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AIA Michigan Announces Three New Fellows

March 15, 2016 - The 2016 Jury of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) elevated three AIA Michigan members to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made significant contributions to the profession.

The 2016 Fellows will be honored at an investiture ceremony at the 2016 National AIA Convention and Design Exposition in Philadelphia this May.

The Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

Tamara Burns, FAIA, Douglas Hanna, FAIA, and David Richards, FAIA, COO

Of the 80,000 AIA members, there are fewer than 2,700 distinguished with the honor of fellowship and honorary fellowship. The honor is awarded to members who have made significant contributions to architecture and society and who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession, both individually and on a national level.

1. Promoted the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession
2. Advanced the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural education, training and practice
3. Coordinated the building industry and the profession of architecture through leadership in the AIA and other related professional organizations
4. Advanced the living standards of people through an improved environment
5. Made the profession of ever-increasing service to society

Included in the list below are the newly elevated members, their component affiliation and category for which they were elevated.



Tamara E.L. Burns, FAIA has proven that the long term viability of historic structures through sensitive and inspiring design is the critical element to conserving their relevancy thus creating a valued and sustainable world through preservation.

Tamara Burns uses preservation as a meaningful analogy to guide her in her Leadership work, in the institute and her community – respecting the work that has been done before her, understanding what is good and relevant about it, and then strategically guiding the organization into the future keeping those important character defining elements that make it unique. Locally, Tamara has been instrumental in establishing and chairing Ann Arbor's first Design Review Board. As president of AIA Michigan she led the region into broader

engagement and collaboration. And as Co-chair of the 2015 AIA National Convention program, she shaped the experience for 20,000 attendees. Tamara believes passionately about being active and positively impacting one's local community as well as the broader communities one can touch and the benefits gained both personally and for the public.



Doug Hanna, FAIA has dramatically influenced and guided the quality of the built environment at the University of Michigan, significantly improving the educational, research and medical experiences while making sustainability an undisputed standard.

More than any other Architect in the last half-century, Douglas Hanna, AIA, has been an outstanding leader for the built environment on his University of Michigan campuses through his contributions to the design or critique of thousands of projects over his professional career. Beginning with his early involvement in the complete replacement of a major community hospital (nearly 600 beds in 1975) and following, with work on many projects, design review committees, selection committees, and state conference planning, Doug Hanna stands out amongst his peers in his influence on the built environment. Over the past 23 years, he has arranged 30 significant presentations by industry experts for a nationally recognized annual multi-day state-wide conference focusing on health facilities planning.



David Richards, FAIA, COO has advanced architectural practice through national leadership in the AIA Practice Management Knowledge Community and substantial contributions to AIA Best Practices which share his exemplary legacy of practice innovation and achievement.

David made the AIA Best Practices a viable, value-added member benefit. Since becoming Chair of the committee in 2012, he has expanded the AIA's body of knowledge by over 10% through the addition of over 34 Best Practice articles. He also restructured all of the AIA Best Practices so that the topics align with technical articles in the 15th Edition of the Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice. He has fostered member involvement by seeking new Best Practice articles from a broad constituency of AIA Members and allied professionals.

About The American Institute of Architects

Founded in 1857, the American Institute of Architects consistently works to create more valuable, healthy, secure, and sustainable buildings, neighborhoods, and communities. Through nearly 300 state and local chapters, the AIA advocates for public policies that promote economic vitality and public wellbeing. Members adhere to a code of ethics and conduct to ensure the highest professional standards. The AIA provides members with tools and resources to assist them in their careers and business as well as engaging civic and government leaders and the public to find solutions to pressing issues facing our communities, institutions, nation and world. Visit www.aia.org.

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