



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jim Sarks, AIA



It is with great pleasure that I am crafting my last newsletter as AIA Ohio President. My experience on the board the last four years has been very satisfying. The collegiality I have enjoyed with the other board members has benefited me greatly. I hope I have done the same for the organization. All that said, I am ready to move over for Mr. Strollo. Now on to business.

I would like to thank AIA Columbus for hosting a very successful OVR Convention. I think most attendees are finding the regional conventions with our friends in

Indiana and Kentucky satisfying. Even though our states have a lot in common the regional convention gives us all an opportunity to explore what we each are doing differently in our practices and designs. The programming, venue and organization were all excellent.

AIA Ohio and our components participated in a retreat in Warren on October 29th & 30th with the goal of wrapping up our implementation of AIA National's Repositioning initiative. Our components have all been working on this effort for the last year through Board meetings, conference calls and effort expended at each component level. Through a grant provided by AIA National we were able to pull this all together with the help of our facilitator, Bob Harris. Through the exercise we all came away knowing our components are doing a good job of providing member services. AIA Ohio identified several areas where we could improve and will use this information as the foundation of a strategic plan to be worked on in 2016. We also dealt with the task of developing a new revenue sharing model that is not based on document sales as mandated by AIA National. This has been a challenge as the dollars distributed by national have been reduced. Thanks to the effort put into this over the course of the last year, a distribution model amicable to all was arrived at fairly quickly. At the end of the day we were able to craft a Memorandum of Understanding outlining how services are delivered and revenue is distributed as required by AIA National.

AIA Ohio is currently crafting a position on the proposed Barricades in schools requirement the Board of Building Standards has been charged with implementing by the legislature. Testimony, including an issue brief developed in conjunction with AIA National, was presented by Elizabeth Corbin Murphy, FAIA, on Nov. 16th. The bottom line is our position will be that we support doing all we can to keep our students safe while at the same time implementing solutions that are well researched to ensure we do not create new hazards through unconsidered scenarios. This is a very emotional subject given what's at stake and we are approaching this with the careful consideration it deserves.

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Once again thank you for the opportunity to serve and the support you all provide to AIA Ohio.

Best,

Jim Sarks, AIA
AIA Ohio President

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS REPORT

David W. Field, CAE, Hon. AIA, Executive Vice President



Following is the status of legislative issues of interest to architects:

Historic Preservation Tax Credits:

As part of the state's budget bill, HB64, Senators adopted an amendment directing the Department of Development as part of the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission to present legislative leaders with a study of ways to convert the tax credit to a grant program with similar qualification criteria by the end of the year. The Commission started its hearings in mid October, but has not yet addressed the Historic Tax Credit program.

Ohio Architects Board

Also as part of the state's budget bill, legislators directed the Sunset Review Committee to hold hearings to "consider and evaluate the usefulness, performance, and effectiveness" of the Ohio Landscape Architects Board and the Architects Board... and "specifically to consider and make recommendations to the General Assembly, by June 1, 2016, regarding whether or not the Ohio Landscape Architects Board and the Architects Board should be combined to improve efficiency and save costs."

Sunset Review Committee Members: Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) made his appointments Jan. 27, naming **Sen. Kris Jordan** (R-Powell) and **Sen. Chris Widener** (R- Springfield) and **Sen. Capri Cafaro** (D-Hubbard). House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger made appointments March 10, naming **Rep. Ron Amstutz** (R-Wooster), **Rep. Tim Brown** (R-Bowling Green) and **Rep. Nick Celebrezze** (D-Parma). Governor John Kasich appointed **Brian Perera** and **Megan Fitzmartin**.

School Door Barricades

The Ohio Board of Building Standards (BBS) has drafted a proposed rule implementing the legislature's budget bill mandate to adopt a Rule governing the use of school door barricades. The BBS drafted a proposed rule and held a Stakeholder's Meeting November 16 during which AIA Ohio Immediate Past President, Beth Murphy, FAIA presented AIA Ohio's recommendations. She testified that Ohio should wait for the results of the International Code Council's work addressing active shooter situations before moving ahead. She expressed concern that, though life safety typically requires meeting standards established by UL, ASTM or other testing agencies, to date no barricade devices have done so. She also expressed concern that during other emergencies the devices could keep good people from leaving a classroom as well as preventing bad people from getting in.

