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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **1. What does my vote mean?**

A 'yes' vote means: Transform the AIA in Oregon from four separate chapters into a single AIA for all Oregon architects. If all chapters vote yes, we will complete a legal process to form the new AIA Oregon.

A 'no' vote means: If one or more chapters vote no, we will continue with four individual chapters for now. However, because of AIA National's new requirements encouraging greater operational efficiency in all chapters, there is a risk that smaller chapters may no longer be able to provide adequate services, and volunteer time and administrative costs would remain high.

## **2. What happens after the vote?**

If all chapters vote yes, we will start a legal process to form the new AIA Oregon by merging the existing chapters. This process will take 8 to 12 months. During the transition, the existing Board and chapters will remain as they are.

Once the legal process is complete, you will become a member of the new AIA Oregon and have the option to select a local section to join.

## **3. What will be the makeup of the new AIA Oregon Board of Directors?**

The new, streamlined Board of Directors will have representation from each local section. Instead of 33 voting members, the new Board will have 12. The Board will include:

### **Officers:**

AIA Oregon President  
AIA Oregon Past President / President Elect  
AIA Oregon Secretary  
AIA Oregon Treasurer  
AIA Oregon Executive Director (non-voting)

### **Delegates:**

AIA Oregon Director, Portland Section  
AIA Oregon Director, Salem Section  
AIA Oregon Director, Eugene Section  
AIA Oregon Director, Rogue Valley Section  
AIA Oregon Director, Bend Section  
AIA Oregon Director, At Large #1  
AIA Oregon Director, At Large #2

Prior year Board members will elect officers and at large directors. Section members will elect section directors.

## **4. How will my membership change?**

You'll pay dues to and be a member of AIA Oregon and AIA National. You'll also be able to select a section to join, but you won't pay separate dues to the section.

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## **5. What will the sections do?**

The sections will do a lot of the same things the chapters do now, including planning and hosting events, hosting awards ceremonies and conferences, and cultivating and supporting a local community of architects. Like today's chapters, tomorrow's sections will be able to create committees, groups and task forces to address issues of interest to members. And they'll each elect an AIA Oregon Director to represent them on the Board of Directors.

Unlike today's chapters, sections will not be responsible for administration or managing the organization's budget. They'll also receive support on communications, resource sharing, and other similar functions.

## **6. How do I get involved in a local section?**

It's easy! You'll simply choose a section to join and start getting involved, just like you do now with your local chapter.

## **7. What will happen to the local chapter committee I serve on?**

It depends. Many committees that currently exist within Oregon's four AIA chapters will become statewide committees under the new structure. But the five local sections will also be able to create committees of their own, keeping both local and statewide efforts going strong.

During the restructuring process, local chapter committee members will help AIAO leaders determine which committees will transform into statewide committees and which will retain a local focus.

## **8. What will my dues be?**

The new dues structure will ensure all members have access to meaningful programs and services while meeting AIA National standards for core member services, including continuing education, professional development and advocacy.

Currently, architect members pay between \$217 and \$370 annually for their dues, including \$120 for the Oregon State Council and \$97-\$250 for local chapters. Under the new structure, dues for members statewide beginning in 2019 will be \$349.

For members in Southern Oregon and Salem, AIA Oregon shared reserves will be used to incrementally offset dues increases for up to three years.

Firm dues will be based on local market conditions and the real cost of chapter benefits.

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## **9. How will continuing education work?**

AIA Oregon will coordinate continuing education content, and local sections will deliver the content and share it with other sections across the state. With a single AIA chapter in Oregon, there will be more opportunities to partner with other sections, avoid duplicating content, and access content created by other sections.

## **10. How can I make a recommendation or ask a question?**

We want to know what you think! Share your ideas, questions or concerns via email at [info@aia-oregon.org](mailto:info@aia-oregon.org) and someone from the AIA Oregon Board of Directors will get back to you as soon as possible.