Bio

Laura Wood, Associate AIA
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Laura Wood has experience in retail, healthcare, education, public safety, and civic project types, with a focus on design.

In 2007, Laura found her tribe at the AIACV. She will complete her term on the Board of the AIACV as the Associate Director in 2015. Laura was honored to represent her Chapter at Grassroots in Washington DC and to receive the AIACC Associate of the year award in 2015. Her long term goal at the AIA is to facilitate a strong connection between individual members and the Local, State, and National levels.

Statement of Purpose

By definition, associates are distinct from the rest of the AIA population. To serve the associate membership, we must keep in mind: being an associate is a transitional place for some and a permanent place for others. We must recognize, an associate’s value in the architectural field is solely dependent on demonstration and experience. The AIACC is in a perfect position to provide value to unlicensed professionals in a way no other organization can. I want to be a catalyst for that value by creating programs that provide opportunities for our associate members to demonstrate their value and credibility.

In my two years as Associate Director North, I will work to quantify the needs of our current associate members. Who are they, what are their goals, why are they AIACC members. I will also reach out to our current student membership population as a forecast of future associate trends. Pending an effective assessment, the board can then analyze the data and strategize how to evolve our AIACC and local programs to better serve our associates. Ideally, information will reveal if we can provide and sustain increased value for our unlicensed members.