



**Ohio**

**AIA Ohio  
Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023**

# AIA Ohio 2023 Annual Report

November 15, 2023

Zoom Meeting

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**AIA Ohio 2023 Annual Meeting**  
**November 15, 2023 | 12:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

***90<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Agenda***

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<b>Call to order</b>	John Orsini, AIA, President
<b>Secretary's Report</b> <i>Declaration of Quorum</i> <i>Approval of the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes</i> <i>Moment of Silence for Deceased Members</i>	Charlie Setterfield, AIA
<b>President's Report</b>	Orsini
<b>Government Affairs Report</b>	Luther Liggett, Jr.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <i>2024 Budget Amendment</i> <i>2025 Budget Approval</i>	Eric Pros, AIA
<b>AIA Ohio Conference Recap</b>	Eric Pros, AIA
<b>AIA Ohio Foundation Report</b>	Bruce Sekanick, FAIA
<b>Nominating Committee Report</b> <i>Election of Officers</i>	Aaron Hill, AIA
<b>Old/New Business</b> <i>Presidential citations</i>	
<b>Adjourn</b>	



**AIA Ohio 2022 Annual Meeting  
November 17, 2022 | Zoom Meeting  
89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes**

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**Call to order**

Aaron Hill, AIA, President, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. He thanked AIA Ohio’s annual sponsors for their support.

**Secretary’s Report**

John Meegan, AIA, declared a quorum.

***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.***

A moment of silence was held for members deceased in the past year.

Meegan introduced the proposed bylaws amendments and outlined a summary of the proposed changes. ***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proposed amendments to the AIA Ohio Bylaws.***

**President’s Report**

Hill highlighted items in his written report.

**Government Affairs Report**

Luther Liggett discussed AIA Ohio’s 2022 advocacy program and highlighted items in his written report. Mary Glowacki, AIA, gave a report of AIA Ohio’s 2022 PAC fundraising efforts and thanked everyone who contributed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Eric Pros, AIA, discussed his written report. The proposed 2023 and 2024 budgets were presented. Pros noted that the 2023 budget has no cost of living increase applied to AIA Ohio dues. ***A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept 2023 and 2024 budget.***

**AIA Ohio Foundation Report**

Sekanick highlighted items in the written report.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Karen Planet, AIA, introduced the proposed 2023 Slate of Officers:

- President – John Orsini, AIA
- President-elect – John Meegan, AIA
- Secretary – Charlie Setterfield, AIA
- Treasurer – Eric Pros, AIA
- Past President – Aaron Hill, AIA

***A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the proposed 2023 Slate of Officers.***

**Old/New Business**

Hill recognized Mike Mauch, AIA, Dave Robar, AIA, Karen Planet, AIA, John Orsini, AIA, Eric Pros, AIA and John Meegan, AIA with Presidential Citations.

**Adjourn**

By unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned.





## AIA Ohio President's Report

*By John Orsini, AIA*

AIA Ohio's recent community conference "Reconvene" celebrated our greatest attributes, our members. I have always felt our greatest strength at AIA Ohio is our relationships. AIA Ohio advocates for placemaking based on relationships, providing positive change for our communities. As we know, place and placemaking are critical to the development of our cultures and communities. Each revolves around its people, and are dependent on one another. My place includes family, faith, community, and knowledge based on experience and education. Each of our places is different, but each day we practice, we learn, and we grow.

In addition to my involvement in AIA Ohio, I am a lecturer at Kent State University. The class I teach, Understanding Architecture, is a humanities requirement for the university provided by the College of Architecture. Our discussion on architecture is based on Culture and Community. Many of our discussions are focused on how people live and thrive based on relationships, thoughts, and place. The students' inquisitive nature allows them to see how architecture affects relationships and cultures.

The past few years, my experience with the AIA Ohio community has been filled with relationship building and understanding the thoughts of my fellow colleagues, friends, and communities. AIA Ohio provided an opportunity for me to meet many people throughout the state. Each provided a different insight on how we promote architecture based on place. It is invigorating to see this occurring on various state and national levels and various focus groups. We are present and making a positive impact on our communities. I am forever grateful for the past few years' events, the people I met, and the experiences I have had. I look forward to AIA Ohio's future and the continued passion we all have for the built environment.

John Orsini, AIA



## **AIA Ohio President–Elect Report by John Meegan, AIA**

Another year has quickly flown by. AIA Ohio continued to evolve during 2023, building on the foundation of our strategic masterplan developed in 2021. We have moved on from the pandemic period, emerging with more in-person gatherings while incorporating methodologies we learned and enhanced from our virtual existence. Our current president, John Orsini, AIA, pressed forward and continued our transition.

John curated further advancement of the strategic plan by boosting the Government Advocacy work group to form a full committee to broaden AIA Ohio's impact with legislative issues and advocacy. The work groups continued to foster gains for our members.

*Membership Engagement: programming, communications, and convention.*

*Government Advocacy: legislative issues, advocacy and advocating for the profession.*

*Public Awareness: professional and public outreach.*

*Organizational Vitality: effective governance and operations, best practices, and financial stability.*

This year, AIA Ohio celebrated architecture by returning to a central event titled Reconvene, but with a different twist. The event was anchored in downtown Columbus and provided members with the opportunity to stay on top of their individual areas of interest within our profession while also providing the opportunity to tour a variety of new and local landmarks and areas of interest. The board and I would like to thank Membership Engagement Group for the planning and work necessary to pull off such an event.

I would like to extend our many thanks to those who supported AIA Ohio as a sponsor. Our work and public outreach would not be possible without the members of our allied professions that support our mission.

It has been a pleasure to work with and get to know John Orsini. John has provided so much of his time and talents to provide well guided leadership and insight for the institute and our profession. I look forward to his continued involvement in AIA Ohio as AIA Ohio's past president.

It is my honor and privilege to work alongside John and all of our incredibly talented board members and I look forward to the upcoming year as AIA Ohio President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Meegan".

John Meegan, AIA



AIA Ohio Annual Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Government Relations Report

Luther L. Liggett, Jr., Esq., Registered Lobbyist

Legislative Session. The Ohio General Assembly is at the end of its first year of its biennial session. The first six months of this year concerned primarily the State Operating Budget, appropriating \$95 billion annually. The second six months of the year are the part-time legislature's recess, meeting on only a few session days.

Beginning January, 2024, the legislature will be back weekly, primarily concerned with Capital Appropriations, i.e.: "bricks and mortar" for the next biennium. By July 1, 2024, the legislature will recess to return home for campaigning in our newly "gerrymandered" legislative districts.

Ballot Initiatives. The Special Election on August 8, 2023 defeated by 57% an Ohio Constitutional amendment to increase the vote to at least 60% to approve any future Constitutional amendment. Historical infrastructure construction funding, housing, and the Third Frontier programs would not have passed with that super majority requirement.

On the General Election ballot held Tuesday, November 7, 2023, were Issue One, to codify an abortion right-to-choose in the Ohio Constitution, and Issue Two, to direct the General Assembly to legislate non-medical sales of "recreational" marijuana. Both issues passed with comfortable margins.

Approved to circulate for signatures is a third initiative to create a non-political redistricting commission, to redraw legislative districts in a politically-neutral manner. Proponents hope to get the initiative ready for the Spring 2024 ballot. Disqualified from serving on the commission would be any political official or lobbyist. The effort is led by a bipartisan group including two former Supreme Court Justices.

Budget Bill. The legislature passed House Bill 33, the Operating Budget, by "logrolling" certain non-budget items which should stand as separate legislation. The Governor exercised a Line-Item Veto 44 times, including of House Bill 65 and Senate Bill 67's attempt to circumvent the Ohio Building Code permitting process. Reflecting AIA's opposition message, the Governor's Veto Message states in relevant part, "Ohio's building and fire codes are based on model codes developed by experts on fire science and risks.\*\*\* Our current system is designed to have strict standards with the ability for local inspectors to issue variances from certain codes when appropriate, and this [vetoed] provision could result in a significant life safety risk to Ohioans."

