

MARY FOLLENWEIDER is committed to professional activism, recently serving on the **AIA National's Advocacy Building Capacity Group** and the **AIA Center for Civic Leadership**. As **2017-18 AIACA Vice-President of Government Relations**, I worked toward increasing government affairs member awareness. And as 2001-02 **AIA Colorado Government Affairs Committee Chair (GAC)**, a GAC member was seated on the AIA Colorado Board of Directors. I was 2010 President of AIA Santa Clara Valley and currently serve as AIA Ventura County's Secretary.

I served as Senior Architect for the City of San Jose and was Building Official for Boulder, Colorado, where I initiated some of the nation's first sustainable building codes. I received a Master of Architecture from the University of Colorado and a Bachelor of Science from DePaul University.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, GOALS, OBJECTIVES

As a long-time architect advocate, I am passionate about "Design Thinking and Innovated Solutions;" recognizing opportunities for success and listening to you, my colleagues, to improve AIA to be a better voice of the profession. Recently AIA committed to sustainable design leadership and environmental stewardship while respecting the perspective diversity of its members. To do this, I believe that **two of our key assets must be meaningful public relations and broad-based collaboration. I will work toward positive long-term outcomes, especially in energy, economy and equitable communities.**

When I was appointed to AIA National's Advocacy Capacity Building Group, I was task with sustainably growing a culture of advocacy throughout the Institute. The Group's Report was unanimously adopted by the AIA National Board of Directors and is predicated to change the way AIA does business. As AIACA Vice-President of Government Relations, I initiated the **Local Chapter Advocacy Network and The Architect's Voice**, encouraging participation and making government affairs more accessible to AIACA members.

I commit to work hard, to listen, to explore ideas and solutions, to report back often and to be your voice on the Strategic Council. I also commit to advance an agenda that shapes AIA as a key leader within the industry and the built environment, **increasing AIA's influence while supporting its heart, the members.** Thank you!

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