

**Candidate's background, education, professional history, and service to the profession:**

Carina Mills began her service to the profession as soon as she moved to Long Beach and joined the local chapter. After five years on the local Board of Directors, four years as Director at the California Board, and the past two years as local chapter President, the opportunity to lead the AEP is an exciting next step.

With most of her work experience is in hospital improvements as a technical architect and manager, Carina recently made a big change with an opportunity to focus professional development as the Talent Director at Studio One Eleven.

**Candidate's philosophy, goals, and objectives in serving in this office:**

Carina first found her enthusiasm for AIA through the AEP when she led a nomination effort for Firm Mentorship Award. The nomination won, and Carina went to her very first AEP Summit in 2012 to receive the award. Carina has dedicated great focus to developing her skills as a technical architect, but has naturally filled leadership roles all along the way. Beginning with licensure support and community building for young architects, to volunteering as NCARB Licensing Advisor and serving as her Toastmasters Club President, Carina eventually took on official leadership roles for her firm and AIA chapter. Carina is a strong communicator who often jumps in to help translate across stakeholder lines, and this strength has increased in value as a manager and talent leader.

The goal of running for AEP leadership is to bring enhanced clarity and volume of the voice of emerging architectural talent, and increased participation with California's Academy of Emerging Professionals.