Michael A. Enomoto, FAIA

Candidate for Regional Director

Biography

Michael. A. Enomoto, FAIA, is the Managing Partner at Gruen Associates. Enomoto has led landmark projects of various sizes and types totaling over $1.5 billion in construction costs. His portfolio includes embassies, courthouses, performing arts centers, convention centers, museum, shopping centers, high rise offices and schools.

A graduate of Cal Poly, SLO, Enomoto was the 2007 AIA/LA President and is presently the 2012 AIACC President. Previously, he served as the 2010 President of the Southern California Development Forum and was President of the Asian American Architects/Engineers Association and also served on the City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission.

Statement of Philosophy

My view of the practice of architecture, as it is with most architects, grows from the experiences of my firm’s many years of practice. As a profession we must come together to create a greater appreciation for all aspects of architecture and for all of the many participants in the architectural process. I seek to expand this recognition to promote and embrace a larger and larger number of my fellow architects who toil in the trenches without the proper recognition for their contribution to that good architecture.

I hope, through my increased participation in National AIA, to continue to develop a greater bond between National AIA and the California Council and its component members so as to better represent the demographics of the practice of architecture in California.

We must continue our efforts to have a greater influence on national government as it relates to the built environment and to build better bridges to the press and the media to make them understand the importance of all of us in the architectural process.

I also wish to develop a greater diversity on the National Board by seeking out and encouraging more participation from minorities and women.