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"Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18

When I was elected to the AIA East Bay Board, I was introduced as Brain Stryzek, although you all now call me Brian. I am thankful to have met so many wonderful people this year, engaged in challenging conversations, and developed relationships throughout our region. However, one year as president did not feel like enough, so don’t expect me to disappear.

In 2022, we relocated the chapter office to the Brower Center in Berkeley, had events in all four chapter counties, strengthened our relationship with architecture students, developed unique events open to all, and outreached to our members.

The chapter’s five visions guided these successes.
- We create more opportunities for active engagement with the larger membership.
- We develop programs that increase student engagement and involvement.
- We deepen alliances with like-minded organizations.
- We facilitate more opportunities for members to share their work and ideas.
- We produce more programs to educate the public on the value of architects.

Our 2022 accomplishments were made possible by strong leadership, dedicated staff, an inspiring board of directors, and more than 900 AIA East Bay members. I’m honored that I was able to serve you and be part of this community.

In 2023 I’ll continue to serve on the board and organize the AIA East Bay Leadership Lecture series, which will provide a venue for members to gather, be inspired, celebrate our office space, and this year honor designers who helped shape the East Bay.

I’m excited to see our 2023 Board of Directors President, Ursula Currie, as she guides our chapter into the future.

Respectfully,

Brian Stryzek, AIA
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2022 AIA East Bay President
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2022 HIGHLIGHTS

Brian Stryzek - President

Brian Stryzek was elected as our new Board President in January 2022. With a clear vision for the future of our organization, Brian was determined to advance the AIA mission and enhance architects’ impact on communities here in the East Bay and across the country.

Joint Lecture Returned

The series returned to a live venue after being held virtually during the pandemic. Members were thrilled to engage with speakers and fellow attendees in person once again. The series brings fresh perspectives and insights to our architecture community.

Volunteer Days Launched

We launched our quarterly Volunteer Day program to give back to local communities. The initiative aims to foster a culture of giving and demonstrate design’s power to improve lives and invites members to participate in service projects and make a positive impact.

A New Home!

We moved into our new offices at the David Brower Center in Berkeley. The state-of-the-art building, designed to meet the highest sustainability standards, will provide a dynamic and inspiring work environment for AIA staff and visitors.
Housing Forum 2022

Having launched our housing forum in 2021 with the 2 day symposium our event in 2022 was equally successful and featured a discussion with Michael Pyatok and building tours.

Members Selected as AIA Baltimore Jury

The annual AIA Baltimore Excellence in Design Awards program featured a panel of judges exclusively from the AIA East Bay drawing from our membership, committees and Board directors.

Home Tours Returned - Napa!

Our 2022 Home Tours featured Napa Valley homes, showcasing residential architecture's beauty and creativity. The tours offered a unique opportunity to tour innovative homes in the region, and to talk with architects and owners about their collaboration.

Design Awards Returned Live

Our first live awards program in 3 years featured a new theme, “Beyond: Celebrating design that honors the seen and the unseen.” A gala reception, awards program and an after party completed with live music and champagne toast.
I am honored and humbled to preside over this One Community of the AIA East Bay Chapter during 2023.

Brian Stryzek, our former president, has left very large boots to fill, and I will not let him down.

Brian’s efforts and that of the AIAEB Board have brought us a wonderful new meeting place for our community at the Brower Center in Berkeley. We hope our members will take advantage of this location and use it to advance the programs that support education and growth within our profession.

Due to the volunteer efforts of both our members and the AIAEB Board, the Chapter already has marvelous programs set in place for 2023. We plan to expand upon those programs and offer additional opportunities to enhance the professional goals of our members. We will reinforce our professional practice courses and give more voice to emerging architects from various corners of the world.

In 2023 the AIA Conference on Architecture is happening on our doorstep. The AIAEB Chapter is committed to supporting the success of this conference, and we will continue to build our alliances with the AIA San Francisco chapter. We hope you will make it a priority to attend.

