



Louisiana

AIA LOUISIANA MEDAL OF HONOR

PURPOSE

The Medal of Honor is the highest honor which AIA Louisiana can bestow, and is awarded by the Board of Directors in recognition of an individual architect who has significantly advanced the profession of architecture and who, by his/her leadership, has provided an inspiration to his/her fellow practitioners.

ELIGIBILITY

Any qualified architect, living or dead, whom the Board believes qualified, is eligible to receive the Medal of Honor; no more than one such award shall be made in any year.

QUALIFICATIONS

A person to be nominated must be an architect previously licensed as an architect, a member of AIA Louisiana, and a member of AIA for ten years.

This medal is established by AIA Louisiana to signally recognize and honor one of its members for a major contribution or a significant lifetime affecting the profession of architecture.

This statewide nomination and award should not be limited to chapter competition or board factionalism nor should it become the possession of only those nationally recognized by fellowship in the AIA. This is a state honor and not a national award.

Persons not qualified as architects or members of AIA Louisiana who have made significant contributions worthy of recognition should be considered for other special commendations by the Board.

No limitation or categories are made to areas of contribution except that the nominee's actions and performance have significantly advanced the profession or provided strong influence on his/her fellow practitioners worthy of recognition.

NOMINATION

Requirements and Procedure for Nominating Candidates for the AIA Louisiana Medal of Honor:

Any AIA Louisiana Board member or past AIA Louisiana president may submit the name of a prospective AIA Louisiana Medal of Honor candidate to the AIA Louisiana Board. Nominations must include a statement on behalf of the prospective candidate in 250 words or less accompanied by letters of endorsement from six (6) AIA Louisiana members. At least 3 of the endorsing members must be from chapters other than the home chapter of the candidate, and must be current AIA Louisiana Board members or past AIA Louisiana presidents. Submittal of prospective nominee petitions must be filed with the AIA Louisiana Secretary (Angelique H. Hernandez, AIA, Secretary/Treasurer, AIA Louisiana, 521 America Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802) by April 1.

Candidates approved at the spring meeting of the AIA Louisiana Board, by majority of the quorum present, will be nominees for the current year and the sponsor of the nominee will be invited to prepare a formal Power Point presentation of the candidate's qualifications in accordance with the instructions provided by AIA Louisiana for presentation and vote at the summer meeting of the Board of Directors.

SELECTION

The Medal of Honor shall be awarded through a secret ballot by the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present.

Elimination of Lowest Candidate:

If no candidate receives a three-fourths vote, the candidate receiving the least number of votes shall be eliminated and a second ballot taken. Unless a candidate receives a three-fourths vote, the same procedure shall be followed in successive ballot until all but two candidates have been eliminated.

Runoff:

If two candidates in a field of three receive the same lower number of votes, a runoff shall be held between the two to eliminate one of them.

Final Selection:

A runoff of no more than two ballots shall be held between the last two candidates. If neither candidate receives a three-fourths vote on the first ballot, one more ballot will be taken with the candidate with the higher number of votes being the only candidate considered. If that candidate does not receive a three-fourths vote, no Medal of Honor will be awarded that year.

Changes in the Rules Regarding the Medal of Honor

Changes in the rules related to the Medal of Honor may be made no later than the spring Board meeting prior to the summer meeting at which the changes are to take effect.