



The National AIA is pleased to announce that World Deaf Architecture (WDA), a new created group for AIA Knowledge Networks and Communities, is working toward becoming an AIA Knowledge Community.

DATE:

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 8:00AM-4:30PM – a pre-convention day**

Pennsylvania Convention Center

Admission is free

Meeting room and convention building will be announced shortly.

**WELCOME & INTRODUCTION – 8:00AM to 9:00AM**

Pre-Convention Planning: WDA Symposium\*

Welcome and Introduction to WDA with Acting President, Vice President and Acting Treasurer

**WDA/AIA – A NEW KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY AND NETWORK - 9:00AM to 11AM**

Why, how, and what WDA can do for AIA? How to build a new relationship with AIA members for better communication between hearing and deaf in work, design team, and collaboration.

We'd like to open with a discussion of our perceptions, values, beliefs, education, etc. which create our comfort zone and impacts our function as architects. We need to work together to build up a new WDA in the AIA Knowledge Community.\*

**Q&A/SOLUTION 11AM – 11:45AM - 15 MINS BREAK**

**WDA LUNCHEON 12PM – 1:45PM**

Guest speakers (2 people) from AIA National Diversity Council\*

**NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 2PM – 4:30PM**

We need a new Secretary, three to five board of directors, and International Liaison(s) for the election at the end of the symposium. We also need to develop new strategic and action plans for WDA and define officers' responsibilities to commence after the convention.\*

**6PM-8PM**

WDA Reception/Dinner at Restaurant – TBA

**RSVP:** Go to a link: [www.worlddeafarchitecture.org](http://www.worlddeafarchitecture.org) and click for “2016 WDA Symposium” to fill in the form.

\*Interpreter(s) & CART for all events and luncheon with guest speaker(s).

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