The Budget Bill also changed the composition of the Architect's Board to designate one of the five members as "a member of the general public and who is not an architect", R.C. 4703.01.

The Budget Bill also amended R.C. 153.12 to allow local governments to award a construction contract bid in excess of the cost estimate by not more than 20%, instead of the historical 10% excess.

Affordable Housing. House Bill 3 would create tax credits allocated Ohio Housing Finance Agency for low-income housing. Being heard in the House Economic and Workforce Development Committee, AIA testified in favor. On June 13, 2023, a substitute bill was accepted after five hearings. Rolled into the Budget Bill, HB 33, Revised Code 175.1 and 175.17 are now law.

Occupational License Review. The Architects Board and Landscape Architects Board were the subject of the House State and Local Government Committee's 6-year statutory review to determine whether the licenses should be terminated as an unnecessary obstacle to employment. Legislators expressed interest in whether continuing education credit for "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" is related to the purpose of a professional license in protecting public health, safety, and welfare. We await the Committee's completion of its occupational license reviews, when it will recommend changes for various licensing boards.

SB 131, Unilateral "Reciprocity". Effective April 3, 2023, this legislation requires an occupational licensing authority, including the Architect's Board, to issue a license to an applicant who holds a license, government certification, or private certification or has satisfactory work experience in another state.

Construction Statute of Repose. A Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of the Statute of Repose for the construction industry, dismissing an architect and contractor from a public school lawsuit brought more than ten years after completion. *Martins Ferry City School Dist. v. Colaianni Constr., Inc, MKC Architects, Inc.*, 7<sup>th</sup> Dist. Belmont, Case No. 19-CV-0132, 0133, 2023-Ohio-2285.

New Building Codes. The Ohio Board of Building Standards adopted the new 2024 Ohio Building, Mechanical, and Plumbing Codes effective March 1, 2024. At issue has been Senate Bill 9's requirement to reduce all administrative regulations by one third in three years. Because Ohio seeks to adopt uniform codes from the International Code Council, this law prevented the Board from generally "Ohio-izing" any building code provisions. Senate Bill 9 included an exception when adopting law by reference as a whole. Accordingly, the Board adopted the ICC's 2021 edition of the Codes. While not ideal, at least this updates Ohio's Commercial Codes for the time being.

AIA Ohio Political Action Committee. AIA Ohio raises funds and contributes to Representatives and Senators of the General Assembly, at events attended by members, to foster AIA's working relationships with legislators.

Pending legislation:

Eliminating Competitive Bids. Senate Bill 23 and House Bill 145 would allow any Ohio political subdivision to avoid competitive bidding for construction merely by joining with another subdivision that participates in a "joint purchasing program" operated by a trade association.

Expedited Building Appeals. Senate Bill 41 passed the Ohio Senate unanimously, to provide for expedited hearings before the state or local Boards of Building Appeals, to provide variances to the Building Code.

Owner Prompt Pay, Private Construction. House Bill 203 was reported out after receiving five hearings in the House Commerce and Labor Committee, to require private owners to pay the general contractor timely or face penalties. The bill now proceeds to the House Floor and onto the Senate.

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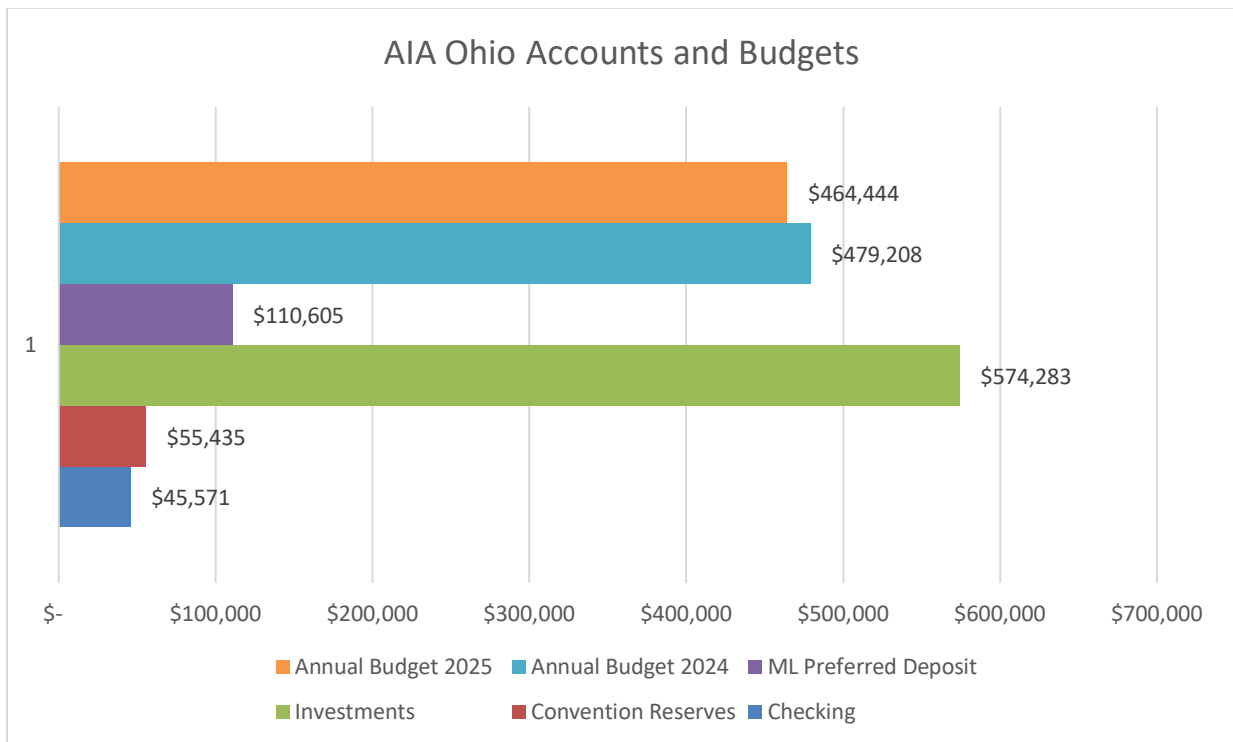


# Treasurer’s Report – November 15, 2023

## By Eric Pros, AIA

The AIA Ohio three-year Strategic Plan, developed in November, 2021, outlined programming and services that we believed would add value to membership while advancing our mission of advocating for the profession. This year, that plan included a return to a statewide conference, which was held Sept. 10-12, in Columbus. While not financially profitable, the focus on providing an experience that would give value to the member-attendee provided a concept upon which AIA Ohio intends to build and improve. Throughout its history, AIA Ohio leadership has planned and saved for difficult times and because of that, AIA Ohio remains strong and well positioned to face the uncertainties of 2024 and beyond.

This chart illustrates at Sept. 30, 2023, AIA Ohio’s funds compared to our annual budgets proposed for 2024 and 2025.



A few notes about this chart:

- Convention Reserves were set aside over time and specifically designated by past boards to be available in the event that a convention would not be financially successful. In 2021, AIA Ohio paid AIA Dayton \$5,500 from this fund. The 2020 Convention was scheduled to take place in Dayton before it was cancelled.
- Investments have grown over time. AIA Ohio has not added money to this investment account in over ten years. Ten years ago, AIA Ohio investments totaled \$450, 629.

## **AIA Ohio Budget Proposal**

The 2024-25 budget proposal has been prepared and discussed by the Budget & Finance Committee, who worked with Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA. The 2024-25 budgets were approved by the AIA Ohio Board in September.

AIA Ohio breaks down Revenues into five categories:

**Dues** – AIA Ohio collects three types of dues: Architects, Associates and Supplemental, or Firm dues.

**Programs** – Revenues from programs include the statewide conference, online firm profiles, and AIA Ohio's affinity programs with Multi-view (website advertising) and the Bureau of Workers' Comp.

