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AIANYS Members

You have received your 2019 membership invoice from the national offices of AIA. The invoiced amount for AIANYS includes a modest \$10 allocation to the New York State Architects Political Action Committee (NYSAPAC) for architect members and \$5 allocation for associate members. AIANYS is electing as an organization to contribute some of the dues towards PAC but allowing members to opt out of this allocation as some members may not wish to participate. For 2019 all members will pay equally for dues based on the tier they are in. This is a change from previous years where one member may have paid less than another with the difference being from PAC. We are no longer offering that option. Instead we are putting dues money to use to fund membership services if the member does not want it to go to PAC. The allocation helps to increase our presence at the Capital in Albany as well as opportunities for local chapter members to participate in events held in the district. Your dues billing is 90% tax deductible and your \$10 or \$5 allocation should be subtracted from the above 90% tax deductible portion of dues to calculate the net dues deductible for tax purposes if you elect to opt out of the allocation.

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The allocation helps members connect with their State legislators at in-district fundraising events, which is crucial to building meaningful relationships. NYSAPAC funds are distributed on a bi-partisan basis, with a focus on those legislators who are truly champions of the profession. All NYSAPAC expenditures are controlled and vetted by the NYSAPAC Steering Committee. If you receive an invitation to a fundraiser and would like to attend on behalf of AIA New York State, please send your request to Michael Burr ridge, Director of Government Affairs, at mburridge@aianys.org.

We understand some members may not be able, or willing, to make these allocations for various reasons. If you do not wish to have the \$10 or \$5 of dues allocated to the NYSAPAC fund, you may submit a written request via email to David Hodgkinson, Director of Finance, at dhodgkinson@aianys.org. Please submit your name and member number, requesting your name be added to a list of non-contributing members. Your name will remain on the list until you notify dhodgkinson@aianys.org otherwise. Refunds will not be given, and dues will be used to fund the activities of AIANYS in line with the with other regular dues payments.

NYSAPAC is a registered Political Action Committee and supports New York State political candidates who support design, construction, and development related issues in a manner consistent with the views of the AIA New York State, Inc.

Contributions or gifts to NYSAPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for State or Federal income tax purposes.

Sincerely,

Member Services
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