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Current SFx board members Matt, Venesa, and Darguin hangin out at the A’22 SFx party hosted by Urban Lab.

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Help us increase the influence of small firms within the AIA by volunteering directly for the national Small Firm Exchange as your state’s representative.

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By AIA Honors and Awards staff

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**My Conference Story: Flow Design @ A'22**By Darguin Fortuna, AIA

In 2019 we first attended the national AIA conference in Las Vegas. Much of what we are, belief and embody was born out of such experience. Knowing our place (The one we are making), within the bigger picture, industry and ecosystem is indeed fulfilling to say the least. A'22 was no exception.

[Learn why Flow went in 2022 >](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/darguin-fortuna-aia-ncarb-4485859a_aianational-a-a-activity-6947244504357765120-OFxu/)

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**Small Firms on AIA 2030 Commitment Directory**

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[Search the directory to find a local mentor firm >](https://www.aia.org/2030-directory)

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