

2027 REGIONAL DIRECTOR ELECTION

Candidate Profile



Jeannie Bertolaccini, AIA

Candidate for Regional Director

REGION 12

AIA Golden Empire; AIA San Joaquin; AIA Sierra Valley

Term: 2027

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Jeannie Bertolaccini, AIA, LEED Green Associate, is Principal Architect at Ordiz-Melby Architects in Bakersfield, California. With nearly four decades of experience in architecture, she has led a diverse portfolio of healthcare, education, civic, commercial, and community projects throughout California. Jeannie is a Past President of AIA Golden Empire, a Director on the AIA California Board and currently serves on the California Architectural Foundation Board of Directors. A passionate advocate for mentorship and workforce development, she actively supports STEM initiatives and programs encouraging the next generation of architects. She is committed to advancing a strong and inclusive future for the profession.

PHILOSOPHY, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

I am honored to seek election as an AIA California Region 12 Director. Architecture has given me opportunities I never imagined when I started as a drafter, and I am committed to helping create those same opportunities for others. Through mentorship, hard work, and a commitment to lifelong learning, I grew from drafter to licensed architect, principal, and firm owner. Today, I lead projects that improve our communities while advocating for emerging professionals, women in STEM, and the future of our profession. Service has been a cornerstone of my career. I served on the AIA Golden Empire Board of Directors for over ten years, including two terms as Chapter President. For the past four years, I have represented our chapter as a Director on the AIA California Board, helping advance statewide advocacy, governance, and engagement. I currently serve as VP/President-Elect of the California Architectural Foundation and will have the honor of serving as President in 2027. I believe our profession is strongest when we invest in people, leadership, and meaningful connections. As Regional Director, I will continue to listen, collaborate, and advocate for architects across California while helping AIA California advance innovation, mentorship, and the long-term success of our profession.