**Sponsorships** – This includes sponsorship revenues not directly associated with the Conference.

**Awards** – This represents the fees paid to AIA Ohio for Design Awards submissions.

**AIA Revenue Share** – This represents the funding AIA Ohio receives from National.

**Transfer from Reserves** – This represents funding for special projects that AIA Ohio budgets to pull from Reserves in order to balance the budget.

AIA Ohio breaks down Expenses into six categories:

**Administration** – This expense includes the management fee, insurance, supplies/storage, postage, printing and copies, telephone expenses, and miscellaneous administrative expenses.

**Programs** – This includes expenses for the online firm profile, member communications, AXP coordinator, Associates programming, Statewide conference; CARES Grants, the Foundation dues assessment and Marr contribution, the schools competition and the AIA Ohio Digital Lending Library.

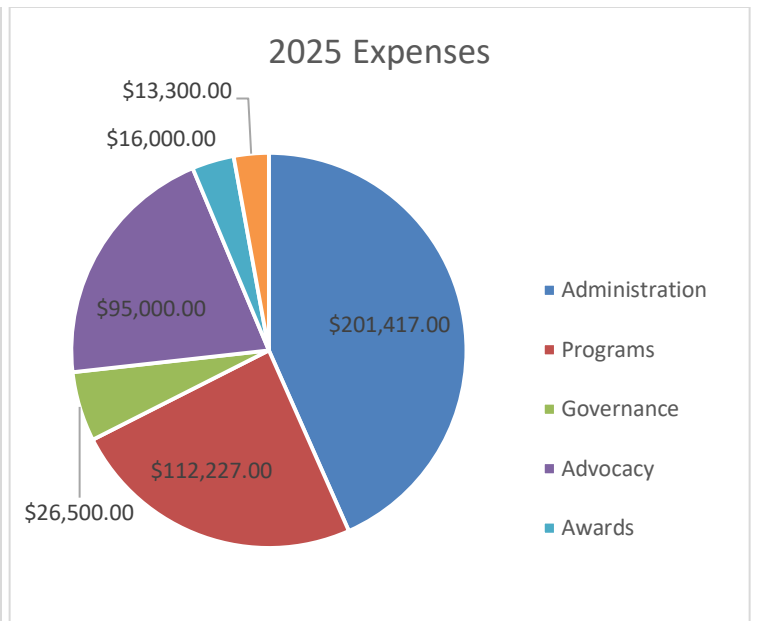
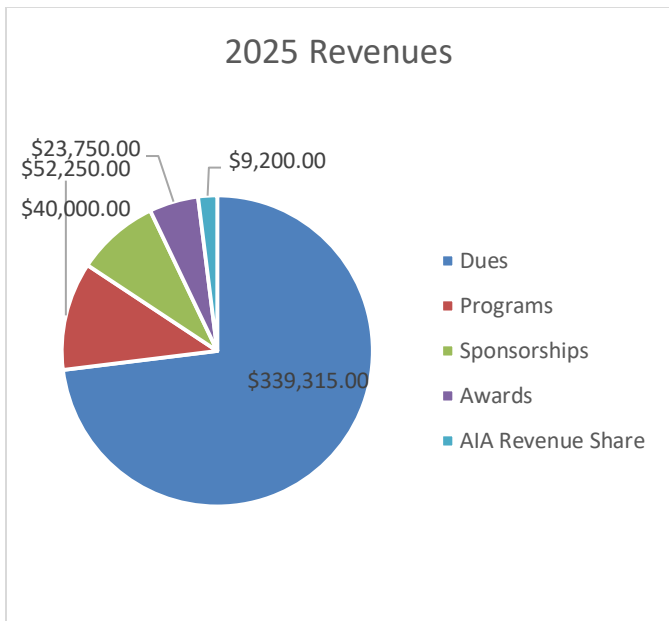
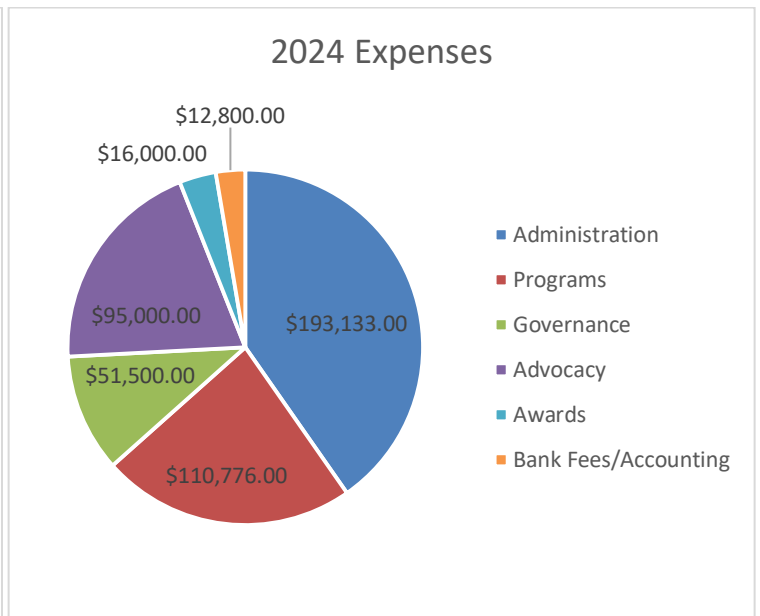
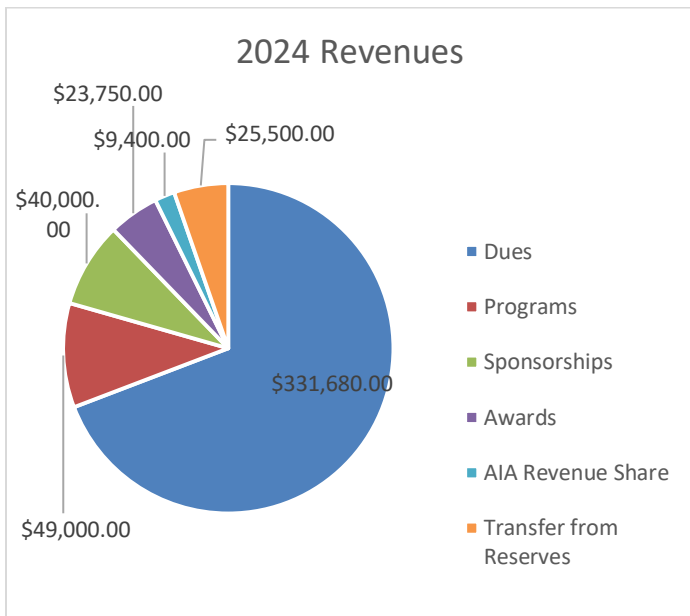
**Governance** – Included here are expenses for AIA Ohio's Representative to the Strategic Council, the National Associates Committee, the Young Architects Forum, AIA Ohio board meetings and strategic planning sessions, and expenses to send AIA Ohio leadership to National Convention, Leadership Summit and the CACE Annual Meeting.

**Advocacy** – This expense includes the portion of management allocated to lobbying, legislative expenses, AIA Ohio's Day at the Statehouse, and expenses to send leadership to the State/Local Government Network meeting.

**Awards** – These are expenses associated with the design and honor awards programs.

**Bank Fees/Accounting** – this includes credit card charges, bank fees, bank reconciliations and the annual audit.

# 2024 and 2025 Budgeted Revenues and Expenses





## **Overview of 2024-25 Budget Recommendations Regarding Income**

*Member Dues:* There was no cost of living increase implemented in 2023. The 2024 budget reflects a 5% CPI increase. The 2025 budget reflects a 3.2% CPI increase.

*Associate Dues:* There was no cost of living increase implemented in 2023. The 2024 budget reflects a 5% CPI increase. The 2025 budget reflects a 3.2% CPI increase.

