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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AIA MICHIGAN INDUCTS TWO ARCHITECTS INTO AIA COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

June 12, 2013- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan is proud to announce that two of its members, Paul A. Dannels, FAIA, and Cynthia K. Pozolo, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP are now members of the national AIA College of Fellows. They will be honored by their peers in AIA Michigan at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 14th at the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) in Ann Arbor. Of a total AIA membership of nearly 80,000, there are fewer than 2,800 distinguished with the honor of fellowship.

Paul A. Dannels, FAIA is a founding principal at SDI-Structures, where he develops innovative structural systems for buildings on behalf of numerous aspiring and accomplished architects. His designs have received many awards and recognitions including three AISC IDEAS awards, the steel industry's highest honor for building design. His completed projects include the Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, the Law Commons at the University of Michigan, and the Lamar Corporate Headquarters in Hudsonville, Michigan. Dannels is the 2013 President Elect of AIA Michigan, and has served in leadership of many non-profits, including Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley and the Center for Faith and Scholarship. He grew up in western New York, where as a teenager grand buildings like the Buffalo City Hall and Buffalo State Hospital captured his imagination. He studied engineering and architecture at the University of Michigan and worked as a construction engineer in remote northern Michigan before founding SDI-Structures with his business partner Andy Greco, PE.

After earning her master of architecture degree at The University of Michigan, Detroit-area native Cynthia K. Pozolo, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP, joined Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. and continued to grow with the company until she moved to SmithGroupJJR in early 2013. She has taken part in a wide variety of projects, including the Special Projects Group, which Kahn first formed in the early 1990s, and from 2004 to 2010, Pozolo was the Director of Architectural Development – the firm's largest department. She was Albert Kahn's first female department head, first female Principal and Vice President and the first Detroit Studio Director. Pozolo joined SmithGroupJJR as Principal and Senior Project Manager and is an active and accomplished AIA Michigan member.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard.

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