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## President's Message Robert Maschke, FAIA

The 2017 AIA Conference in Orlando, Florida was the architecture and design event of the year. The three days of fast-paced, hard-hitting ideas, education, networking, and innovation from industry-leading architects, firms, and manufacturers were

inspirational. The architects and design professionals who are shaping our industry and moving our communities and our profession forward led compelling presentations which truly were about designing a better world.

Additionally, the Ohio Valley Region celebrated the elevation of 11 new members to the College of Fellows. The OVR was the only region this year, to have 100% acceptance. Please congratulate the following new Fellows: AIA Cleveland - Jack Alan Bialosky Jr. FAIA, Robert Bostwick, FAIA, David Hughes, FAIA, Eric Pempus, FAIA; AIA Columbus - Lane Joseph Beougher, FAIA, Tim Fishking,

FAIA, David B Meleca, FAIA; AIA Eastern Ohio - Bruce W. Sekanick, FAIA; AIA Indianapolis - Lisa C. Gomperts, FAIA; AIA Eastern Kentucky - Michael William Jacobs, FAIA; AIA Central Kentucky - Stephen A. Wiser, FAIA.

Please plan on joining your fellow colleagues and industry friends at the 2017 AIA Ohio Valley Regional Convention in Indianapolis on September 27 to 29 to further our discussion on architecture, continued learning and the celebration of our region's accomplishments.



# Government Affairs Report

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

*Four months into the two year 132<sup>nd</sup> Ohio General Assembly, following is the status of government activity affecting architects and architectural firms*

### House Blocks Sales Tax Extension to Interior and Landscape Design Services

The Ohio House of Representatives replaced Governor Kasich's state budget proposal with its own version, Substitute HB 49. As predicted the House removed Governor Kasich's proposed quarter percent sales tax hike as well as his sales tax extension to both interior design and landscape design services.

Opponents to the sales tax extensions need to remain vigilant, however, because Governor Kasich's proposed budget was formulated in January based upon the economy as it was then. Since then, expected income from both the sales and income taxes have shrunk by \$800 million. The House made spending and income adjustments to the proposed budget that cut that shortfall in half. However, to balance the budget, the Senate will need to cut another \$400 million in spending or increase taxes. Though most doubt Senators will extend the sales tax to either interior or landscape design services, no one will know for certain until the ink is dry on the final document... expected near the end of June.

### Budget Bill Addresses the Architect Board's Anti-Trust Vulnerabilities

The House-passed state budget bill, Substitute House Bill 49, contains provisions that address a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision that placed state registration boards, like the Ohio Architects Board, in possible violation of the U.S. anti-trust laws... because board members are active participants in the profession they regulate.

The provisions add a second layer of scrutiny, the *Common Sense Initiative Office (CSI)*, to which affected parties may refer complaints about possible anti-competitive effects of a Board's decision. A person affected by a board action may file a brief statement with the Office, which acts as a stay on the board "until the Office has approved of the action."

The standard of review is whether the Board's "policy is merely a pretext by which the Board or Commission enables the members of an occupation or industry the board or commission regulates to engage in anticompetitive conduct...." If the Office disapproves, the Board action is void. The law would require a person to seek such review before instituting an antitrust action against a Board in court.

### Budget Bill Provides for Local Administration for State Agency Projects up to \$1.5 million

Substitute HB 49 includes language that allows the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) to authorize "local administration" for some state agencies including the Departments of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Agriculture, Job and Family Services, Rehabilitation and Corrections, Youth Services, Public Safety, Transportation, Veterans Services, Workers Compensation, Administrative Services, and the state Schools for the Deaf and Blind.

### Architect Registration Board Budget

The Ohio House of Representatives has approved the budget of the Ohio Architects Board. The vehicle is Substitute HB 49 which the Senate is now reviewing.

In the FY18-19 biennium, the board projects total revenues of approximately \$1.24 million. It has a FY18 of \$576,916, a 5.2 percent increase over FY17 and \$604,765 for FY19, for a total request of \$1.18 million.

### Sponsor Explains Need for Third Party Building Inspections (HB128)

The bill that would authorize third party building inspections, HB 128, received a sponsor's hearing April 25 in the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee.

Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) provided testimony on



the legislation that she said would give a common-sense solution to expanding the base of inspection to avoid costly delays. She said no matter how efficient and organized a construction company may be, if the inspections are delayed, it holds up progress on the project.

Under current law, the Board of Building Standards formulates and adopts rules governing the erection, construction, repair, alteration and maintenance of buildings, she said. The rules are incorporated into residential and non-residential codes. The board then certifies local building departments and the personnel of these departments as well as individuals, corporations and firms to approve plans and perform inspections. The building inspections currently must be performed by the local building department, she said, but if there are backlogs or personality conflicts, the lack of choice can cause unnecessary and expensive delays.

The bill would specify that inspections, performed by the building department having jurisdiction, must be performed within 24 hours of a request. The general contractor or owner of a building may request an independent inspection, and the Board of Building Standards shall provide a list, which it will maintain, of board-certified, third party, private inspectors and certified building departments from which the contractor may choose. The contractor/owner would still be responsible for inspection fees to the third party, and the local building department may still charge the general contractor/owner any standard fee customary for approval including administrative and filing fees. The third-party inspector would be required to send a copy of the inspection results within 24 hours post-inspection to the local building department.

The bill also specifies that local building departments may contract with the division of industrial compliance to exercise enforcement authority, accept and approve plans/specifications and perform inspections for non-residential buildings. It provides for an expedited arbitration process in which a general contractor/owner may appeal inspection results.

The legislation is opposed by the Ohio Municipal League as interfering with the authority of local building departments. AIA Ohio will establish a position should this bill begin to move. A document detailing various concerns with this bill is available upon request from the AIA Ohio office.

### **Township Building Code Bill Has Hearings (SB 43)**

The Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans

Affairs Committee has held three hearings regarding SB43 which would enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.

During the Committee's March 7 hearing the bill's sponsor, Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park) said his proposal would let residents and businesses in certain limited home rule townships obtain building permits at the township level, which would be more convenient than seeking permits from county departments. He said the change was requested by Blendon Township, which would like to adopt its own codes. He said that township has a commercial building department because Franklin County doesn't have one, but is unable to open a residential building department because the county does have a residential operation.

Having both departments, he said, would make the process more efficient because Ohioans would only have to visit one jurisdiction to address all their permit needs. The change, he added, would allow builders to work with a single inspector on all projects.

During the hearings supporting testimony has been offered by Bryan Rhoads, administrator for Blendon Township in Franklin County; Heidi Fought, director of governmental affairs for the Ohio Township Association (OTA), on behalf of OTA and the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) as well as Vincent Squillace, executive vice president of the Ohio Home Builders Association (OHBA). Written proponent testimony has been submitted by Andrew Glenn, a trustee for Springfield Township in Lucas County.

### **School Facilities Commission Approves Changes to Design Manual**

The Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) has approved new changes to the commission's design manual, including updates to regional cost factor sections and the transition of technical specifications to performance-based criteria.

OFCC staff has worked with consultants to make changes on the manual so that the commission would not have to annually update it to reflect changes in technical terms. OFCC is purposefully moving away from technical specifications in the design manual and getting more to performance-based criteria that would examine what a district needs and how a contractor would work with the district on implementing those needs.



# ArchiPAC

## Advocacy: EPC

The term “**advocacy**” is one that is very common within the AIA. Its relevance in the practice of the profession however, varies with the particular needs of each member. For some, advocacy is strictly something that happens because of someone else, somewhere else. To others, it is a process of promoting a particular view or need. To others, it is about active participation as a community member or a design professional. Within the AIA, advocacy is one of the key elements that makes us an effective organization. Whether locally, at the state level or on a national scale, advocacy has a role to play in the practice of Architecture.

Until recently, advocacy has always been thought of as an activity performed by seasoned members of the profession. While it is true that experienced practitioners bring “real life” experiences with their advocacy efforts, today’s environment allows members of all experience levels to become involved in this important part of our Strategic Goals.

In late 2016, the AIA established ArchiPAC EPC (Emerging Professionals Committee). Originally developed solely to advance emerging professionals participation in the ArchiPAC effort, this new committee has expanded its footprint to work closely with both ArchiPAC and the national Government Advocacy Committee to elevate the participation of Emerging Professionals in advocacy.