Good Samaritan Bill

The Ohio House of Representatives has passed AIA Ohio's endorsed bill, HB 17, that would grant a volunteer who is an architect, engineer, surveyor or contractor qualified immunity from civil liability for any acts, errors, or omissions conducted in the performance of professional services that are requested by government officials, for a building, structure, piping, or other engineered system during a

declared emergency and 90 days thereafter. No immunity would be granted from wanton, willful or intentional misconduct.

The Senate Civil Justice Committee held a sponsor's hearing on March 18 followed by a proponent's hearing March 25 during which AIA Ohio Immediate Past President, Beth Murphy, FAIA testified in favor of the bill. An opponent's hearing was held April 22 during which no opponents appeared.

Architects Board CE Bill

The Ohio Architects Board is sponsoring HB243, which would modify its authority to *revise the types of activities* that qualify for continuing education credits.

Although the Board has no plans for immediate changes to these activities, it believes that HB 243 is needed to clarify the issue in light of the Legislative Service Commission's contention that the Landscape Architects Board, which operates under identical statutory authority, didn't have the ability to *change the types of activities* that qualify for CE.

Rep. Schaffer (R-Lancaster) introduced HB 243 with the support of both boards, the Ohio Chapter of the ASLA and AIA Ohio. The House State Government Committee held a Sponsor's Hearing June 24 and a proponents hearing on September 30 during which the Board's Executive Director, Amy Kobe and AIA Ohio's David Brehm, AIA submitted testimony. On October 7 the Committee recommended the bill for House passage.

Ohio Legislature Moving to Prohibit Residency Requirements for Architects and Contractors (HB180 & SB152)

Both the Ohio House and Senate have passed companion bills designed to eliminate rules in Cleveland, Akron and elsewhere that require a certain amount of local workers be hired for publicly funded construction projects.

The Ohio House passed a ban (61-31) on June 30; five days after the Senate passed its own version. The legislature now will decide which of the two bills to send to Gov. Kasich.

OFCC Advisory Committee

A subcommittee of AIA Ohio's Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) Advisory Committee met October 21 with OFCC staff relative to the continuing implementation of construction reform.

If you have subjects you'd like included on future Advisory Committee agendas, please send them to me in writing.

AIA Ohio members of the Committee include: Hal Munger, FAIA, Toledo; Hank Reder, AIA, Cleveland; John Rademacher, AIA, Cincinnati; and David Brehm, AIA, Columbus.

Follow the progress Ohio's Legislative and Regulatory issues that affect Ohio architects at: [AIA Ohio .org](http://AIAOhio.org)

Know your Ohio Legislators?

AIA Ohio continues to update its directory of members who know their Representatives and Senators. Please e-mail AIAOhio@AssnOffices.com with the names of the Ohio legislators you know... and how you know them!

2016 AIA OHIO OFFICERS

The following were elected at the AIA Ohio Annual Meeting to serve as 2016 Officers:

President- Gregg Strollo, AIA

Strollo Architects, Inc.
Youngstown, Ohio

President-elect - Robert Maschke, FAIA
robert maschke ARCHITECTS inc.
Cleveland, Ohio

Secretary - John Weigand, AIA
Miami University
Cincinnati, Ohio

Treasurer - John Kelleher, AIA
Columbus, Ohio

AIA OHIO VALLEY REGION 2015 CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



**Sessions were packed at the 2015 AIA Ohio Valley Region Convention.
Over 44 learning units were offered - most of them HSW.**



**Keynote speaker Brian MacKay-Lyons captivated audience members by
discussing his projects in detail. Other keynote speakers included
Monica Ponce de Leon and Marshall Brown.**



At regional conventions, attendees from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky spend time networking between sessions.



The Honor Awards Reception took place at the elegant Joseph Hotel.

At The Joseph, over 200 people gathered to recognize the Region's top honors in architecture.



The convention had time set aside for visiting with exhibitors as well.



A long-time sponsor and supporter of AIA Ohio, The Belden Brick Company was a featured exhibitor.

