TITLE: Component Allied Membership Bylaws Change

SPONSORS: AIA California Council
          AIA Redwood Empire Chapter

INTENT: To strengthen the partnership, alliance, and connection, between AIA State and Local Components with their individual Allied members regarding the rights and privileges of Allied membership through a review of AIA Institute Bylaws, Section 4.14, and the Model Bylaws for AIA Components, Section 2.3.

AIA Institute Bylaws state: “Allied members include engineers, planners, landscape architects, sculptors, muralists, artists, and others in government, education, journalism, manufacturing, industry and/or other fields allied to architecture who the component believes will provide a meaningful contribution by reason of their employment or occupation.” AIA Institute Bylaws, Section 4.14, and Model Bylaws for AIA Components, Section 2.3, prohibit these Allied individual members from referencing their status as Allied members of their respective components in any printed materials.

Text of Resolution: WHEREAS, there is a compelling need for greater integration and collaboration among all stakeholders in the design and construction professions for promoting exceptional design in our built environment; and,

WHEREAS, design and construction is increasingly complicated with progressively complex requirements for structural safety, environmental sensitivity, energy efficiency, accessibility, sustainability and code compliance; and;

WHEREAS, Allied members have long engaged and supported AIA Components in the delivery of member services; and,

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to recognize Allied members who have made a commitment to the profession by becoming members of their local AIA Component; and,
WHEREAS, it would be of benefit to AIA Architect and Associate members to be able to easily distinguish and identify component Allied members that have made this commitment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors shall direct the AIA Secretary’s Advisory Committee to prepare amendments to Section 4.14 of the AIA Institute Bylaws, as well as Section 2.3 of the Model Bylaws for AIA Components, for action by the Board of Directors at the December 2012 Annual Meeting and subsequent presentation at the 2013 AIA Convention Business Session, that remove the prohibition of the Allied individual component member’s reference of their membership in their respective AIA components, in their printed materials; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the AIA shall develop guidelines for the Allied members to follow in referencing their membership both in written and graphic formats.