*Directory:* In 2023, AIA Ohio switched the printed directory to a digital format.

*Sponsorships:* Annual revenues from AIA Ohio Sponsor partners.

*State Convention:* Budget for 2023 and 2024 re-imagined statewide conference. Plans for 2024 include an event in September in Columbus.

*Awards:* We had 90 entries this year. For 2024, the budget is based on 90 entries at \$250. For 2025, the budget is based on 100 entries.

*AIA Revenue Sharing:* AIA is revising the revenue share program effective 2024. The total amount to be distributed won't exceed 5% of the AIA budget. Of this, there will be a set amount distributed based on membership, and a second distribution based on attendance at National conference and the Women's Leadership Summit. Per the Ohio MOU, AIA Ohio's share of each of these disbursements is 10% - the remainder is split between Ohio's seven local components.

## **Overview of 2024-2025 Budget Recommendations Regarding Expenses**

*Administration:* There was no cost of living increase implemented in 2023. The 2024 budget reflects a 5% CPI increase. The 2025 budget reflects a 3.2% CPI increase

*Audit/Accounting:* Per the AIA Ohio bylaws, we are required to conduct an annual audit each year.

*Foundation Dues Assessment:* This is money collected through the dues invoicing process on behalf of the AIA Ohio Foundation.

*Legislative:* based on anticipated activities.

*Member Communications:* includes AIA Ohio newsletter, weekly email service, and web site maintenance.

*NAC, YAF and Strategic Council Representative:* The 2024 and 2025 expense budgets for this will fund these individuals to attend national meetings.

*Annual Convention:* Budget for a statewide AIA Ohio Annual Conference in 2024 and 2025.

*Awards:* The budgets for awards reflect the less expensive, redesigned AIA Ohio Design Award.

*National Convention and Leadership Summit:* The budgets reflect sending the AIA Ohio President, President-elect and Executive Vice President to these events. The National Convention budget also includes funding for an Ohio reception during the National Convention.

*Strategic Planning:* 2024 is the third year of the current three-year strategic plan. The budget is for a strategic planning session to outline the next three years for AIA Ohio.

AIA Ohio  
Balance Sheet  
September 30, 2023

	This Year	Last Year
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Huntington Checking	\$ 45,571.32	57,408.32
Convention Reserve Fund	55,435.42	53,709.08
Merrill Lynch Reserve Funds	574,283.23	550,894.91
ML Preferred Deposit Acct	<u>110,605.00</u>	<u>100,128.00</u>
Total Current Assets	785,894.97	762,140.31
Other Assets		
Total Other Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 785,894.97</u>	<u>762,140.31</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Capital		
Net Assets	\$ 687,451.21	734,227.40
Net Income	<u>98,443.76</u>	<u>27,912.91</u>
Total Capital	<u>785,894.97</u>	<u>762,140.31</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>\$ 785,894.97</u>	<u>762,140.31</u>

AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT  
For the Period Ending September 30, 2023  
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS ONLY - does not include investments

	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Percent	Annual Budget	Last Year This Month
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>					
1110 Member Dues	1,122.62	210,337.17	102.15	205,910	207,889.26
1120 Supplemental Dues	38.35	91,919.74	99.91	92,000	98,581.25
1130 Associate Dues	226.62	16,178.98	126.00	12,840	15,098.81
<b>1200 MEMBER SERVICES</b>					
1220 Directory	0.00	1,900.00	76.00	2,500	4,450.00
<b>1300 MEMBER PROGRAMS</b>					
Technology Symposium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	4,700.00
Design Symposium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	8,767.00
State Disaster Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500	0.00
Programs/Sponsorships	2,000.00	33,605.00	87.29	38,500	38,000.00
1350 Annual Conference	5,432.50	28,900.00	72.25	40,000	0.00
1360 Awards Program	0.00	22,000.00	97.78	22,500	19,800.00
Practice Simulation Lab	0.00	3,625.00	0.00	0	0.00
<b>1600 OTHER</b>					
1640 Prior Year Dues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	137.54
Document Revenue Sharing	0.00	7,358.59	77.46	9,500	7,300.60
Affinity Programs	68.40	4,987.54	76.73	6,500	4,579.20
AIA CACE Stipend	0.00	918.58	91.86	1,000	1,000.00
Misc Income	1,418.38	1,418.39	0.00	0	0.00
<b>1700 TOTAL OPER INCOME</b>	<b>10,306.87</b>	<b>423,148.99</b>	<b>97.78</b>	<b>432,750</b>	<b>410,303.66</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
<b>2100 OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
2110 Administration	20,546.25	205,462.50	83.33	246,555	205,462.50
2120 Audit/Accounting	50.00	500.00	5.81	8,600	7,350.00
2125 Foundation Dues Asse	0.00	0.00	0.00	25,144	0.00
Foundation Marr Contribution	0.00	1,000.00	100.00	1,000	0.00
2130 Insurance	776.00	1,826.00	73.04	2,500	1,811.00
BWC - Group Rate Coverage	0.00	120.00	80.00	150	120.00
2140 Supplies	230.00	2,108.85	60.25	3,500	2,070.00
2150 Postage	5.74	157.31	31.46	500	95.54
2160 Printing & Copies	82.84	813.48	54.23	1,500	825.46
2170 Telephone	150.72	1,365.43	54.62	2,500	1,387.55
<b>2200 MEMBERSHIP SERVICES</b>					
2210 Legislative	0.00	10.68	0.21	5,000	53.80
2220 Directory	0.00	1,800.00	45.00	4,000	4,279.02
2260 Web Page	468.00	468.00	0.00	0	667.95
2270 Member Communications	756.17	915.81	50.88	1,800	662.29
<b>2300 MEMBER PROGRAMS</b>					
Technology Symposium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	6,415.77
Design Symposium	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	4,300.00
2310 IDP/AXP Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0.00
Early Professionals	0.00	3,914.28	39.14	10,000	2,790.35
C.A.R.E.S Grant	0.00	1,100.00	36.67	3,000	1,400.00
2341 Annual Con	53,205.18	64,858.49	129.72	50,000	0.00
Practice Simulation Lab	500.00	5,262.16	0.00	0	0.00
2360 Awards	8,812.09	14,098.44	64.08	22,000	10,185.00
<b>2400 STATE MEETINGS</b>					

	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Percent	Annual Budget	Last Year This Month
2420 Board Meetings	1,190.42	4,482.38	74.71	6,000	8,636.95
State Disaster Assistance	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500	0.00
2455 Legislative Day	0.00	9,492.94	158.22	6,000	5,284.50
<b>2500 NATIONAL MEETINGS</b>					
2510 AIA Convention	0.00	14,706.45	147.06	10,000	10,779.29
AIA Leadership Summit	0.00	4,052.00	67.53	6,000	0.00
SLGN Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000	204.75
2530 CACE Meeting	862.91	1,212.71	80.85	1,500	457.69
NAC Representative	0.00	1,682.26	56.08	3,000	0.00
2325 YAF Representative	791.59	3,080.18	102.67	3,000	2,590.12

**GRANTS (Detail will show when there is activity)**

**2600 OTHER**

2610 Bank Charges	20.00	200.00	83.33	240	250.00
2620 Cr. Card Processing	253.98	2,430.68	69.45	3,500	1,778.08
2630 Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00	100	0.00
2660 Prior Year Expense	0.00	1,209.69	0.00	0	1,000.00
Schools Competition	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000	4,000.00
Membership Campaign	0.00	1,383.39	0.00	0	0.00

<b>2700 TOTAL OPER EXPENSES</b>	<b>88,701.89</b>	<b>349,714.11</b>	<b>80.01</b>	<b>437,089</b>	<b>284,857.61</b>
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<b>3000 OPER NET INCOME</b>	<b>(\$ 78,395.02)</b>	<b>\$ 73,434.88</b>		<b>(4,339)</b>	<b>125,446.05</b>
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***FOOTNOTE: Negative budget balances will be covered by Fund Transfers from Reserves***

**AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT**  
For the Period Ending September 30, 2023  
**INVESTMENT DATA**

	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Last Year This Month
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>			
1610 Interest Income	\$ 756.26	\$ 5,990.06	142.35
Dividend Income	2,052.29	12,285.24	10,395.96
1615 Unrealized gain/(loss)	(13,085.35)	13,610.74	(102,127.45)
Investment Fee Expense	(819.14)	(6,877.16)	(5,944.00)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>INVESTMENT NET INCOM</b>	<b>\$ (11,095.94)</b>	<b>\$ 25,008.88</b>	<b>(97,533.14)</b>
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AIA OHIO - 2024-25 BUDGET

	2022	Approved	Year-to-Date	Projected	Approved	Proposed Updates	Proposed
	Year-End	2023 Budget	7.31.2023	2023 Year-end	2024 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>							
1110 Member Dues	\$ 208,028.86	\$ 205,910.00	\$ 208,522.07	\$ 209,585.34	\$ 219,870.00	\$ 219,870.00	\$ 226,905.00
1120 Supplemental Dues	\$ 92,581.25	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 91,788.89	\$ 91,823.57	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00
1130 Associate Dues	\$ 15,158.53	\$ 12,840.00	\$ 15,621.46	\$ 16,094.25	\$ 18,810.00	\$ 18,810.00	\$ 19,410.00
1220 Directory	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,750.00
1358 Sponsorships	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
1350 Annual Conference	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 3,812.50	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 42,000.00
1355 Programs							
Mbr Recognition Event	\$ 2,275.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Technology Summit	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Design Symposium	\$ 8,767.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Practice Simulation Lab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,675.00	\$ 3,675.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1360 Awards Program	\$ 19,800.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 23,750.00
1625 Affinity Programs	\$ 4,579.20	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 4,828.03	\$ 6,242.03	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
1660 AIA Revenue Sharing	\$ 9,746.69	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 7,358.59	\$ 9,804.59	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 8,200.00
1665 AIA CACE Stipend	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1620 Miscellaneous	\$ 137.54	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1675 State Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Reserves	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ -
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 409,224.07</b>	<b>\$ 432,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 386,631.54</b>	<b>\$ 430,124.78</b>	<b>\$ 477,680.00</b>	<b>\$ 479,330.00</b>	<b>\$ 464,515.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
2110 Administration	\$ 246,555.00	\$ 246,555.00	\$ 164,370.00	\$ 246,555.00	\$ 258,882.75	\$ 258,882.75	\$ 267,167.00
2120 Audit/Accounting	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
2125 Foundation Dues Assessment	\$ 26,427.54	\$ 25,144.00	\$ -	\$ 33,270.00	\$ 28,230.00	\$ 29,676.00	\$ 30,627.00
2130 Insurance	\$ 1,811.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2140 Supplies/Storage	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,610.00	\$ 2,530.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2150 Postage	\$ 139.84	\$ 500.00	\$ 143.55	\$ 199.76	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2160 Printing & Copies	\$ 1,072.76	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 704.00	\$ 1,027.61	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
2170 Telephone	\$ 1,865.03	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,066.06	\$ 1,695.65	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
2210 Legislative	\$ 53.80	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 10.68	\$ 10.68	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2220 Directory	\$ 4,279.02	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2270 Member Communications (newsletter, alert)	\$ 2,010.98	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 159.64	\$ 1,508.33	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
2310 AXP Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2320 Early Professionals	\$ 2,790.35	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,914.28	\$ 5,316.28	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2323 NAC Representative		\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,682.26	\$ 1,682.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2325 YAF Representative	\$ 2,825.34	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,288.59	\$ 2,288.59	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2330 SC Representative	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2350 State Conv.	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 8,799.99	\$ 63,900.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 63,500.00
Member Recognition Event	\$ 12,908.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Technology Summit	\$ 7,756.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Design Symposium	\$ 16,476.07	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Practice Simulation Lab	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 3,144.00			
2360 Awards	\$ 20,321.21	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00
2410 Board Retreat/Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
2420 Board/Committee Meetings	\$ 9,206.59	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,291.96	\$ 6,584.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
2450 AIA Ohio Day at Statehouse	\$ 5,284.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 9,492.94	\$ 9,492.94	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2510 AIA National Convention	\$ 10,779.29	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 14,210.75	\$ 14,210.75	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2520 AIA Leadership Summit		\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2530 CACE Meeting	\$ 1,431.21	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 349.80	\$ 1,167.42	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2535 State Local Government Network	\$ 1,087.28	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2610 Bank Charges	\$ 310.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
2620 Credit Card Processing	\$ 1,897.78	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,441.17	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
2625 BWC Group Rate Coverage	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
2630 Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2645 Foundation Marr Contribution	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2660 Prior Year Expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,593.08	\$ 2,593.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2673 CARES Grants	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2671 Schools Competition	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
2676 Digital Lending Library	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2680 State Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 395,069.90</b>	<b>\$ 437,089.00</b>	<b>\$ 230,310.75</b>	<b>\$ 429,014.35</b>	<b>\$ 476,862.75</b>	<b>\$ 479,208.75</b>	<b>\$ 464,444.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ 14,154.17</b>	<b>\$ (4,339.00)</b>	<b>\$ 156,320.79</b>	<b>\$ 1,110.43</b>	<b>\$ 817.25</b>	<b>\$ 121.25</b>	<b>\$ 71.00</b>



## **AIA OHIO GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE (GAC) REPORT**

November 15, 2023

### **2024 AIA Ohio Advocacy Day at the Statehouse**

- Save the Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024
- The advocacy committee has started planning for next year's advocacy day.
- The format for next years program will be similar to last year with a few changes to the venues.
- The opening session will be at the Renaissance Hotel followed by legislative visits. The event will conclude with a reception with legislators in the statehouse rotunda.

### **SB9 & Changes to the Ohio Building Codes**

- OBBS had initially indicated that the effective date of the new code would be January 1, 2024. The Board has reviewed AIA Ohio's request and agreed to extend the effective date to March 1, 2024. The adopted revisions are posted to the OBBS website and a compiled copy of the new codes are available on upcodes.
- ICC did not meet the November 1, 2023 deadline for making the new documents available.
- Revisions to the Ohio Residential Code are still in the review process. The residential code will incorporate revisions but will not include an adoption of a more current model code.

### **AIA Contract Revisions for School Projects**

- The GAC met with members from Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton to review concerns about extensive modifications being made to AIA Standard Owner/Architect Agreements for school construction projects that are completed without state funding. AGC has similar concerns with Owner/Contractor Agreements for school projects.
- The GAC discussed strategies for addressing the concerns.
- The GAC recommended a workgroup be formed to work on the issue. Formation of the group is pending identification of a member willing to chair the workgroup. Allison McKenzie has agreed to serve as the liaison between the GAC and the workgroup.

### **Ohio Architects' Board Sunset Review**

- The GAC provided a letter in support of the Ohio Architects' Board sunset review hearing.

### **Women Owned Business Opportunities**

- Reached out to Sarah Kleiner with AIA Cincinnati to check progress on Women Owned Businesses and EDGE research. Invited Sarah to attend an advocacy committee meeting to discuss progress.

### **Government Advocacy Committee Meetings (GAC)**

The GAC meets weekly on Mondays from noon to 1 pm. If you have any issues or concerns that you would like to bring before the GAC or if you would like to work one of the legislative issue noted above, please contact Kate Brunswick.

