

The AIA Columbus Board of Directors is recommending the membership approve two bylaw changes,

#### Article 4. Meetings

4.1.1 Annual Meeting. This Chapter shall hold an annual meeting during the **third or** fourth quarter of each calendar year, for the purpose of nominating and electing the officers, directors and representatives to the State Organization to succeed those whose terms are about to expire; for receiving the annual reports of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer; and for the transaction of other business as may be appropriate.

Rationale: Having the annual meeting in the third or fourth quarter gives the Board more flexibility. We currently have our three biggest events in last four months of the year, golf outing, architecture awards ceremony, and the annual meeting. This allows more options.

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4.2.2 Quorums at Meetings. A quorum shall be necessary for the transaction of any business at a meeting of this Chapter. Unless otherwise required by law, a quorum shall be **10-5%** of the total number of the Assigned Members of this Chapter, or five (5) such Members, whichever is the greater number.

Rationale: For decades, and probably when the organization was formed in 1958, this quorum requirement has been in the bylaws. There was a time when the annual meeting was the pinnacle of a handful of events each year. It was one of the few times a year for members to hear the latest from the organization. Over time with the evolution and expansion of programming, currently over 50 programs a year, members are engaged in a variety of ways. In addition, with electronic communication and social media, the organization is able to communicate with members regularly. Today, the significance of the annual meeting has faded. Although still important as it gives members a chance to elect a slate of officers, approve bylaw changes, and hear the latest about the organization, the Board is asking for the quorum requirement to be 5%. The current membership count is 687. *Quorum requirement for Ohio: Unless the articles or regulations otherwise provide, the voting members in person, by use of authorized communications equipment, and by mail at any meeting of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the meeting.*