OHIO ALL STATE MEETING FOCUSES ON MEMBER SERVICES

On October 29 and 30, representatives from all eight AIA components in Ohio gathered to talk about membership in the AIA and what it means in Ohio. The conversations were pointed and at times, difficult, but what has resulted is a complete understanding of the current AIA experience - and of what we want that to be in the future.

We started by asking all eight components to report out on how they are providing the Core Member Services as identified by the AIA. What we learned is that throughout Ohio, members have access to core member services. Our job then

was to dive deeper into the issues and determine if we're offering services in the best way possible.

We discussed remote members and the difficulty of engaging them. "Remote" member would be a member or potential member who has difficulty attending regular meetings because of geographic distance. How are remote members different than more urban members? We agreed this is a question worth asking, so AIA Ohio will be developing a survey that both members and non-members will receive. We'll be looking at what is valuable to you as an architect, what makes knowledge accessible to you, and how you prefer to be engaged. We plan to look at the results and use the information to reach out to our more remote members.

We also discussed the fact that the AIA in Ohio has a market share of just under 50%. To address this (and to increase market share), the group agreed to four items of focus: 1. Associate-directed programming. Associate members can't be categorized into one group. Empower them to create their own programs throughout the year and run with it. 2. Messaging issue - AIA is here for all members including those who are not actively engaged. The message to inactive members is that AIA can be a way to help you advance your career (as a benefit to the individual who's employer isn't paying dues) and it's your opportunity to join forces with other architects to become a leader and change the world. 3. Recognizing the diversity in the profession and provide opportunities (via speakers) to address the diversity. 4. Share information with what's happening in each component to address issues that members have in all components.

Part of the discussion had to include a directive from AIA to jointly agree to a revenue share plan for the revenues that are distributed annually from AIA to the components. We had a frank discussion on who is providing what services, what the value of different services is to the member, and how to equitably share the funds that come from the AIA. By the end of the meeting, we had developed a revenue share plan that all felt was fair and equitable. AIA components in Ohio are in the process of having their leadership sign off on that plan now, and we'll be able to submit it via an MOU to AIA by the end of the year.

Final thoughts...the group agreed that being an AIA member in Ohio must be a valuable and meaningful experience. AIA in Ohio will provide this through:

- Equal access to AIA for all members
- Efficient components
- Engagement and empowerment of members

We're glad you're going to join us on this journey.



Participants at the AIA Ohio All-State Member Services Alignment Meeting.

2015-2016 AIA STRATEGIC PLAN

Bruce Sekanick, AIA, Chair, National Strategic Planning Committee

As part of AIA's effort to better meet the needs of our members and stakeholders, the organization has for the last 14 months, worked toward the development of a new Strategic Plan. Focused on our envisioned future, the plan was developed to look beyond typical SWOT exercises and includes a focus on how simple goals can impact all parts of the organization. These initiatives were the result of efforts to provide all components simple, yet impactful elements of a plan that can be incorporated into their daily, weekly and monthly activities. Emphasizing critical areas of concern and opportunity, the strategic plan defines four strategic initiatives that will be the focus of most AIA programming as we move forward. These include:

1. Knowledge
2. Prosperity
3. Sustainability
4. Workforce

With each initiative, the committee, assisted by the Strategic Council and Institute staff, worked to develop the issues that will define the Institute and profession as we re-focus our efforts in meeting the organization's mission. While these initiatives may seem broad, they address the core concerns of today's AIA.

The Strategic Committee worked with members from throughout the country in developing this plan. We also involved members of our Knowledge Communities, Culture Collection, CACE, NAC, YAF and the Design and Construction Industry at Large. It is our hope that this plan not only directs our vision, but also becomes part of our yearly planning efforts.

Throughout the planning process, it became clear to the committee that the strategic initiatives were the key actionable issues of our plan, but they were not the only concerns. Organization effectiveness, as defined by efforts to continuously improve everything we do, is also core to our success. These programs include digital transformation, component excellence, a culture of advocacy and a value based culture. These are all necessary pieces of a successful strategic planning effort.