### **2023 Government Advocacy Committee Members:**

Karen Planet, AIA, AIA Cincinnati (Chair)

Andy Knopp, AIA, AIA Toledo

Dave Robar, AIA, AIA Cleveland

Allison McKenzie, AIA, AIA Cincinnati

Jonathan Morschl, Assoc. AIA, AIA Akron

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, AIA Youngstown

John Orsini, AIA, AIA Youngstown

Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, AIA Ohio



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# Membership Engagement Committee

Alex Oetzel, AIA  
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Brett Wedding, Assoc. AIA  
Bruce Sekanick, FAIA  
Aaron Hill, AIA  
Eric Pros, AIA  
John Orsini, AIA  
Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA  
Lisa Kocher



The AIA Ohio Design Community Conference  
September 10-12, 2023  
Columbus Ohio





# Attendance

120 Full Conference  
163 Awards Celebration



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# Honor Awards

## Emerging Professional of the Year

Nate Bailey, AIA



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# Honor Awards

## Emerging Professional of the Year

Megan Pros, AIA



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# Honor Awards

## Mentorship Award

Matt Toddy, AIA



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# Honor Awards

## Gold Medal Firm Award Meyers and Associates



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# Honor Awards

## Gold Medal Award

Terry Welker, FAIA



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# Design Awards

163 attendees from all seven Ohio components



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# LUs and Brews

60+ Architects + 6 Vendors =  
A Great Evening!



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# Tours

5 Tours

16 stops

92 Attendees



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# Learning Units

40.5 LUs

28.5 HSW

*Offered in 5 different venues  
in Downtown Columbus*



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## **AIA Ohio Organizational Vitality Workgroup Report Annual Report 2023**

October 21, 2023

Workgroup Members:

Joe Bissaillon AIA	John Orsini AIA
Kate Brunswick Hon. AIA	Karen Planet AIA
Denise Holt AIA	Charlie Setterfield AIA (chair)

The Organizational Vitality Workgroup has reviewed data for AIA Ohio programs, program attendance, membership, sponsorship, revenue, expenses, etc. Much of the data we reviewed covers a ten-year span allowing us to identify trends, though the COVID years were considered anomalies. This data is posted on DropBox for your review.

To position AIA Ohio for continued success, this Workgroup has identified Focus Areas to be addressed in a Financial Strategic Plan. The Plan will provide a framework for all AIA Ohio activities and efforts, seeking to maximize the return on investment for our members and assure the long-term vitality of AIA Ohio.

The Financial Strategic Plan Focus Areas:

1. AIA Ohio Mission and Vision
  - a. Develop a rubric to help evaluate all programs/events regarding financial investment, impact, efficacy, member value, and alignment with mission.
  - b. Using the rubric, establish annual program/event calendar that aligns with the mission and vision.
  - c. Develop a sunset review process for the organization's programs and activities
  
2. Budget
  - a. Update the process for establishing the annual budget – Utilize a net zero approach.
  - b. Use prior years rubrics to establish next year's budget.
  - c. Work hard to live within the budget – eliminate the annual \$20k overage – learn to say no. Be nimble when managing program expenses.
  - d. Do not touch the Reserves until a strategic financial plan is in place that sets the guidelines.
  
3. Revenue
  - a. Dues:
    - i. Review & analyze the current CPI increase structure
    - ii. Develop a financial plan to anticipate expected loss of supplemental dues
    - iii. Monitor potential impact of AIA National dues structure changes
  - b. Revenue generating programs vs. non-revenue generating programs.
  - c. Set target for Non-dues revenue.
  - d. State-wide sponsorship committee.

Organizational Vitality Workgroup

October 21, 2023

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4. Expenses
  - a. Revenue generating events vs. non-revenue generating.
  - b. Management fee structure.

The Workgroup has prioritized development of a program rubric as the next step in our process.

Respectfully Submitted,

AIA Ohio Organizational Vitality Workgroup



## **AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group Report**

Prepared by John Meegan, AIA

Office/Committee/Component Update  
*Year-end report*

This year, the AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group:

1. Launched the AIA Ohio Firm Web-Based Directory. Momentum is growing as firms transition to new digital format. Work group added individual members to master list on website.
2. Prepared and delivered an AIA Ohio Honor Awards Informational Program: After hosting the AIA Ohio Honor Awards informational Program in April, three firms submitted this year for the AIA Gold Medal Firm Award. There were no submissions in 2022. Work group offered suggestions for future AIA Ohio Honor Award submissions.
3. Reviewed Proposed AIA Ohio Design Award redesign and offered recommendation for new plaque.

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### **Members of the AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group**

John Meegan, AIA (Chair)  
Zach Herbst, AIA  
John Orsini, AIA  
Phil Riazzi, AIA  
Arsenio Rodriguez, AIA  
Mike Vala, AIA



**THE AIA OHIO FOUNDATION**  
**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**





## THE AIA OHIO FOUNDATION

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It is nearly the end of another year and the AIA Ohio Foundation has continued to build on its past successes as we look toward expanded programing in 2024 and beyond. While a relatively quiet year for the Foundation, we have continued to provide support to the students and AIAS chapters across the state. As we plan for the upcoming year, we hope our focus on the basic principals on which the Foundation was created will allow us to have a greater impact on both students and the profession.

The Foundation's core focus has always been scholarships. In 2023, the Foundation continued to work with the accredited schools in Ohio to provide scholarships to students within each of the five programs. As you hopefully know, the Foundation makes available \$15,000 each year in support of scholarships at the schools. Since 2003, the Foundation has distributed \$227,000 in scholarships to 108 students from across the state. These scholarships form an important link between the students, the school and the profession. The Foundation hopes to continue this effort for years to come as each year, we become more keenly aware of the challenges that face today's students.

The AIA Ohio Foundation, first chartered in 1968, is celebrating our fifty-fifth year of service to the architectural community. As we come to better understand the needs of the profession, along with the students, we adapt our programs to better serve our members and the profession. In the last half-dozen years, the Foundation has worked to support the American Institute of Architects Students (AIAS) chapters at each school. The AIAS, a separate entity from the AIA, supports student events and activities in the educational setting, much as AIA does within professional practices. From meetings to speakers to regional events, the AIAS supports students as they prepare to enter the profession. The Foundation assists in this effort through annual contributions to each of the five AIAS chapters in Ohio. Through grants of \$1,500 to each program, the AIAS leadership is able to advance programming that might not otherwise be offered. It is our hope that in the near future, the Foundation will be able to reach and even broader group of students through funding made available to other groups, including the NOMAS chapters within the state. Each of these groups are important to the success of the profession and each need our assistance to allow their organization to make an impact. While we continue to provide funding and scholarships, the Foundation has, for the immediate future, suspended our grant program. We hope that during our next Board meeting, we will be able to re-tool this program in a way that will provide funding to those programs that best align with our mission. More information should be available at the beginning of the year.

The AIA Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees is a mix of experienced AIA Ohio members from across the state who join together to make the most of the organization's resources. I would like to once again, express my gratitude to all of the current and former board members, along with our Executive Director, Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, CAE for their ongoing contributions.

Finally, I'd like to thank each of you for your continuous support. Without you, the Foundation would not exist.

**Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, OAA**

President of the AIA Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees



# PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

## THE HISTORY

As noted, the Foundation is now 55. The Organization was chartered to fulfill a wide range of functions, but its basic purpose was to support students, research and awareness of the profession within Ohio. While the amount of the scholarships were much small during the early years, the Foundation's efforts have always involved the funding of scholarships for students.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation works closely with the schools to assist students meet their financial obligations in the professional degree program. While we know that the amount we are able to fund is small compared to the cost of tuition, every dollar helps supports those individuals who will soon be working with us side-by-side. The scholarships, in the amount of \$3,000 annually to each school, helps provide funding based on the needs of the each program. The AIA Ohio Foundation allows each program to apply their own criteria to the scholarship awards. This flexibility allows each institution the opportunity to apply the funding in a way that best meets their student needs.

## AIAS GRANTS

While the Foundation understands the need to help fund students directly, the organization sees a broader need to connect students with the AIA. The AIAS grant program was started to reach a wider range of students beyond the single scholarship recipient at each school. This expands recognition of the AIA brand while also assisting the AIAS chapters in meeting student needs. This program has been in place for just over five years.