Under the mentorship of the Institute Secretary and the national ArchiPAC staff, the committee is currently developing a nationwide network focused on educating Emerging Professionals about the needs, limitations and opportunities of being actively engaged in advocacy. Any emerging professional interested in participating in this effort should contact the Institute Secretary or the AIA ArchiPAC national staff.



# AIA Ohio Awards Program

There are four AIA Ohio Honor Awards which recognize Ohio's best and brightest architects and firms. Nominations can come from individuals or from local components. The four awards are:

## **AIA Ohio Gold Medal -**

The highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on an individual. It is conferred by the AIA Ohio Board of Directors in recognition of exemplary efforts and significant accomplishments.

## **AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm -**

The highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on an architectural firm.

## **AIA Ohio Mentor Award**

The AIA Ohio Mentor Award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated the ability to assist and mentor in their community.

## **AIA Ohio Public Service Award**

The AIA Ohio Public Service Award will be granted to an individual who has made a significant impact in their community through public service.

**The deadline for each of these is June 16, 2017** – so there's plenty of time to put together a nomination packet. Consider an Ohio architect that you know – and plan to nominate them for an AIA Ohio Honor Award!

## **AIA Ohio Design Awards**

The submission portal is open. The AIA Ohio Design Awards Program promotes those projects that have distinguished themselves, through attention to high quality design, performance, and commitment to AIA's 10 principles of livable communities. These awards recognize some of the best of Ohio Architecture. Projects must be submitted by July 7 to be eligible.



# Handicap Reimbursement

In an effort to keep you aware of the services provided by CareWorksComp, we thought we would share a series of brief articles about our commitment and approach toward different cost-containment strategies. One such claims cost inhibitor that we employ is filing for a handicap reimbursement.

Handicap Reimbursement is a program that BWC put in place many years ago to remove hiring barriers for those employees who may have one, or several, “handicapping” conditions. There are currently 25 such conditions (Arthritis, Epilepsy, and Diabetes, to name a few.) If an employee has one of these designated conditions, sustains a work-related injury which results in lost time, and their recovery is delayed due to interference of these conditions, BWC may grant cost relief to the employer.



It's our job as your TPA to look for these conditions in your claims, and we take a very aggressive approach. We are committed to reviewing every claim for every client for handicap reimbursement potential! When we find a claim with a designated condition, we decide what the best approach is to maximize the cost relief for our clients, and sometimes this means waiting until the claim has reached a plateau so we can get the biggest handicap reimbursement possible. Sometimes, in the interest of keeping an experience modification rate (EMR) as low as possible in the short term, we may file earlier than usual. It depends on the circumstances and we look at each case individually.

# Leadership Development: A Little Give and Take

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Leadership Development is one of those terms that we all think we know what it means. To some, it's about the mentoring that takes place to prepare someone to lead a firm or chapter. To others, it's a process that takes place throughout a person's career as they begin to take on leadership roles. To others, it is all about seeking out qualified people to move upward within an organization. In reality, there is no single definition that is more right than any other.

Within the AIA, Leadership Development focuses on two principle efforts. The first is to provide members with the opportunity to lead. Through member participation at the state and local levels, members can take on leadership positions by volunteering for board or committee positions. This is one of the best ways to not only experience leadership, but it also provides you with the opportunity to better know and understand those issues and concerns that drive the organization.



While providing an opportunity to lead is sometimes a challenge, the second principle is the ability to engage members beyond basic committee service. It is important to remember that active engagement in the AIA or any other organization is not only about giving, but also receiving. Members who are active participants can often translate that AIA leadership into a higher level of involvement in firm activities and project management. With knowledge and experience gained within AIA and our components, members have the opportunity to expand their career opportunities and leadership abilities. Leadership is not simply a one way street.

Because of the impact leadership has to offer, the Rules Committee of the AIA Strategic Council, along with the Secretary's Advisory Committee, will be working together to develop a new Leadership Development program later this fall. Geared toward becoming a resource for leadership training, the program will also focus on defining opportunities for members to advance within the AIA and for the promotion of members who seek a higher level of engagement. More information on this program and AIA's efforts will be available for members later this year.





# Membership Part I: Dues

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Institute Secretary



Membership. Like most other things in life, it comes with both the good and the bad. Education, advocacy, research and camaraderie are part of what we look for in an organization. These benefits however, do not come without a price.

