**From:** AIA Small Firm Exchange ([sfx@aia.org](mailto:sfx@aia.org))

**Subject line**: Call for Small Firm Volunteers



Small Firm Exchange board meeting, March 1-4, 2020. RIP [Michael Lejong, AIA](https://www.wsj.com/articles/neighbors-deaths-from-covid-19-have-an-arkansas-town-reassessing-vaccines-11628424001), our 2020 chair and host at Thorncrown Chapel (designed by [E. Fay Jones](https://thorncrown.com/architecture.html)) outside of Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

**Get Involved: Become a leader with the AIA Small Firm Exchange**

Help us increase the influence of small firms within the AIA by volunteering directly for the Small Firm Exchange or as a small firm owner on one of many AIA National Committees.

**Submission closes at 5pm ET on Monday, November 8, 2021.** Nominees will be notified by December 15, 2021.

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**Become an SFx Board Member or State Representative**

The Small Firm Exchange’s annual call for board members is extended to November 8. We are looking for volunteers who want to be a catalyst for change and make a positive impact on the architecture profession. The [SFx board](https://network.aia.org/blogs/matthew-r-clapper-aia1/2021/04/28/current-sfx-board?CommunityKey=5dccd29e-2089-48ae-8452-471d5068b76d&tab=recentcommunityblogsdashboard) is a great opportunity to network with peers, share resources, and advocate for small firms on a national platform. Interested? [Apply now](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc8GWsybjGgnXw5XUuRT5QP69dOgQWMsJLDNkki3EhM9DRaFg/viewform) >

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Are you an enterprising member with a passion for the future of the profession? Are you interested in building your expertise, networking skills, and learning from others? Volunteering on a national committee may be just the experience for you.

National committees are a great way to stretch your leadership, and to connect the work of members and others to the AIA Strategic Plan. **Apply by November 8.**

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By Nate Kipnis, FAIA

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By Marika Snider, Ph.D., AIA, Principal Architect, Snider Architecture, LLC, Michael Bell, FAIA, Esq., President, Bell Architecture APC and Leonard Kady, FAIA, Principal, Leonard Kady Architecture and Design

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