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Architects have long been master-builders; designers and creators of physical space that enhances the human experience. Design really does matter; good design contributes to the health and well-being of the building's occupants, while poorly designed facilities can do harm. In other words, space is not neutral, and architects play a critical and central role in this creation.

As an architect who has been in this field for 38 years, I believe that not only a strong commitment to design and construction knowledge, but a dedication to becoming a trusted advisor to our clients is critical to continuing our success as inventors, innovators and leaders in the genesis of our built environment.

I have been a member of the American Institute of Architects – Detroit Chapter, since becoming a licensed architect in Michigan. Up to this point, I have not been directly involved on any committees or positions with the AIA. It is, however, at this point in my career that I feel I can have the greatest impact on the future strategy of the AIA and contribute the depth and breadth of my years of experience. In my current position at Kahn, I currently lead the strategic planning efforts. This has proven to be not only a challenge, but an eye-opening opportunity to see into the future of our business, and the future of architectural practice.

There is no doubt in any architects' mind, that the practice has shifted; changing almost on a yearly basis. We must make concerted efforts to maintain public visibility and represent our profession, elevating our status to the appropriate level. With this in mind, I am committed to being the **AIA Michigan Regional Director**, and a position on the Strategic Advisory Council for AIA National.

The key topics I will focus on for my term will include:

- Prepping our organization for the shift in leadership to younger generations
- Increasing our value to members and the public
- Identifying issues that are critical in increasing membership
- Championing our state's professionals in a national forum
- Increasing relevance to all the state's professionals
- Public outreach to highlight professional value
- Advocate proper legislative policy issues

I am excited to participate, and lead, in Chapter facilitations, including not only leadership, but all chapter and section members. My experience at strategic facilitation and town hall functions will serve our organization well in this endeavor. I believe my fresh enthusiasm will bring great energy to this position. I promise to be a strong voice for the profession, and AIA Michigan, and I ask for your support.

I can be reached at (313) 550-3766 if you wish to discuss my intentions and goals for this position; I am happy to begin the dialog at any time. I look forward to serving AIA Michigan.