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Forty Under 40 Panel  
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Forty Under 40 Panel,

It is my distinct honor to recommend Dan Drendel, AIA for the 2016 Forty Under 40. I have had an opportunity to work with Dan over the past several years in various roles at the Iowa Component of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). During that time he has worked hard to improve the chapter at whatever the task or responsibility he has taken on. Dan has excelled at engaging the membership and advocating to the public.

Dan is currently on the Board of Directors of AIA Iowa, a non-profit organization that represents over 900 Architects in Iowa. His main responsibility is to set the vision and direction for the chapter as well as provide oversight on operations. AIA Iowa is an acknowledged leader at the national and regional level. That is a direct reflection of the excellence that has been created by the board and staff.

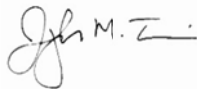
Dan was recently the co-chair of the AIA Iowa PR Committee. He led the committee and staff to dramatically increase the outreach to the public on the behalf of the membership. He spearheaded the development of a brand new web site to engage the public – iowaarchitecture.org. He had set the editorial direction of several newspaper inserts as well as a bi-yearly magazine article. Dan also created a new recognition program for AIA Iowa, the Citizen Architect Program. This recognizes Architects who are committed to public engagement and community service where they have taken a leadership role or made major contributions within different philanthropic organizations.

Dan has also been a great advocate for the AIA in its relationship to other organizations that help promote the quality of life within the State of Iowa. He helped institute several collaborations such as the Architecture Photography Contest at the Iowa State Fair, the involvement of members in CANstruction to name a few.

Dan is on the Editorial Board for the IA Architect magazine, a nationally recognized publication that showcases the award winning architectural work being done in Iowa and the surrounding states. The board sets the editorial direction and maintains the high level of excellence that has made it such an outstanding publication. The iowaarchitecture.org web site, serves a dual purpose in that it is a public face to promote Architecture in the state but it also acts as a portal for submissions by the members to all the publications that AIA Iowa produces as well as the state awards program.

Dan Drendel, AIA is an excellent candidate for this award. I am sure you will find his credentials and experience are the qualities you look for in a Forty Under 40 nominee.

Sincerely,



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