

2027 LEADERSHIP ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Katee Chard, AIA

**Candidate for First Vice
President/President-Elect**

Term: 2027-2028

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Katee Chard, AIA, is an Associate Principal at Steinberg Hart, where she is a champion for the firm's Civic practice and works on public projects throughout Southern California. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from Texas Tech University. Katee served as 2025 President of AIA San Diego and currently serves as Immediate Past President. She previously chaired AIA San Diego's Regional Design Advisory Council and currently serves on AIA California's Advocacy Advisory and California Awards Committees. She has also participated throughout the year in the California Representative Council Task Force, contributing to development of its member-input workflow.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

I believe in the power of AIA because I believe in the power of architects acting collectively. Our profession needs that collective voice, particularly as we navigate significant change. But a strong collective depends on individual members believing their participation matters and seeing how their voice contributes to their organization. My goal as First Vice President/President-elect is to strengthen that connection while helping AIA California remain a resilient, responsive organization. My leadership experience has taught me that strong organizations do not happen by accident. They require leaders willing to listen, ask difficult questions, build consensus, provide continuity, and step into the work when needed. My participation in the California Representative Council Task Force this year reinforced that philosophy. As the CRC moves from formation into implementation, one of my priorities is establishing a meaningful connection between member input, CRC dialogue, Board action, and communication back to our members. I would bring my experience in component leadership, governance, advocacy, and statewide service while listening and learning from perspectives across California and building connections across our components. Ultimately, I want more California architects to see AIA not simply as an organization they belong to, but as their organization and their collective voice.