The AIA understands that not everyone can meet our membership requirements and so, we have in place a system to help members stay compliant.

As many know, the critical elements of maintaining membership include AIA's membership dues requirement and our continuing education requirement. While each are substantially different in nature, both are critical for a member to remain in good standing. So as part of this month's article, let's explore membership dues. Technically, membership dues are due by January 1st of each year. Realistically, the AIA understands that this is not always possible, and so each year, members are kept on the AIA roster until the first week of April. It is important for members to understand that the AIA is a three tier organization (national, state & local), and membership in all three tiers is mandatory. So while some would like to pay for only one part of the organization, you are not considered current until your commitment is current at all levels.

But what happens if I am laid off? What happens if, due to health reasons, I am unable to work and therefore, I am unable to pay my dues? The AIA understands sometimes, even long-time members cannot meet their dues obligations.

Through a waivers program that can be initiated through your local component, members are afforded the opportunity to request a waiver from the Institute Secretary. Waivers can be granted, in varying amounts, due to specific member needs. While not all waivers submitted are granted, those that detail specific reasons and needs are given serious consideration. It should be noted that with any waiver submitted, the support of the member's local component is critical in allowing the Secretary to understand the relationship of the member to the local component and the member's participation. Those who actively participate in their component will often times find the highest level of waiver approval.

While there is a whole section within the AIA Rules of the Board that details fee waivers or deferrals, the main point is that the AIA understands member needs and is concerned with your ability to maintain membership. The AIA values each member and your participation is important. Anyone needing more information on the waiver process should contact your component Executive Director or the Institute Secretary.

Forrest Huisman, Associate AIA  
Member since 2006

**I AM AIA**



Over 90,000 members,  
over 260 chapters,  
I you.

Your vision is unique. Your work is distinctive. Your career path is your own. We're excited to see where you're going—and we can help you get there.





# Membership Part II: Continuing Education

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Institute Secretary

So just when you think you know everything...you find out you don't. I know, shocker, right? The AIA, as part of our effort to be member advocates, has for more than twenty years required that members, in order to maintain their membership in good standing, meet continuing education requirements. While it is important for the AIA to keep members current, your membership in the AIA actually is geared around keeping you current with your minimum state requirements. Not all states require continuing education, but most do and the AIA, through our transcript service and educational programs, can be an invaluable partner in your professional development...and in keeping you in good standing with the state registration board.

The AIA's current CE requirements include eighteen (18) learning units each year, twelve (12) of which must be HSW. These requirements were developed to make sure that by meeting the AIA requirements, members would in most cases, meet state CE requirements. By logging into [aia.org](http://aia.org), each member can easily see the number of hours of learning units completed each year as well as those remaining to meet the AIA requirements.

In some cases, members are not able to meet the AIA continuing education requirements. Whether due to illness, unemployment, maternity leave or military service, members are sometimes limited in their ability to both work and meet the required hours within the timeframe permitted by AIA.

AIA permits every Architect in default a grace period until September 30th of the following year to meet the previous year's requirements. If a member is unable to complete their requirements in that nine (9) month period, they are no longer in good standing. As with the dues payment process, the AIA also understands that even with a grace period, it might be impossible for members to earn all of the CE units they need. Through a waiver process that is run through the Institute Secretary, members may request that the Secretary grant them a waiver from meeting the defined standards. The Secretary works within guidelines established by the Rules of the Board and reviews each waiver to make sure they meet the intent of the Institute.

While the Secretary's waiver may provide members with an opportunity to remain in good standing, it should be noted that the Secretary cannot grant waivers on fees associated with CE programs. It should also be noted that such waivers are only applicable to the requirements of the AIA. All registration board requirements still apply.

Through the AIA's transcript service, grace period and waiver program, we try to assist each member in meeting the minimum requirements for continuing education. If you need more information on the CE requirements or the waiver program, please contact your component Executive Director or the Institute Secretary.