Over the past few months, this plan was endorsed by the council and unanimously approved by the Board. We have also presented several national webinars on the plan and we are developing a program that will be presented at this year's Grassroots. As each of component begin to plan for 2016, we ask that you take the time to review the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, "Advancing Member Experience & Value" and incorporate the Institute's Goals, Objectives and Initiatives into your components 2016 plan.

While there were probably more than 100 individuals involved in the development of this plan, I would like to extend a special thank you to AIA Ohio's Executive Director Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA, for her wonderful contributions and participation as a member of CACE.

AIA NATIONAL REALIZES SUCCESS IN 2015 EFFORTS

Bruce Sekanick, AIA OAA

As 2015 winds down, the efforts of AIA National over the past year have been both aggressive and successful. Charged with implementing the new governance model, the AIA redefined the National Board of Directors while at the same time creating the new AIA Strategic Council. As part of an effort started in 2012, this is the most significant change to the way AIA operates in more than 55 years. Over the past 11 months, the AIA has not only "reorganized" our governance

structure, but also reorganized internally. Focusing on working in teams, many of the silos that previously existed within the organization have been eliminated while new efforts have been developed around cross department programs.

Some of the 2015 efforts of the Board and Council included:

- Adoption of new rules to manage the new Strategic Council
- Developed and approved a new 5 year strategic plan
- Implemented the first phase of Digital Transformation
- Expanded AIA's nationwide marketing program
- Implemented a member service based core criteria, self-review for components
- Initiated new efforts to change the way we advance advocacy
- Expanded AIA's international presence
- Restored the AIA Leadership Institute
- Focused new efforts on defining prosperity and workforce through AIA's Entrepreneurial Summit

With each meeting I attend and each webinar I am part of, I see significant improvements to AIA operations and member services. Not all of this has been easy and it has affected individual components in different ways. It is our hope that these "inconveniences" will in the long run, be considered small when compared to the benefits that we will experience as programs such as the marketing campaign and digital transformation are more fully implemented. While we are able to see progress in some areas, there are many new efforts that all will be able to experience and be part of as plans for 2016 ramp up. The most critical part of creating a more relevant AIA is the involvement of our membership. For those involved in any way, Thank You. For those who have not yet been part of a board, committee, or knowledge community, please consider these opportunities and your role within the AIA. With each new voice, our organization becomes stronger and more relevant.

On a personal note, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the entire membership of AIA Ohio and the AIA Ohio Valley for their support during my past three years of service on the Board and Strategic Council. As a group, the Board and Council were able to achieve goals that we felt were extremely necessary in our efforts toward making the AIA a better member organization. Because of your support, trust and assistance, our combined efforts will be seen as a significant milestone in AIA's future success. The AIA is not only growing, but we're improving.

While I want to thank everyone for their help over the past three years, I would specifically like to extend my appreciation to the AIA Ohio Board of Directors, Executive Vice President- David Field, CAE, Hon. AIA and AIA Ohio Executive Director- Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA for their help, guidance and invaluable insights - their input has made a real difference. As I step away from my first and last year on Council, I plan to continue my efforts in working with AIA Ohio so that we continue to be a model component within the AIA. Finally, I hope that everyone provides my Council replacement, Tim Hawk, FAIA, with the same assistance and help that has been provided to me. I know he will serve us well and bring a great deal of respect to our region. Thank you all again and my best wishes to everyone for a successful 2016.

POLITICAL ACTION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Bruce Sekanick, AIA, National ArchiPAC Chair

While this article is intended to be primarily about how the PAC works in the political process, I wanted to first focus on AIA Ohio and congratulate AIA Dayton for their outstanding work focusing on advocacy and very specifically, for supporting the AIA Ohio PAC. Through the efforts of AIA Dayton leadership, the component was able to exceed their goals for both participation and funds raised. This is really a great accomplishment. I congratulate the membership of AIA Dayton and extend my sincere thank you to Karen Planet, AIA and David Bills, AIA for their dedication in making AIA Dayton's PAC effort a huge success.

So why do we need a Political Action Committee? When we contribute, what do candidates possibly do with all the money that is raised? They can't possibly use everything they receive for yard signs and advertisements, can they? I am sure you would not be surprised if I answered this by saying that in politics, nothing is that simple.