## COMPONENT GRANTS

The Foundation has also provided a component and affiliate organization grant program. These grants recognize that awareness of the education begins early in life and that general awareness and recognition of the profession is important to those in K-12 programs. Due to current market conditions, the Foundation has suspended these grants for 2023, but will review their viability at our December Board meeting. We continue to work with our investment advisor to make sure that the monies we are entrusted with are used to provide the best and highest impact.

## THE AIA OHIO FOUNDATION LEGACY FUND

The Foundation is pleased to announce that we have made progress on our Legacy Fund project. This project, which will make statewide scholarships available, will allow firms, individuals, and groups the opportunity to develop targeted scholarships available to qualifying individuals in any one of the five architectural programs. While the ground work is being laid, we believe that this will provide the Foundation, and AIA Ohio members, another opportunity to help promote the education of future practitioners. More information on the program will be available after the first of the year.

The Foundation continues to build upon the strong framework developed by past boards to ensure that the organization has a long, bright future. Those interested in supporting the Foundation in a more substantial manner can reach-out to any Board Member for additional information on how you can contribute to the Foundation in support of our mission.

## AIA Ohio Foundation Scholarship Program

The Foundation has continued our traditional scholarship program with each of the states five schools of architecture. These scholarships are valued at \$3,000 and the awards are granted by each schools scholarship committee. Scholarships have been awarded to the following students in 2023:

Eduardo Hidalgo	Bowling Green State University
Madeline Montgomery	Bowling Green State University
Will Monroe	Miami University
Zerin Promee	Miami University
Isaiah Zuercher	The University of Cincinnati
Katelyn Owens	Kent State University

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The AIA Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees is a diverse group of individuals from across the state, representing all Ohio AIA chapters. Their work throughout the year helps the Foundation provide scholarships, grants, and funding for a wide range of programs in support of the profession.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS & AIAS GRANTS

## 2023 - 2024 AIAS Grant Program

With the start of each Fall Semester, the AIA Ohio Foundation begins our efforts to provide funding to each of the five AIAS chapters in the state. The funds provided allow the chapters to create programming, support travel, and to, in some cases, pay national dues for AIAS membership. Each school in Ohio manages and funds these student chapters in different ways, and the AIA Ohio Foundation tries to minimize the limitations we put in place for these grants. Board members team together when possible to make school visits and to provide checks to the chapter leadership. This direct connection to the programs allows the Foundation to better understand student needs and challenges.

Some schools have their own fundraising programs while others are supported through the university. The type of programming and events differ significantly, in much the same manner as AIA chapters are organized and function in different ways. Each program that the Foundation has met with has voiced their thanks and support for the grant program.

In order that we may continue this work, the Foundation asks that you consider a contribution to the organization. A 501(c)(3), the Foundation is a charitable, non-profit whose purpose is centered on supporting and advancing the architectural profession in Ohio. Your contributions can

be one time or ongoing, but each can make a difference as we endeavor to provide ever-increasing support for students. To make a contribution, please reach out to the Foundation through AIA Ohio at [aiaohio@assnoffices.com](mailto:aiaohio@assnoffices.com) and we will contact you with more information.

## AIA Ohio Foundation Lounge

If you attended the AIA Ohio Design Award Community Conference, you may have found snacks and beverages available at The Columbus Center for Architecture and Design, which was one of the venues that hosted our CE presentations. The Foundation worked with the planning committee and the Center for Architecture and AIA Columbus to provide these snacks for attendees. It is our hope that as our mission and vision is better understood, we will be able to work with more members in support of our efforts.

## AIAS Chapter Check Delivery

The Foundation never likes to do things in a small way. The pictures below are just a few samples of how the AIA Ohio Foundation checks make their way from lecture hall and around campus as the Foundation works to advance to build relationships with future leaders. Look for more presentation photos in upcoming AIA Ohio Newsletters. Cameron Hite, President of AIAS Kent State shows of the Foundation check presented earlier this semester around the Kent State campus.



## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Consolidated Financial Statement	2023 - YTD	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Income	Dues Allocation	0	26,427	25,401	25,998	27,282	26,673
	Contributions	630	600	6,750	2,750	1,850	1,000
	Sponsorship	0	0	0	5,000	0	0
	Restricted Donations	2,000	0	2,000	600	0	0
	Marr Sustaining Cont.	3,250	10,350	8,600	6,000	7,000	6,750
Expenditures	Scholarships	12,000	12,000	15,000	15,000	9,000	9,000
	Programs	3,000	23,800	10,641	12,725	4,750	1,500
	Operations	2,562	925	3,266	3,135	3,462	4,504
	Restricted Expenditures	0	0	0	600	0	0
Investments	Return	88,400	(112,402)	71,548	47,971	66,413	(27,706)
	Balance	564,761	476,361	688,570	494,148	461,176	349,614

### The Charles Marr Citation

At this year's AIA Ohio Awards Program, held during the AIA Ohio Design Community Conference in Columbus on September 10-12, nine individuals were recognized with the AIA Ohio Foundation's Charles Marr Citation. The Foundation thanks these individuals and their sponsors for identifying the value of this recognition and for helping fund AIAS funding and student scholarships. The recipients include:

**Robert Bostwick, FAIA**

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Daniel Bickerstaff, AIA

**Richard Butera, AIA**

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October 23, 2023

# Report

from the Strategic Council

**From:**

Yanitza Brongers-Marrero, FAIA  
[ybrongers@moodynolan.com](mailto:ybrongers@moodynolan.com)

**To:**

AIA Ohio  
November *Board Meeting*

**Mission:** *The AIA Strategic Council advances the architectural profession by informing the AIA Board and other Institute bodies about important professional issues, opportunities, and threats. The Council has an outward and forward-focused vision with an emphasis on long-term goals and outcomes.*

**What Does the Strategic Council Do?** *To learn more about the role and activities of the Strategic Council, click [HERE](#).*

## From the Councilor – Yanitza Brongers-Marrero, FAIA

Thank you for all your support during my three-year term (2021-2023) serving in the Strategic Council! I have learned a lot about AIA and have made many friends and contacts into the future. I would like to welcome our new Strategic Councilor Hallie Crouch (AIA Cleveland) as she will be representing AIA Ohio for the next three years. I hope that you find an opportunity to meet her and share some of your experiences about AIA.

This year, the Strategic Council's focus has been integration of the AIA's strategic priorities across the institute through the Framework for Design Excellence and the Strategic Plan. We've divided the council into 5 groups that explore an innovative theme within F4DE.

- Group 1 is Wellbeing: They are doing a year-long study leveraging the significant existing published evidence regarding how architecture affects health and well-being. They have interviewed their Subject Matter Experts and are now compiling their data to present to the full council on October 26.
- Group 2 is Economy: Studied the topic ***The Value of Architecture*** with a focus on Member prosperity and Member engagement. They presented their findings to the council on October 11.
- Group 3 is Design: They investigated ***How is the Artificial Intelligence future going to affect the Architectural Profession?*** They worked with a variety of online programs to incredible success. Programs include ChatGPT, Discordapp.com, Midjourney, Murf.ai, and d-id.com, and they created a captivating video answering the question "*What Should AIA do with AI?*" which had the tag line "*if Design is our superpower, AI is our cape!*" This was presented to the Council on September 20.

- Group 4 is Carbon: They have completed their sprint ***What Does a Climate Positive Architectural Practice Look Like?*** Their report has been submitted to the Board of Directors for your review and comment.
- Group 5 is Equity: They presented ***Bias-Free Architecture by 2050*** to the Strategic Council on August 9<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed current resources available (both within the AIA and beyond) and efforts by other member organizations. Then they reviewed the regional findings that they discovered from conducting over 100 surveys nationwide and internationally. A review of this work is complete and has been submitted for board review.