## Ohio CE Requirements:

Total Hours: 12 Hours

Detail: 12 HSW

Renewal Cycle: Annual

Renewal Deadline: December 31st



# New Hires at DesignGroup



Craig Watterson, AIA, ACHA, Lead Medical Planner, Primary Contact

Craig Watterson, AIA, ACHA has joined Columbus (OH) based architecture and design firm, DesignGroup as Lead Medical Planner, Primary Contact. Watterson brings 35 years of experience as an advocate for both patients and staff in the design of healthcare facilities at leading institutions around the world. His expertise in planning for the long-term viability of facilities in an ever-changing healthcare environment is a vital addition for

DesignGroup – a firm at the forefront of creating spaces that maximize technology and inspire healthcare leaders.

Watterson has led the planning and design on local, national, and international projects ranging to over 2,400,000 square feet. That experience, combined with his ability to work collaboratively in developing creative, operationally efficient and forward-looking planning solutions, positioning him perfectly to provide leadership at DesignGroup for all aspects of healthcare projects, particularly related to facility planning and master planning.

#### Education:

- Bachelor of Architecture, Carnegie Mellon University
- Master of Science in Computer and Information Science from The Ohio State University

#### Affiliations:

- American College of Healthcare Architects (AIA)
- AIA, Academy of Architecture for Health
- Columbus AIA Healthcare Committee
- Rotary Club of Westerville
- Sunrise, Chairman of Sustainability Committee



Rick Burchett, BIM Manager

Rick Burchett brings 16 years of experience along with a passion for architecture and the tools behind designing great buildings to his role as BIM (Building Information Modeling) Manager with Columbus (OH) based architecture and design firm, DesignGroup.

Burchett remains on the cutting-edge of technology, working with Autodesk's BETA test teams, establishing Revit standards and outlining best practices of the program. He is published in this month's issue Autodesk User Group International's magazine, AUGIWorld.

In his role with DesignGroup, a firm at the forefront of creating spaces that maximize technology, Burchett will lead Revit training for all staff members, oversee data integration and management on many platforms for use with SAP and EAM and be responsible for quantitative algorithm programming in Dynamo for rules-based design in Revit.

#### Education:

- University of Southern California
- Studied Architecture and Computer Science

#### Affiliations:

- Autodesk Advisors Community
- Autodesk User Group International (AUGI)
- Columbus Revit User Group
- (CRUG), Former chair member
- National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS)
- South Carolina Revit User Group (SCRUG), former member

#### Affiliations:

- Columbus Revit User Group Training



# GBBN Architects Names Chad Burke as Principal and Shareholder

CINCINNATI-LOUISVILLE-PITTSBURGH-BEIJING – In recognition of his leadership and significant contributions to the success of the firm, GBBN Architects has named Chad Burke, AIA, LEED AP as Shareholder and Principal. Chad is a designer and project manager on GBBN Architects' Community Development team. CEO Matthew Schottelkotte stated, "Chad's unique sensitivity to design excellence and his commitment to meticulous quality make him invaluable to his clients and the firm. We are pleased to welcome him as a shareholder."

Chad has led numerous high-profile and transformative community projects for GBBN including 2770 Observatory luxury condominium project in Hyde Park, Cincinnati Shakespeare Company's new theatre in Over the Rhine, Shelterhouse's Esther Marie Hatton Center for Women, multiple historic multi-family renovations in the urban core of Cincinnati, and a new Master Plan for the Baker Hunt Arts Center in Covington. Within the firm, Chad is a dedicated mentor that is committed to the development of younger staff.



Chad joined GBBN in 2011 after relocating from New York City where he worked for SHoP Architects and was the project architect on the East River Waterfront, a \$160 million project spanning two miles along the Manhattan waterfront. He was also the project designer for the South Street Seaport in Lower Manhattan, an 860,000 SF \$1 billion mixed use development on the waterfront.

A native of Villa Hills in Northern Kentucky, Chad graduated magna cum laude from the University of Kentucky's

College of Design with a Bachelor in Architecture. He continued his education at the prestigious Harvard Graduate School of Design and achieved the Master in Architecture degree.

Chad is an active contributor in many industry and community organizations including Tender Mercies, Urban Land Institute (ULI) Cincinnati, and the Northern Kentuckian of the Year event. In 2014, he was honored as a *Cincinnati Business Courier* Forty Under 40. He is also a Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber C-Change alumnus and participated in the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Cincinnati's Vision program.

Chad and his family reside in the Pendleton neighborhood of Cincinnati.