Political Action Committees, or PACs, are generally created to support either a specific issue or the broad, general issues of a group or association. In the case of AIA, we obviously concentrate on multiple issues, all of which focus on the practice of architecture within the much larger construction industry that is part of the day to day practice of member architects. As has been noted many times before, if you're not at the table, you're probably on the menu.

The efforts of PACs are generally focused around supporting legislators who in some way, through either past actions or current positions, support the same issues as the association. Simply put, association PACs support those members of legislative bodies that think and believe the way they do. It makes sense. But the larger question remains as to why these candidates, whether the elections are every two years, four years, or six years, continue to need contributions? Remember, nothing in politics is simple. While support for elections is important, so too is the support for the political process. In general, state and national legislators not only have to work to support their constituents, but they also have to provide support for their political party. While that might mean little to us, it is a key element of the process. If a legislator cannot provide the financial support needed, a key bill or issue they are promoting may never get out of committee. If a representative cannot provide support requested by their leadership, their committee assignments might be less than meaningful. The support provided by a PAC helps ensure that legislators can be effective members of the governance process. Without our support, those who support our views and positions have less tools available to help move our issues forward. That is why we need to support our PACs. By working with legislators, we are able to provide support that can make a difference when key issues arise. PACs are not programs of themselves, but rather tools to be used as part of a larger, comprehensive advocacy program. It's for that reason, year in and year out, we need to promote the PAC. Without your contributions, we might not have the chance to be part of the discussion, but rather a topic of it.

Thank you for your support of the AIA Ohio PAC and ArchiPAC.

OHIO ARCHITECTS BOARD MESSAGE

Architect Renewals Underway

Renewal notices have been mailed for the 2016-17 renewal period. If you have not received your renewal notice, contact the board at 614-466-2316 or by emailing stephanie.happ@arc.ohio.gov. The deadline to renew is December 31, 2015. Remember, you should not renew unless you completed 12 HSW hours during calendar year 2015.

University of Cincinnati Selected for NCARB Pilot Project

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has announced the University of Cincinnati is among the first 13 accredited architectural programs to be accepted for participation in the NCARB Integrated Path Initiative.

The initiative encourages programs accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) to propose a pre-graduation integration of education, experience requirements and the opportunity to take each of the six divisions of the new Architect Registration Examination® 5.0.

The acceptance of initial participants culminates a two-year effort of the Council's Licensure Task Force (LTF) to design an integrated path framework that promotes individual academic program flexibility while addressing all regulatory requirements for architectural licensure.

The LTF, composed of licensing board members, former presidents of related architectural organizations, recently licensed architects and aspiring architects, deans and instructors, and members of the public, reviewed existing programs requiring experience as a pre-graduation requisite and conducted a Request for Interest & Information and a formal Request for Proposals as part of its

deliberations. Ohio Architects Board Executive Director, Amy Kobe, Hon AIA, was a member of the task force. NCARB has established a new Integrated Path Evaluation Committee (IPEC) to oversee the ongoing work of this initiative. It is anticipated that the IPEC will continue to coach accepted programs, promote engagement with jurisdictional licensing boards regarding necessary law or rule changes to incorporate integrated path candidates, and oversee the acceptance of future program applicants. The Ohio Architects Board is currently reviewing its rules to determine the modifications necessary to allow early admission to the ARE by students in the pilot program.

New IDP Experience Areas Unveiled

The final steps to a fully revised experience program for aspiring architects have been unveiled by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). The effective date for NCARB's "overhaul" of the Intern Development Program (IDP) has been set for June 29, 2016. The overhaul will result in simplifying the experience reporting areas from 17 to six.

This latest action completes a multi-year effort to revamp the program; the first phase removed one-third of required hours known as "elective hours," effective July 1 of this year. The restructuring into six reporting areas is designed to better reflect current architectural practice and technology, based on data from NCARB's "Practice Analysis" survey.

The IDP's current 17 experience areas will be realigned into six broad practice-based areas. The six new experience areas include: Practice Management, Project Management, Programming & Analysis, Project Planning & Design, Project Development & Documentation, and Construction & Evaluation. These areas will also be reflected in the six divisions of the new licensing exam, Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) 5.0, which will launch in late 2016, providing further alignment between the two programs.

