AIACC First Vice President / President Elect (2016)

Jana SB Itzen, AIA

Biography

Jana’s love for the built environment formed early in life and continue to intrigue her as she explores with her architect/husband and two boys.

A graduate of Cal Poly SLO, Jana began working in the fast paced residential environment of KTGY, later shifting focus towards the public sector, at LPA. In 2011, Jana launched her own firm ITZEN Architects. She is an advocate for her client’s vision, passionate about great design, and holds herself and the teams she works with to a high standard of excellence - all done with a smile and some fabulous shoes.

Statement of Purpose

As we approach a critical time for the future of AIACC and it’s leadership, I feel I can bring a balance between knowledge of the history and legendary status AIACC has developed over many years of successful leadership and the expectation of what the future could hold for our profession both emerging and seasoned. I first held a position on the AIACC Board in 2006, almost 10 years ago.

The successful implementation of the AIACC’s strategic initiatives over the past two years has seated us well as we move into 2016/2017. I look forward to further building on the four key areas of our strategic initiatives: Advocating for Energy/Resources, the AIA in California, Empowering the Next Generation, and Resourcing Firms. To that end, I aim to further champion our communication both internally through the AIACC to local components and externally to the public, advocating the value of our profession.

It would be my highest honor and privilege to represent the AIA California Council Board of Directors and it’s members as the 2016 President Elect.