# AIA Dayton Advocacy Efforts Highlighted at National A'17 Conference

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Photo By: Bruce Sekanick FAIA

AIA Inaugural 2016 SpeakUp Conference, Washington, D.C.



At each annual conference, AIA promotes the work of its members and components within the Expo Center at the AIA Town Hall. As part of the A'17 Expo at the Conference on Architecture, AIA Dayton's 2016 advocacy efforts were highlighted as part of a coordinated effort between AIA and the organization's local components.

Encouraged in part by the SpeakUp program, when Congress threatened to eliminate Federal Historic Tax Credits, AIA Dayton, led by Karen Planet, AIA, organized a successful meeting in Ohio with Congressman Mike Turner, a chief sponsor of historic preservation legislation. Karen's efforts helped build the support of AIA members along with other passionate advocates. The efforts of AIA Dayton were assisted by ArchiPAC, the AIA's only Federal Political Action Committee, who worked with AIA Dayton in their efforts to raise awareness of this critical issue.

The display, located in the AIA booth on the convention floor, highlighted the ability of AIA members and components to drive positive change through advocacy. Planet was profiled as part of the presentation, along with statistics on the effects of historic tax credits on Dayton and communities throughout Ohio. Members leaving the area were challenged to post on social media the issues that they are passionate about.

Congratulations to Karen and AIA Dayton on the success of this effort.



# AIA Plans 2nd **SpeakUp** Conference

As part of AIA's ongoing outreach to educate and train members to actively engage in public advocacy, this year's SpeakUp conference will be held at the Curtis Hotel in Denver from July 19-21. The focus of SpeakUp, now in its second year, is to help you develop the skills necessary to advocate for the profession and your community.

Similar in format to the 2016 program, the workshops sessions will concentrate on informing participants of the key elements of any advocacy effort, including:

- **Building Campaigns to Win: Elements of a Strong Legislative Plan**
- **Effective Communications: Getting your Point Across**
- **Legislative Campaign Planning and Power Mapping**
- **Earned Media in a Digital Age**
- **Using PACs to Build Member Engagement and Legislative Success**
- **Community Engagement and Coalition Building**
- **Communication Tools that Spread Your Message**
- **Making the Ask: PAC Fundraising Best Practices**

Attendees will also experience the return of Laurie Richards, a leading expert of making effective presentations and winning over audiences, who will present her session on Killer Presentations.

While advocacy training is about understanding techniques and effectively using tools that bring about successful campaigns, the opportunity to have hands-on training is critical in the development of a strong advocacy program. SpeakUp gives participants will be given the opportunity to work in teams and to develop a campaign plan utilizing the

skills and techniques presented earlier in the program. Focusing on current issues, each team will have the opportunity to develop a comprehensive program that combines all of the critical elements of advocacy into a successful campaign plan.

SpeakUp is your opportunity to learn to be an advocate for the profession. SpeakUp is your place to find your voice. Registration is strictly limited to the first 120 people.



# Speak Up



# AIA National Board Acts on Appointments and Convention Resolutions



Credit: Todd Winters Photography

In a meeting on May 11th, the AIA National Board of Directors took action on a number of agenda items including many associated with the delegate votes at the Annual Business Meeting at the AIA National Convention. Through actions presented as part of the Consent Calendar, the Board approved recommendations by the Institute Secretary for members of the Jury of Fellows, Jury of Honorary Fellows, Topaz and Collaborative & Professional Achievement Juries. The Board also approved the representative of the Board to the 2018 Gold Medal Jury.

As part of the Rules of the Board, the Board is required to take action on Resolutions adopted by member delegates at the Annual Business Meeting. Those resolutions included Resolutions 17-1, “Where Architects Stand: A Statement of Our Values”, Resolution 17-2 Emeritus Membership, Resolution 17-3, “Housing Humanity- Elevating the Human Experience”, and Resolution 17-4 “Specialty Credentialing”.

In each instance, the Board chose to follow their prior recommendations to the delegates, and ratified Resolutions 17-1 through 17-3. Each of these resolutions received support in

excess of 90% of the voting delegates at the Convention. The Board chose to defer action on 17-4 until more information was made available regarding ongoing programming relative to a pilot program approved by the Board in December 2016. This resolution received the support of just over 50% of the delegates.