IDP Streamline Went Into Effect July 1, 2015

On July 1, 2015, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) streamlined the Intern Development Program (IDP) by no longer requiring elective hours.

Effective July 1, the IDP requires 3,740 total hours defined by the current 17 experience areas. Although the Ohio Board will recognize applicants with 3,740 hours as having completed the IDP requirement, additional experience may be necessary in order to meet the minimum experience duration requirement in other states. NCARB recommends that interns continue to report all experience. Doing so will help facilitate licensure and reciprocity in jurisdictions that require additional experience. Visit www.ncarb.org for more information.

AIA TOLEDO GRANT

AIA Toledo Executive Board

Greetings from Toledo! We hope you have stayed cool and dry this summer. We would like to share with you a bit of what we have been doing this year.

At the start of the year we welcomed our new executive board members, who have been busy at work to improve the awareness and benefits of membership. In April, we hosted our Celebration in Architecture week, filled with several CEU and networking opportunities. Events of this week included a lecture by Joe Napoli on the Downtown Hensville Project^[1], Earth Day mixer, steel fabrication plant tour, 65th Annual High School Design Competition (HSDC) award banquet, vendor showcase, and Honor award banquet. Our new associate director added a few additional events to the week by integrating the participation of 8 university architecture programs into the HSDC award banquet as a means for the students to gain knowledge on the offered programs in the area. We also invited Amy Kobe to present candidate topics related to IDP and the A.R.E. transition for our new pilot program ENGAGE Studio. In June, member volunteers spent their time discussing an architectural scavenger hunt with community members in our annual AIA Toledo booth at the Old West End festival. And finally in July, we once again had a fantastic turnout, despite the rainy weather, for our annual AIA Golf Outing which provides scholarship funding for the HSDC.

This year, under the direction of our Associate Director and Emerging Professional of the Year, Ms. Erin Curley, we are excited to present our newly initiated ENGAGE Studio. The mission of this studio is to encourage candidates to pursue registration and increase membership through benefit awareness. AIA Toledo strives to provide the most beneficial services to candidates in their pursuit of registration. We recognize that the path to licensure can be overwhelming, fraught with the burdens of education costs, expensive study materials and seminar fees, travel expenses, available time and work-life balance. We have the desire to provide candidates with the tools and support they need to make the A.R.E. manageable and affordable. As a small chapter, we struggle with quantity of eligible candidates within the component. This is one of the reasons we reached out to AIA Ohio for an opportunity grant to assist with our high demand, but low quantity studio.

We would like to thank AIA Ohio for presenting us with a grant in the amount of \$1000 which has already assisted us with increasing the benefits of membership. This funding opportunity will allow us to initiate a website, in which we can provide webinar access, online registration, and a reference library of both digital media and physical study guide check-out status. This will also provide us the opportunity to purchase webinars recorded by AIA Colorado, a chapter program focused on A.R.E. prep for approximately 15 years. In addition, we were able to purchase audio/visual equipment to record our live seminars as an additional resource.

We hosted our first seminar on May 30, 2015 and have continued each month since. We plan to complete our series early November and re-engage at the end of January 2016. The seminars have been successful thus far. The seminars are posted on the AIA Ohio website and can be attended by both members and non-members for the associated fees listed.

We hope to continue this studio as the exam transitions and more candidates surface within the component. This could not have been possible without the assistance of AIA Ohio and their funding award. We hope you can join us for a seminar or invite us to join your component for a joint meeting. We would love to ENGAGE more with other components.

[1] <http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2014/12/18/Hensville-project-in-downtown-Toledo-awarded-4-million-in-state-historic-preservation-tax-credits.html>

AIA KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY

Eric Pempus, AIA

AIA National held its 2015 Knowledge Leadership Assembly in Denver, July 22-25, which was an opportunity for the 22 Knowledge Communities (KCs), other AIA leadership committee members, and AIA staff, numbering approximately 125 attendees, to meet together and share information and best practices, build coalitions and network over the course of three days. Outcomes from the KLA will assist in building relationships and programs for 2016 and beyond.



