



2023 Honor Awards Nominations

Dorothy Spence Citizen Architect Award

Dorothy Spence was the longtime executive director of AIA Atlanta and AIA Georgia, and fondly remembered by many current members. Her leadership was invaluable during the 1980s and 1990s and helped move the organization forward and demonstrated national leadership in the AIA universe. Her commitment to community involvement and an architect's potential impact on world beyond the profession was the inspiration for this honorary recognition.

Eligibility

The Dorothy Spence Citizen Architect Award is given to honor an AIA member who engages in their community with a design mentality – seeing their community the same way an architect sees a project– that “its all connected.” They break down silos, see how various community problems are interconnected, and how a community leader can find a leverage point for solutions. The activities that this award intends to recognize are those that take place outside of any volunteer role with the AIA, or their daily responsibilities in their firm or primary job.

Criteria

The worthy candidate should demonstrate one or more of the following in their pursuit of making their community a better place to live, work and play:

- Participate in the leadership of civic life by serving in elected public office, public appointed roles, on design commissions, and/or urban review boards, etc.;
- Serve on nonprofit boards of directors, especially in an officer role;
- Serve in leadership roles with faith organizations, community/homeowner groups, civic/business groups, alumni organizations; etc.
- Demonstrate visible, exemplary and transformative displays of social responsibility in their professional design work (sustainability, *pro bono* projects, place-making projects, those that transform a community, equity/diversity/inclusion, political advocacy, etc.) that goes well beyond normal design activities for clients.

Submission

A nomination of an individual for this award can be made by any AIA Atlanta member, AIA staff member and/or any individual who has worked directly with the candidate or who was directly impacted by the contributions of the candidate's efforts. Each nomination should highlight the Candidate's achievements and contributions and shall contain the following in PDF format:

- A nomination letter, that summarizes the contributions made, not to exceed two pages.
- A brief biography and curricula vitae of the candidate, not to exceed three pages.
- Up to 10 pages of any other optional supporting exhibits that support their nomination (Media coverage, descriptions of community work, other letters of recommendation, etc.)

Chapter members currently serving on the AIA Atlanta Board of Directors are ineligible for the Dorothy Spence Award.