

Young Professional Advisory Committee

Committee Purposes, Objectives, and Action Items

Chair: Thomas MacKinnon, Armacell

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Purpose:

To offer a forum for young professionals to grow leadership skills, network with peers, gain industry information, and provide fresh insights and feedback to NIA management and the Board of Directors.

Key Objectives:

- Participate at NIA events and committees.
- Increase the attendance in the Committee (YPAC).
- Develop leadership and provide an opportunity to identify future leaders.
- Confirm speakers and develop valuable programs for YPAC meetings.
- Appoint one YPAC member each year to the Convention Committee.
- Address the perceived value of young professionals' participation in NIA.
- Gain knowledge and guidance from NIA Past Presidents and Board of Directors
- Provide NIA management and the NIA and the Foundation Board of Directors with fresh insights, innovative ideas, and strategic advice on a variety of topics including: NIA meetings, education needs, communication methods, and industry recruitment.

Actions:

1. Help solicit new members to the Young Professional Advisory Committee.
2. Actively promote participation in NIA activities (meetings and committees) to current and potential NIA members.
3. Encourage and ignite dialogue within NIA about advancing diversity and inclusion within the Mechanical Insulation industry as well as NIA, itself.
4. Expand industry knowledge by having speakers present at each YPAC in-person meeting.
5. Work on creating, maintaining, and updating a specific webpage for YPAC.
6. Hold 4 YPAC meetings and/or conference calls per year: in the winter, at NIA's Convention, at NIA's Fall Summit, and in the summer.