letter of Nomination
2015 AIACC 1ST Vice President / President Elect:
Michael F. Malinowski, AIA

It is with our highest endorsement that we nominate Michael F. Malinowski, AIA, for the position of 2015 AIACC 1st Vice President/President Elect. His deeply held passion and proactive leadership for the profession, his dedicated visioning and follow-through that repeatedly improves the focus and service of the AIA, and his many years of extraordinary achievements and experience at all levels of the organization make him uniquely, strongly, and best qualified to continue leading the AIA forward for California.

Leadership: Commitment to Positive Change

As a current AIA Regional Director, a prior AIACC Director and Vice President of Communications, and prior AIACV Board member and President, Michael has been a long time, leading force behind many initiatives advancing member value, organizational connectivity, and reaching out to the public.

On the National Communications Committee, Michael has had a direct hand in the AIA's largest-ever data gathering effort, which became the driving force behind Repositioning. Michael recruited many of California's Repositioning Ambassadors and initiated the concept for the Innovation Grants, bringing funding directly back to components in support of innovative programs.

Michael's current work on the Practice and Prosperity Committee informs the AIACC's parallel work on our own strategic initiatives supporting the work of all sizes of firms. He has called for increased transparency of AIA activities working directly with AIAEB helping shape their successful Repositioning reporting resolution at the AIA National Convention in Denver in 2013. Michael launched platforms on Basecamp for the Regional Directors to help the AIACC leadership understand current AIA National trends and activities, fostering an opening and sharing of ideas and information.

In support of public outreach on the value of design, Michael was instrumental in recruiting and successfully presenting Julie Taylor, Hon. AIA-LA, now one of two public directors on the National Board. In his long service on the City of Sacramento's Development Oversight Commission, Michael not only created a vital partnership between the City and AIACV that continues today - serving as a model for other chapters through an AIACC White Paper, but was instrumental in moving the City's Building Department from dead last in customer surveys to number one.

While on the AIACV Board, Michael launched programs that expanded the connections between the profession and the public, including public engagement in the board room, hosted the opening of a Center for Architecture, and founded the Code Conversation Program that brings regional code officials together with design professionals once a year. All these tools are still at work connecting Architects with the public, clients, and allied professionals while highlighting the important community contributions Architects make.

Focus: Action and Connectivity

As 1st Vice President/President Elect, Michael will bring his proactive leadership capabilities and impacts to a mission of focus for the future continued success of the AIA in California. This focus would continue current efforts to better align fiscal and operational resources with AIACC objectives and strategic initiatives, better connecting its members, goals, and resources.

There are several past specific examples which demonstrate Michael's ability to research, develop, and follow-through on focused goals that improve connectivity among AIA leaders, members, and allies:

Michael launched the AIACC's content-driven web platform, as well as AIACC social networking platforms LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter, after personally researching the challenges, costs, and staff impacts. These strategic moves allow staff to more easily update content, adapt its themes to future needs, and communicate more effectively with improved connectivity between our leadership and members. Additionally, when the AIACC sought to reduce costs through fewer face-to-face meetings, Michael led the Virtual Technology Task Force, researching and implementing its Basecamp file-sharing site and virtual meeting protocols, both of which continue to be important communication tools that provide ongoing financial benefits.



Achievements: Results and Recognitions

Throughout his career, Michael has consistently delivered exceptional results and contributions which have been recognized through an impressive assembly of awards and presidential citations. Truly, there are too many to mention. However, a few highlights include 2008, 2010 and 2011 AIACC Presidential Citations, 2009 AIA Grassroots Excellence Award for Outstanding Individual Contribution, numerous AIACV Certificates of Appreciation, and a 2014 AIACV Chapter Commendation.

In closing, it is not only Michael's proactive leadership, focus, and achievements that we support, but his seemingly unlimited energy, innate drive, and infectious optimism as well. He always makes himself available to talk and listen, and he has the proven ability to inspire ideas and actions in others. Such qualities are crucial to any AIACC leader, and we have no doubt that Michael would excel in his service to our diverse membership and allies in this role.

We are fully confident that Michael Malinowski is the right choice for 2015 AIACC 1st Vice President/ President Elect, and we wholeheartedly endorse his candidacy through this letter of nomination.

Sincerely,

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