



STATEMENT FROM THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AIA AND NCARB

The National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) has recently issued a proposed schedule for directly invoicing architectural programs to cover all or part of the NAAB's expenses starting in 2025. In its communication, the NAAB proposes two scenarios – one in which AIA and NCARB offset the cost to schools through direct annual support in an amount which increases each year over the next four years. While AIA and NCARB continue to support accreditation and find value in the work of the NAAB, we do not support the current proposed pricing model. Additionally, we want to be clear that AIA and NCARB have no oversight in the operational decision making at the NAAB - which includes pricing - and were not consulted in the development of this pricing model.

AIA, NCARB, and the other NAAB collaterals – the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA) and the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) – will continue to advocate toward a more cost-effective approach that includes the voices of all the collateral organizations, restores the role of volunteers, and place a focus on operational efficiency and user experience. We continue to hope that the NAAB and the collateral organizations can come to an agreement that support a quality accreditation experience that meets the needs of all stakeholders in the architecture profession.

We commit to continued consistent communication to our members regarding this situation and reiterate our position as stated in past joint communications:

- Architecture education remains valuable and useful to the profession and the public it serves.
- The collateral organizations continue to extend the invitation to negotiate terms of support to NAAB.

We and our fellow NAAB collaterals will continue to advocate for a responsible and responsive approach to accreditation of architecture programs.

Sincerely,

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