



Regent Service

The California Architectural Foundation (CAF) is a non-profit 501c3 organization. Our vision is to:

Empower Tomorrow's Architects: We equip budding architects to thrive on their academic journey. From scholarships to internships that provide invaluable mentorship opportunities, we act as a vital link between academia and the dynamic world of professional design.

Champion Architects and Their Impact: We're on a mission to raise awareness and appreciation for the pivotal role architects play in shaping our built environment. Through initiatives, strategic partnerships and innovative programs we highlight the transformative power of architecture in crafting vibrant, healthy, and sustainable communities.

Ignite A Passion for Architecture: Through our Built Environment Education Programs (BEEP) we introduce students of all ages to architecture and showcase the diversity and remarkable skills, and value architects bring to society.

We implement our vision by focusing on the Future of the Profession, Architectural Education, Design & Practice and Community Engagement.

Historical Overview

The Foundation originated in 1979 with the purpose of administering grants and scholarships relating to the architectural profession and education in California. For 46 years, the Foundation has been a strong advocate for architectural education in California through its support of scholarships and grant programs. For more information visit <https://calarchfoundation.org/>

Organizational Overview

CAF is led by a volunteer Board of Regents who are elected by the AIA CA Board of Directors. The Regent group consists of Regents and Advisors. Regents serve in two-year staggered terms that may be renewed up to 3 terms. After 6 years of service, Regents earn the distinction of Emeritus and serve as institutional knowledge and advisors to the Foundation.

CAF has three officer positions: President, Vice President-Elect (1-year terms) and Secretary / Treasurer (2-year term) and is supported by a Development Director and an Awards Coordinator.

The Foundation has Directors and Officers (D&O) liability insurance to protect the personal assets of our Regents, in the event they are personally sued by employees, vendors, competitors, investors, customers, or other parties, for actual or alleged wrongful acts in managing the Foundation.

Governance

CAF has a two-tiered governance structure and is governed by the AIA California Board of Directors, who also serve as the CAF Board of Directors. The Foundation is operationally supported by the CAF Board of Regents,

who are responsible for the planning and execution of the strategic initiatives of the organization.

Board of Directors Responsibilities:

- Have fiduciary responsibility for CAF: monitoring its financial health and overall performance.
- Identify opportunities for cross-programmatic alignment with AIA California initiatives.
- Serve as ambassadors for CAF programs and initiatives.
- Serve as voting members of the organization, setting governance structure, ratifying new Regents, and reviewing programmatic and operational goals in alignment with the strategic direction of the organization.
- Make an annual donation to show unified leadership support of the Foundation and its work.
- Provide an Advisor / Liaison to serve on the CAF Board of Regents.

Board of Regents Responsibilities:

- Ensure effective planning to achieve CAF's goals.
- Recruit new Regents to ensure the longevity and continuity of the organization.
- Improve the Foundation's visibility through personal outreach, communications and promotion on behalf of the organization.
- Serve on CAF's committees and task forces to shape and support programmatic goals.
- Provide an annual contribution, either personally or through personal fundraising efforts, of \$2,500 per Regent.

Term of Office

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The officer positions, President and Vice President-Elect, serve 1-year terms and the Secretary / Treasurer serves a 2-year term.

Regent Responsibilities

- Ensure effective planning to achieve CAF's goals.
- Financial Responsibility: provide a minimum contribution of \$2,500 annually through either personal contribution or personal fundraising efforts (adjusted each year).
- Improve the organization's public standing through personal outreach, communications and promotion on behalf of the organization.
- Serve on CAF's committees to support programmatic goals.
- Recruit and orient new Board of Regent members to ensure the longevity and continuity of the organization.

Attributes and Commitment

CAF celebrates the diversity found within California and the passionate activism for architecture and the value of



design. Encouraging individuals from all industries who are interested in supporting CAF's mission, potential regents will possess leadership experience, an entrepreneurial spirit, creative energy and professional drive to support the goals of the Foundation.

Strong candidates may be individuals from the architecture profession, allied professions or individuals who are connected to the profession and are passionate about CAF's mission, vision, and programs.

Regents are expected to attend (5) virtual meetings and (1) an annual in-person planning meeting each year (location varies in California). Additionally, Regents are encouraged to volunteer to serve on CAF committees and/or task forces and to participate in CAF events / initiatives. Regents serve as ambassadors promoting the Foundation, its mission, and fundraising efforts in a supportive manner. Active engagement is essential to the success of the Foundation, and we welcome and value a variety of perspectives.

Regents are expected to "give or get" an annual minimum contribution to the Foundation of \$2,500 per Regent. Additionally, expenses for travel to the annual in-person planning meeting are covered by individual Regents.

Application Process

Prospective regents are asked to complete and submit an application by August 15th the year prior to service. Regents shall be elected at the annual meeting of the CAF Board of Directors by a majority vote of those Directors present at such meeting.

Link to apply: <https://forms.gle/oc6xdPi3bHmMeSGAA>

Questions? Contact CAF: kanderson@aiaocalifornia.org