Although I am originally from Northern Ireland, I left my family, community, and culture because I was dedicated to finding a meaningful architectural career in the United States. Having arrived in San Francisco in 1990, I finally relocated to the East Bay in 2018. I will endeavor to carry the same dedication and enthusiasm that has sustained me in my professional career to help make the AIA East Bay Chapter a fantastic organization that supports all of you.

We sincerely value your engagement.

Ursula Currie
Senior Associate, Perkins&Will
LOOKING AHEAD
TOWARDS 2023

We are incredibly excited about our upcoming events in 2023! There are a wide variety of engaging activities and opportunities planned for the year, and we can’t wait to share them with you.

Leadership Lecture Series
Our new Leadership Lecture Series in 2023 will feature Bay Area leaders in architecture, providing a platform for them to share their experiences, insights, and leadership strategies. The series will include presentations, Q&A sessions, and networking opportunities.

Zero Net Carbon Design
We have developed a series of four 1.5-hour sessions now offered in partnership with our Diamond level sustaining partner Lowney Architects. We are currently developing more ZNCD education offerings, including a full day 5 unit course similar to our ADA days.

Mentorship Program
Continuing in 2023 with our 6th and 7th cohorts. We match participants with experienced mentors who provide valuable insights, advice, and resources to help them succeed in their chosen fields. The program includes regular check-ins and progress evaluations, opportunities for networking and skill development.

Joint Lecture Series
Our joint lecture fundraiser, in partnership with UC Berkeley’s College of Environmental Design, is an exciting opportunity for professionals and students to gain insights from leading experts in their field. The series continues to feature a diverse range of speakers from both academia and industry, discussing the latest trends, and best practices in environmental design.
Home Tours
Our 2023 Home Tours will showcase the latest design trends and sustainable features. The tours will provide an opportunity for attendees to see how the use of design principles and techniques can be applied in real-world settings and to ask questions of homeowners and designers.

A23’ Architectural Bay Cruises
As part of our A23’ national convention, we will present a series of architectural bay cruises offering a unique perspective on the architecture of the East Bay and San Francisco. Cruises will be guided by experts in architecture, who will provide insights and information about a wide variety of buildings and structures visible from the bay.

Design Awards
The 2023 Design Awards Gala event will be a celebration of the best in design from the East Bay region. The gala will be an opportunity for architects, designers, builders, and industry professionals to come together to recognize the outstanding contributions of their peers and to celebrate the power of design to enhance our built environment.
Dear AIA East Bay members,

First, thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to our chapter. I am grateful for each one of you and the unique contributions you bring to our chapter. Your talent, passion, and dedication are what drive our organization forward and help us achieve our mission of advancing the value of architecture and supporting the professional growth of our members.

As we move into the new year, I am excited to continue our work together and explore new growth and collaboration opportunities. Our organization has a rich history of service and excellence. I am confident that, with your help, we will continue to make a positive impact within our East Bay community and beyond.

Our plans for 2023 include increasing the variety of events and activities designed to support your professional development and connect you with your peers. Please take advantage of these opportunities and get involved in all that our chapter has to offer.

Finally, I express my gratitude for your continued support of our organization. Your membership is invaluable to us, and we are committed to providing you with the best possible experience as a member of the AIA East Bay chapter.

Thank you again for your commitment to our organization and for all that you do to support the architecture profession.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Executive Director
Mission

We support our community of design professionals by providing opportunities and resources that advance the architectural profession and its practice.

Vision

We are guided by five principal visions

Increasing Student Engagement
Student engagement is important to the AIA East Bay as it helps to foster a sense of community and encourages the next generation of architects to become active members of the profession.

Deepened relationships with members
Creating more opportunities for active engagement with the larger membership is important for the AIA East Bay because it helps to foster a sense of community, encourages participation and collaboration, and ultimately helps to strengthen the organization as a whole.

Expanding opportunities to share member work
Enabling members to share their work and ideas is important for our organization as it helps to promote collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the overall growth and development of our professional community.

Growing Alliances with Similar Organizations
Deepening alliances with other organizations similar to the AIA East Bay is valuable as it helps to expand our reach, increase our impact, and foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing among professionals in the built environment industry.

Boosting awareness of the value of the architectural profession
It is valuable to educate the public about the importance of what architects do as it helps to raise awareness and understanding of the role architects play in shaping our built environment and the impact it has on people's lives and communities.

