

2027 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Lance Collins, AIA

Candidate for Regional Director

REGION 10

AIA Long Beach / South Bay;
AIA Pasadena and Foothill

Term: 2027–2028

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Lance Collins, AIA, is a licensed architect, LEED Accredited Professional, and Principal at Partner Energy, where he leads the Sustainability/Green Certifications team. With more than 20 years of experience, he is a recognized leader in sustainable design and has led more than 50 green-certified projects. Lance served as President of SoCal NOMA and was founding Co-Chair of the U.S. Green Building Council Long Beach Branch. He serves on the AIA Long Beach/South Bay Board of Directors and represents the chapter on the AIA California Board. An educator and frequent speaker, Lance is committed to advancing sustainable, equitable, high-performance design statewide.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

I believe leadership in architecture is fundamentally an act of service—to our profession, our communities, and the generations that will follow us. For more than 20 years, I have practiced at the intersection of architecture, urban design, sustainability, and community impact. Equally important to me, however, has been my commitment to serving the profession. Through leadership roles with AIA, NOMA, and USGBC, I have worked to strengthen our professional community, advance sustainability and equity, mentor emerging leaders, and advocate for the value architects bring to the communities we serve. My experience as a practicing architect and sustainability leader has given me a broad perspective on the challenges facing our profession—from climate action and housing to evolving practice models and the need to expand pathways into architectural leadership. My experience teaching, lecturing, and serving as a design juror has further reinforced my belief that our profession is strongest when we actively invest in its next generation. As Region 10 Director, I would bring that spirit of service to AIA California—listening to and connecting the voices of Pasadena & Foothill and Long Beach/South Bay, strengthening collaboration across our region, and advocating for a more resilient, inclusive, and impactful architectural profession.