



AIA Miami

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

American Institute of Architects Seeks Speakers For its June 2010 National Convention in Miami

The American Institute of Architects is seeking outstanding presenters and topics focused on the critical role of building, city and global design for its 2010 national convention June 10-12 in Miami, with the theme Design for the New Decade. Proposals are due by July 1.

AIA will screen proposals for 60-minute seminars, 90-minute seminars for AIA/CES continuing education credit, and half-day and full-day pre-convention workshops to complete its programming for next year's national convention.

The four core areas of design, building performance, practice and leadership promote dynamic knowledge creation and expansion that enrich the profession and its culture. All persons submitting a proposal must select the area that best represents his or her content category.

For detailed, step-by-step instructions for submitting an AIA national convention speaker or program proposal, go to the AIA website and view the Call for Presentations at aia.org/groups/aia/documents/document/aiab079978.pdf. Proposals should be submitted online to www.softconference.com/subs/aia/2010 July 1 by 11:59 p.m. PT. Proposals sent by e-mail, fax or mail will not be considered.

Criteria that will help candidates in the highly competitive selection process succeed include clearly communicating the convention's theme, delineating the preferred level of audience expertise, naming all speakers in panel discussions and how they present the range of ideas, and identifying which AIA member communities would most benefit from the presentation. Having a proven record of meeting deadlines and providing required materials for previous AIA national convention education programs will also better a candidate's chances of selection.

Other considerations will be the timeliness of the topic, relevance to the profession and to practitioners' knowledge priorities, how the session will expand attendees' perspectives and challenge their thinking, practical applications of materials or ideas, and speaker qualifications and experience.

Workshop and seminar speakers receive a complimentary nontransferable convention registration.

Sessions will be recorded and the information disseminated beyond the conference. Submissions presenting content considered proprietary to the extent that it cannot be shared beyond the classroom will not be selected for presentation.

Speakers may participate as presenters in up to three educational programs during the conference.

In South Florida, for more information contact John Forbes, AIA, of Forbes Architects, Miami host committee chair, at 305-446-0849 or by e-mail at jforbes@famiami.com.

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