

On February 23, 2007, The American Institute of Architects elevated 76 architects to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made contributions of national significance to the profession.

Out of a membership of more than 80,000, there are fewer than 2,500 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship. It is conferred on architects with at least 10 years of membership in the AIA who have made significant contributions in the following areas: the aesthetic, scientific, and practical efficiency of the profession; the standards of architectural education, training, and practice; the building industry through leadership in the AIA and other professional organizations; advancement of living standards of people through an improved environment; and to society through significant public service.

Kevin G. Montgomery, of O'Brien/Atkins Associates, PA, was elected to receive this honor because of his advancement of the science and art of planning and building by advancing the standards of architectural practice and education, respectively.

For three decades, Kevin G. Montgomery, FAIA, has served this nation's architectural profession with unyielding dedication, determination and distinction. As the first African American President of the North Carolina Board of Architecture (NCBA), Kevin has championed collaboration between educators, practitioners and the profession's governing bodies. Under his assured leadership, the NCBA has reformed its rules of governance and measurably strengthened the Board's commitment to its Intern Development Program and the State's two accredited collegiate architectural programs.

Kevin's passion for the equality of access was forged early in his career. He was a charter member of the Cornell University Black Alumni Association and the North Carolina Chapter of the National Organization of Minority Architects. Under his leadership, the chapter was recognized as a Chapter of the Year and hosted the National NOMA convention, all within the first five years of its founding.

Kevin G. Montgomery, FAIA, is a dedicated advocate for the practice of architecture. Through his unstinting service and leadership, he has envisioned a future for the profession that is ever more collaborative, accountable and accessible.