Some of KCs include the Academy of Architecture for Justice, the Committee on Architecture for Education, the Practice Management Knowledge Community, and Technology in Architectural Practice, just to name a few. See AIA National's website <http://www.aia.org/practicing/groups/index.htm>. To encourage cross-disciplinary discussions, enrollment in AIA Knowledge Communities is not limited to AIA members. Non-AIA members can create an AIA Account to stay connected.

Robert Ivy, FAIA, EVP/CEO, Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA, AIA President, and Russell Davidson, FAIA, AIA President-Elect spoke at a town-hall style session at the KLA. The July 2015 KLA was built around "22 Crucial Conversations," with discussions lead by "conveners" with 7 to 9 participants gathered around a roundtable. Eric Pempus, an Advisory Group Leader from the Construction Contract Administration KC, was a convener on the topic of the "Overview of the Train-the-Trainer AIA National Education Program." This conversation provided a summary of the four recently released AIA National Health/Safety/Welfare educational programs titled:

- 1) *New Developments and Legal Considerations in Digital Practice and Building Information Modeling;*
- 2) *Using AIA Tools to Manage Legal Issues on Sustainable Projects;*
- 3) *Understanding the General Conditions of a Construction Contract;* and
- 4) *Design-Build: Contractual Relationships, Risks and Rewards.*

AIA members from AIA Cleveland and Akron that attended include Robert Bostwick, Lauren Burge, Eric Pempus, Chas Schreckenberger, Chris Toddy and Kurt Weaver.

BUREAU OF WORKERS COMPENSATION MESSAGE

Each year Ohio employers have the opportunity to participate in BWC's Group-Experience-Rating Program or Group-Retrospective-Rating Program. While these programs are not required, they do provide you with an opportunity to significantly reduce your workers' compensation premiums, while increasing your awareness of safety and risk-management strategies.

AIA Ohio provides members with such a Group Retrospective Rating Program. Workplace safety is an important component of these programs. To succeed in accident prevention, we encourage you to use the many resources available to you. We believe a group-rating program is a partnership that includes you and your employees, your sponsoring organization or third-party administrator (TPA) and BWC. Each has specific roles and responsibilities, all designed to assist in preventing workplace accidents. This letter outlines the safety services expectations you should have as an employer enrolled in a group-rating program.

The employer will:

- Maintain a safe workplace;
- Attend safety training to enhance workplace safety;
- Use BWC's safety services as needed;
- Fulfill the required two-hour training requirement and provide proof of attendance to sponsor for claim(s) occurring within the last year.

The certified primary and affiliated sponsoring organizations will:

- Sponsor eight hours of safety training (this may be done at one time or may be provided incrementally as long as the total is at least eight hours);
- Provide information regarding safety resources to group members;
- Possibly assist an employer in achieving its safety needs;
- Manage employer fulfillment of the two-hour training requirement, where applicable;
- Publish this letter to group members.

The TPA may:

- Assist sponsoring organizations with fulfilling the group-rating safety requirements;
- Assist an employer with its safety needs;
- Work in conjunction with sponsors to develop safety training and deliver safety resources;
- Provide resources for claims handling.

BWC will:

- Monitor all group-rating safety activities to confirm requirements are met;
- Remain in communication with sponsoring organizations to provide recommendations for fulfilling safety requirements;
- Provide safety training through Ohio's Center for Occupational Safety &

Health;

- Offer on-site safety consultation (hazard assessments, air and noise monitoring, ergonomics evaluation, training) by a BWC safety professional;
- Offer publications and videos for safety program support;
- Conduct employer visits to confirm the employer is meeting group-rating requirements, when appropriate.

The goal of this collaborative effort is to make sure all your safety needs are met. Using these resources will assist you in preventing accidents, reducing claims costs and achieving the highest discounts possible. Below you'll find contact information for various resources.

Group sponsor: AIA Ohio

TPA: CareWorksComp

BWC: <https://www.bwc.ohio.gov/employer/services/safetyhygiene.asp>,
groupratingsafety@bwc.state.oh.us

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Ohio Board of Building Standards

The Ohio Board of Building Standards is hiring.

[Click here to view full job description...](#)

For additional information on this position, please see the [Ohio Hiring Management System](#).

