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**Jetpacks and Other Ways to Design the Future of Architectural Practice**

The 1966 patent drawing proposing the jetpack is a quaint illustration of a future promised, but still unrealized.

Architects are adopters fascinated by such innovators. In the near future, consider an alternate world where rather than being adopters and adaptors of emerging ideas, architects are de facto innovators solving the pertinent challenges of our time through design and research. Envisioning this alternate world is one of the goals set by the YAF and NAC. By considering the makeup of the future workforce and asking what solutions architects will bring to the table, emerging AIA professionals are designing how, within a generation, they will be these leaders and innovators.

The leadership jetpack for architects might be equipped with tools for communication and storytelling. For sure, the jetpack needs to get us to the table sooner to take responsibility, and enable us to express our value and values through empirical innovation and creativity. Jetpacks and other ways to design the future of architectural practice will reflect on the progressing Workforce Jetpack, professional anecdotes and present opportunities to discuss the future workforce.

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