

AIA DETROIT TAPS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

New Hire Aims at Broad Improvements to Member Value and Civic Engagement

Detroit, MI – AIA Detroit, a Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, announced today that Charlie Klecha, Assoc. AIA, will join the AIAD staff in the role of Managing Director. This new position will focus on driving improvements to member value across areas like programs and events, communications, and operations. Klecha is set to begin in early January, working alongside Executive Director Lauren Myrand, Assoc. AIA.

Klecha, a Detroit native, previously served in a number of roles within the AIA, beginning with the AIA Illinois Board of Directors during his M.Arch program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. He was then elected to serve as National President of the American Institute of Architecture Students [AIAS], a full-time position managing the organization from its headquarters at the American Center for Architecture in Washington DC. During his term, Klecha served on the steering group charged with the formation of the new AIA Strategic Council, as well as sitting on the first AIA National Board of Directors following the implementation of the new governance model. In partnership with NCARB, he also spearheaded a campaign to encourage students to begin working toward licensure, which concluded with his sitting for, and passing, all seven divisions of the A.R.E. in seven consecutive days. After returning to Detroit, Klecha was elected 2016 AIAD Associate Director, and served as Production Manager for the most recent and record-setting Celebration of Architecture during Eastern Market After Dark.

In addition to driving new and existing Chapter programming, the Managing Director's scope will include oversight of the organization's digital assets and resources, with planned updates to the Chapter's website and communications, as well as the ongoing development of relationships with allied organizations and partners in the community. "I see a great deal of opportunity for the Chapter, its members, and the city," Klecha said. "I'm excited to get to work."

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