In other action, the Board reviewed current component accreditation information and continued discussions on allowing electronic delegate accreditation for the 2018 Convention in New York City. The Board also created a new Task Force to address Governance Task Force recommendations for communication and engagement. Members of the Task Force include Jane Frederick, FAIA, Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Stuart Coppedge, AIA, Jennifer Workman, AIA, and Torrey Stanley Carleton, Hon. AIA. This group has been tasked with exploring and implementing ways for broader board representation at state, local and regional events and programs.

The Board is expected to address committee-specific programs during committee meetings scheduled throughout June.





# A'17 Conference: A focus on Architecture

AIA Ohio, as well as the Ohio Valley Region, was well represented at this year's Conference on Architecture in Orlando. Renamed last year, the traditional AIA Convention has been redesigned with a greater focus on architecture and the needs of our members as well as those outside of the AIA community who share our passion. This year's conference, considered by most who attended to be a huge success, will be followed by the A'18 Conference on Architecture that will take place June 21st to the 23rd in New York City.

Members of AIA Ohio, AIA Indiana and AIA Kentucky joined together at the Ohio Valley Region meeting, chaired by Strategic Council Members Tim Hawk, FAIA and Drew White, FAIA, who informed members of the work and ongoing programs of the AIA and the Council. Having recently held the Ohio Valley Region Council Assembly, new representatives of the region were also announced. They include, Jeff Stivers, AIA, who will replace Drew White on the AIA Strategic Council, Matt Toddy, AIA, the new regional representative to the Young Architects Forum and Ashley Thornberry, Assoc. AIA Ohio Valley Regional Associate Director. Each of these members will assume their positions at the end of the year. AIA Ohio joins the region in thanking Drew White, FAIA, Chris Gerrity, AIA and Craig Chamberlain, Assoc. AIA, who will be leaving their positions at year-end. We appreciate their service and commitment to the AIA and to the profession.

As part of the AIA Annual Business meeting, AIA Ohio was well represented by Institute Secretary Bruce Sekanick, FAIA who, along with AIA President Thomas Vonier, FAIA, presided over the meeting. Sekanick introduced the candidates for AIA national office, each of whom presented their experiences, thoughts and visions for the AIA. Members also voted on a variety of resolutions that were advanced by the AIA Board of Directors, members and components. Voting, which was significantly in line with the official board positions, saw the approval of proposed changes to Emeritus Membership, efforts to address homelessness and specialty credentialing. A resolution to support a new study on the World Trade Center 7 collapse was again defeated.

The poster features a vibrant red background with several architectural illustrations of skyscrapers in various shades of blue and white. The central text 'A'18' is rendered in a large, bold, sans-serif font, with the 'A' in black and the '18' in white. To the right of this, the words 'AIA Conference on Architecture 2018' are stacked in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A dark grey rectangular box in the upper right corner contains the text 'Save the date' in white. In the bottom right corner, another dark grey box contains the text 'Save the date June 21-23, 2018 New York City' in white. The bottom left corner features the AIA logo, which consists of a circular emblem with a classical building facade, followed by the text 'The American Institute of Architects' in a small, white, sans-serif font. In the bottom right corner, there is a red circular logo featuring a stylized eagle with spread wings, perched atop a classical column capital.

# A'17 Conference: A focus on Architecture

Typical for any AIA conference, hundreds of workshops, tours and programs were available for attendees. Highlighting these events were the keynote presentations, which included presentations by renowned architects, designers and strategists who focused their presentations on the convention themes of Anticipating Need, Anticipating Challenge, and Anticipating Change. The largest keynote crowd was reserved for former First Lady Michelle Obama, who discussed with President Vonier her and the former president's thoughts on the influence of architecture, the needs of society and the way architects can be a driving force behind change.



Friday and Saturday included an expanded effort to provide access to a wide range of programs and workshops as well as the traditional social gatherings of the various AIA communities. This also included the more formal Investiture of AIA Ohio's eight new Fellows. Throughout each day of the conference, AIA presented and promoted issues that all members can focus on as the profession continues to change to become a more outward looking and inclusive organization. While many are unable to attend the national convention, we hope to see you and have each of you experience the programs and keynotes offered later this fall at the Ohio Valley Region Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The event, to be held September 27th through the 29th promises to provide each member an opportunity to better experience "your AIA".