AIA OHIO FOUNDATION

University of Cincinnati and Jessica Dangelo, Scholarship Recipient

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July 23, 2015

John Rogers
1634 Larmon Court
Cincinnati, OH 45224-3116

Dear Mr. Rogers,

Scholarships provide students with affordable access to the best education and a world-class faculty. Thanks to your generosity and your commitment to our students, DAAP has awarded nearly 1,000 scholarships over the past 5 years. Your gift to the **AIA Ohio Foundation Scholarship** makes an impactful difference on the lives of our students and they are grateful for the opportunities and experiences that have been granted them through your generosity.

"Your posture of giving and support is making my dream possible—tangible and real. Thank you. It is my promise to you that your generosity is not lost on me nor taken for granted. I maintain a perspective of humility as I walk through the opportunities that better me, remembering who and what has made them possible. In my conversations, relationships, and experiences, I seek to give back what I have received, to help because I have been helped. I thank you again for not only providing support to students, but for also setting an example of generosity and for believing in something, or rather someone, you cannot yet see."

Arin Moyer, Fashion Design, Class of 2016

"By awarding me the Fellowship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of graduate school. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise to work hard and contribute to the design community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

Yunyi Zhang, second year Master of Design

Scholarships open a door to the future for the gifted and dedicated individuals who come to DAAP each year. **Approximately 76 percent of UC's students rely on scholarships or financial aid.** Without your support, many of those with the vision, talent, and drive to create compelling work and innovative solutions to design problems would not benefit from DAAP's inspiring learning environment. In addition, by enabling the most promising students to come to DAAP, regardless of their means, scholarships help the school remain competitive and sustain a vibrant environment that thrives on diversity.

On behalf of the College of DAAP and the 161 scholarship recipients this year, we thank you for your generous support. Together, we ensure that our students are well-prepared to make significant contributions to their future career and the profession.

Sincerely,


Laura Johnson
Director of Development

June 19, 2015

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Dear Mr. Rogers,

It is a great honor to be the recipient of the AIA Ohio Foundation Scholarship, and to be chosen out of many well-qualified individuals. I would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity and support of my continued architectural education at the University of Cincinnati. With the assistance of this scholarship, I will be able to focus more on my work and less on how I will pay for graduate school tuition. In addition, I will be able to advance my certification in LEED, and pursue other sustainability opportunities that present themselves.

A few months ago, I graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelors of Science in Architecture and a minor in Sustaining the Urban Environment. Throughout my undergraduate career, I participated in three cooperative education opportunities. Each one, along with the lessons learned in school, inspired a passion for sustainability. While working at my first internship, I obtained a LEED Green Associate certification. This experience enabled me to broaden my knowledge of sustainable architecture. Next, my second semester long internship took me across the world to Beijing, China. Here I experienced first hand the need for a more sustainable future, one where we care for and nurture our environment. Last, but not least, I worked with a non-profit organization, Village Life Outreach Project, which focused on developing net-zero medical housing as part of a larger medical complex in Tanzania. This last opportunity taught me that sustainability is really a necessity for everyone, no matter where you live in this world. Each of these opportunities opened my eyes to the impact of sustainability on architecture, people, and the environment.

The most influential moments of my undergraduate career have revolved around travel. Before I stepped foot on campus, I had never traveled outside of the United States. However, since the beginning of my collegiate education, I have voyaged to twelve countries in Europe and Asia. I have achieved this through several honors seminars, study abroad programs, architectural studios, and personal travel. Each travel opportunity has taught me a lot about architecture, the world, and myself. Without these experiences, I could not hope to be the same person I am today.

When I return to the University of Cincinnati this fall, I will begin my journey towards a Masters of Architecture. I hope to develop my leadership skills further by being a graduate assistant. Moreover, I strive to increasingly take my education in a sustainable direction. I hope to be apart of the movement that believes each building should earn its right to exist, by giving back to the environment more than it takes. After I obtain my masters degree, I will finish my Intern Development Program hours. Once I have received my license in architecture, I hope to become a sustainability consultant. I look forward to the challenge of going into existing buildings and helping companies make them more sustainable.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and support of my architectural education.

Sincerely,


Jessica Dangelo

