

# AIA / WMR Fellows Update

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The six states of the Western Mountain Region (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming) have had sporadic success at having their members recognized and elevated to AIA's College of Fellows. Chapters within the region that have standing nominating committees or members that are active in identifying and assisting nominees for fellowship have been, in general, more successful. But even these components have had their 'down time'.

There remain many members within the Region who are qualified and deserve recognition. As a Region we should assist components and/or individuals in the Fellowship process. There are other resources available and individuals willing to aid the process. If you know of a member who has contributed to the profession through significant achievements - or believe that you may be that person - please let us help.

The update:

- This year, there were 191 submissions for Fellowship, 24 fewer than last year. Of these, 10 were from the WMR, the same number as last year. In 2005, WMR had only one member elevated to Fellowship, David Brems from Salt Lake City. The Jury of Fellows will meet in Washington D.C. January 27<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> to determine this year's Fellows.
- We had a successful, well-attended "Demystifying Fellowship" program at the WMR Conference in Jackson Hole in September. Another one is planned for the WMR meeting in Tahoe in September of this year. Any component interested in sponsoring a Demystifying Fellowship Program may contact Phil for further information. [www.phil@gerou.net](mailto:www.phil@gerou.net) or toll free at 877.233.6434.
- A Call for Submissions has been issued to the Fellows of Colorado to submit essays describing what they've learned in 30 or 40 years of practice – what's really important that they wish to share. In preliminary discussions with McGraw Hill publishing, there is great interest in assisting with the editing, formatting, publishing and distribution of the assembled essays in book form.
- Colorado has established a Fellows Scholarship Fund which is growing each year and, to date, has distributed \$2,000 to winners of the state Young Architect of the Year Award.
- A list of all the Fellows from the WMR, past and present, has been posted to the WMR web site. In the future, we will be posting additional information and internet links to assist members throughout the region. There is a great deal of information available from National and we have developed some locally and regionally that can be helpful for individuals and components.

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