"Four Counties, One Community"
NEW HOME

DAVID BROWER CENTER

Designed by acclaimed architect Dan Solomon, the Brower Center follows the example of some of Europe’s most distinguished green buildings in both its contextual fit and use of innovative technologies.

The base is formed by awnings, arcades, and entrances for the various ground floor uses, while the middle of the building is defined by exposed structural columns and various light control devices. A projecting upper floor and sculpted awning structure that orients photovoltaic panels southward toward the sun delineates the building’s top.

*We invite everyone to come visit, explore the building, take in an exhibit or just come say “Hi”. We are located on the third floor.*

The David Brower Center
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MEMBERSHIP

Where We Live & Work
AIA East Bay represents more than 900 architects, designers and affiliated professionals in living and working mostly in the East Bay. As one of the larger chapters in California, members enjoy access to a network of leaders and resources that help promote architecture and design.
1. **Small Firm Forum**
   SFF advances the mutual interests of architects practicing in small firms. Small firms are like little boats in a big ocean. At SFF, we explore topics of interest to small firms and things architects need to know in order to prosper. SFF helps make enduring professional friendships.

2. **Regional & Urban Design**
   RUD aims to improve the quality of the urban environment of East Bay cities and surrounding areas by promoting excellence in urban design, land use and transportation planning, public policy, and implementation in the built and natural environment.

3. **Young Architects & Emerging Professionals**
   Focusing on building a community among licensure candidates, architecture students, and early career design professionals, this group addresses the professional needs and concerns of Bay Area Associate members and Architects within 10 years of licensure.

4. **Architects Community For the Environment**
   ACOTE works to advance, disseminate, and advocate – to the profession, the building industry, the academy, and the public – design practices that integrate built and natural systems and enhance both the design quality and environmental performance of the built environment.

5. **Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (J.E.D.I.)**
   The JEDI committee has been established to solidify AIA East Bay’s commitment to Equity and Inclusion in the architectural community. This committee is focused on fostering a community of inclusivity through trainings and resources that will be available to all.
COMMITTEES

1. **Design Tours Committee**
The Design Tours Committee offers a wide range of tours and tour types for AIA East Bay members and the public. The committee’s mission is to plan tours of places notable for their design, led by the architects (ideally) and/or project team members that made them possible.

2. **Home Tours Committee**
This committee plans our yearly Home Tours, in order to showcase the impact of collaboration between homeowners and registered architects to help craft beautiful, relevant and innovative solutions for the housing needs across all sectors of our society.

3. **Design Awards Committee**
AIA East Bay recognizes outstanding achievements in architecture and design. The committee behind this prestigious competition works to recognize the contributions of entire teams in creating outstanding projects, and organizes an awards ceremony to celebrate them.

4. **Joint Lecture Series Committee**
This committee, in collaboration with UC Berkeley College of Environmental Design, hosts a joint lecture by bringing in a renowned architect to Cal. Through the firms’ generosity we have been able to present a wide array of architects of stature.

5. **Practice Management Committee**
This committee works to develop and deploy professional practice tools and resources useful for local practice, as well as educational opportunities in support of more effective local practice.

6. **Mentorship Program Committee**
Our Mentorship Program organizes our semesterly 5x5x5 Mentorship Program, providing partnership and productive dialogue across all members of the architectural community and current architecture students.
**INCOME & EXPENSES**

**Projected Income**

- Program Revenue
- Membership Dues
- Sponsors & Other

**Projected Income**
- Membership Dues: $260,000
- Program Revenue: $90,000
- Sponsors & Other: $86,000
- Total: $436,500

**Projected Expenses**

- Member Services
- Direct Program
- Other Expenses

**Projected Expenses**
- Member Services: $375,420
- Direct Program: $134,079
- Other Expenses: $26,816
- Total: $536,314 *

*Note: Expenses for 2023 include $100,000 allocated from our cash reserves for Tenant Improvements on our new office space under member services. Includes annual $1000 commitment to SFNOMA in honor of Board Member, Leo Ray Lynch.*
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