## Council news

### Strategic Council Economy Committee Update:

In continuation of the work started in 2022, the Value of Architecture group, within the Economy Area of Study, surveyed and conducted interviews with several dozen project owners and a few other stakeholders. While public and private sector institutional owners were in the majority, we also received feedback from developers, academics, and consultants to the AE industry. While the findings are still being analyzed in detail, some trends are starting to become clear, including the following: Architects continue to be seen as valuable or extremely valuable to the execution of a successful project. Architects play a critical role in risk reduction on projects. There are expanded or additional services that Architects could provide that would be valuable to owners.

### AIA Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) Update

The recent, unprecedented removal of the sitting Speaker of the House has created a leadership void in the U.S. House of Representatives. With Congressman Patrick McHenry as the House's interim leader, Congressman Steve Scalise and Congressman Jim Jordan have volleyed their intent to become the next Speaker as their colleagues convene to reach a consensus. A few unique conditions will prevail until the lower chamber elects its leader. Here's how a few issues important to architects have been affected:

1. Architect of the Capitol: JDG Associates (the firm retained by the Architect of the Capitol Commission to guide the vetting and selection process) will not continue interviewing candidates until the House elects a new Speaker. (FYI, all candidates supported by the American Institute of Architects are continuing in the process.)
2. Amortization of R&D expenses: The House will not consider any bills – including any remedy to requiring the amortization of research and development expenses – until it elects a new Speaker.
3. National Architecture Week: The House will also not consider the burgeoning AIA effort to draft legislation which would create a National Architecture Week. The vision for this bill proposes an annual week recognizing AIA's founding and the profession's alignment with the sustainability principles underscored during Earth Day.

## Institute news

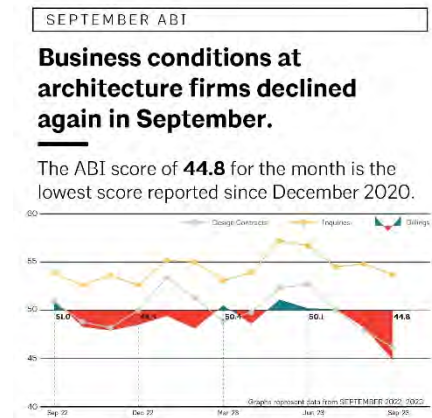
### AIA response to Israel - Gaza Conflict

As architects, we shape the spaces where life unfolds. Today, our attention is drawn to a region where life and space are embroiled in a devastating conflict in Israel and Gaza. The war is causing unimaginable suffering for civilians on both sides, destroying homes, infrastructure, and lives.

We believe that architecture is about more than just buildings; it's about building communities, fostering understanding, and promoting peace. With this in mind, we encourage you to extend your compassion and donate to reputable organizations working tirelessly to secure peace and offer relief in this region.

Donate here: <https://bit.ly/401QSyz>

## AIA/Deltek Architectural Billings Index (ABI) declines in September



The AIA/Deltek Architectural Billings Index (ABI) September score dropped from 48.1 to 44.8. Business conditions at architecture firms continued to decline from August to September.

See the latest AIA/@Deltek ABI data: <https://bit.ly/3QIYiJC>

## Upcoming events

Date	Event	Location	Link
October 31, 2023	AIA 2030 Commitment By the Numbers	Online	<a href="#">Link</a>
June 06 – 8, 2024	A'24 Conference on Architecture	Washington DC	<a href="#">Link</a>

For more events, visit the AIA events page at: <https://www.aia.org/events>

**For more information about the AIA Strategic Council go to:**

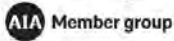
<https://www.aia.org/pages/6339552-strategic-council>

## Feedback

We value input! If you have questions or ideas for the Strategic Council, reach out to us at [StrategicCouncil@aia.org](mailto:StrategicCouncil@aia.org). To learn more about the work of the Strategic Council, please visit the [Strategic Council webpage at AIA.org](#).



# Young Architects Forum



## AIA Ohio - Young Architect Representative Report

**Seth Duke, AIA**

2023

### Young Architects Forum (YAF) - National:

The national Young Architects Forum Committee had an initial orientation call January 17, 2023 followed by an in-person Annual Meeting February 2nd-4th in St. Louis, Missouri where the YAF Focus Groups (Advocacy, Communications, Community, Knowledge, and Strategic Vision) met together with new and returning representatives to the committee to establish their goals for the year. See information from each focus group below, as well as in additional attachments to this report.

At A'23 the YAF held two primary events – the College of Fellows & Young Architects Forum A'23 Aspire Series and our Mini MBA: Mastering the Business of Architecture in partnership with the Large Firm Roundtable.

Mid-year a call for volunteers for the YAF Advisory Committee for the positions of Community Director, Strategic Vision Director, and Vice Chair went out. The newly selected AdCom directors are:

**Seth Duke, 2024-2025 Community Director**

**Carrie Parker, 2024-2025 Strategic Vision Director**

**Sarah Nelson-Woynicz, 2023 Vice Chair**

Our special projects team is also working through potential changes to both the name of the committee and definition of “Young Architect.” This is currently in progress and will potentially be resolved and go into effect starting in 2024 with the new representatives joining the committee.

For the remainder of the calendar year things are winding down with a few events to tie up the year and planning to transition for next year. New Young Architect Representatives whose term begins in 2024 will be attending the December YAF committee call and will have an orientation in January followed by the committee’s annual meeting in February.

### YAF Advocacy

This year the YAF Advocacy group has continued its pursuit of providing initially free webinars through AIAU addressing critical topics related to Young Architects and the broader profession. In 2022 we had webinars on [Universal Design](#) and [Mental Health and Architecture](#).

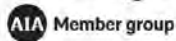
This year we held a webinar in May entitled "[The Culture of Architecture – A Multicultural Perspective on Design Through the Lens of Diverse Storytelling](#)" and in October we held a webinar entitled "[Humans at Work – Where Progressive Firm Cultures and Policies Intersect](#)".

All four of these webinars are currently available on AIAU for \$35 for AIA members.

The Advocacy group has also been strategizing opportunities at the AIA national level for volunteer and service opportunities for members and we are looking at incorporating a service project as part of the 2024 annual meeting.

### YAF Communications

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The Communications Focus Group is primarily focused on publishing Connection, YAF's quarterly publication. The most recent issues can be found at the links below and those interested in contributing can always contact YAF for each issue.

Q3 2022 – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion [here](#).

Q1 2023 – Mission 2130 [here](#).

Q2 2023 – Advocate for Change [here](#).

Q3 2023 – Educate for Impact [here](#).

## YAF Community

The YAF Community group this year facilitated “Open Mic Nights” each quarter as a way to connect with young architect leaders across the country and share resources. Additionally, following a survey of existing mentorship programs across various components the group is working on finalizing a new mentorship toolkit publication for component use. Finally there is the ongoing coordination of the ALIGN mentorship program in partnership with the College of Fellows.

## YAF Knowledge

This year the YAF Knowledge group facilitated our Mini MBA program at A'23 in San Francisco which we also have proposed for A'24 in D.C. We have also submitted a few proposals for A'24 regarding young architects and construction administration topics that are currently under review.

Our Knowledge group also puts out a regular one page newsletter to share quick links and resources which I have compiled together and put at the end of this report.

## YAF Strategic Vision

Following YAF Summit 30 at the end of 2022 the committee published a debrief document that can be read [here](#). Coming out of the Summit was the new 2023-2027 YAF Strategic Initiative: “Architects in action, catalyzing for change.” With the initial 2023 priority areas of:

- Advocate [for change]
- Educate [for impact]
- Diversify [for the future]


The 2022 Future Forward Grant recipient Yuchen Song gave a presentation on her work at A'23 and the 2023 Future Forward Grant was awarded to Yale architecture student Christina Ciardullo. This grant is in partnership with the Large Firm Roundtable to support the testing of new ideas that disrupt the traditional conception of practice, process, and product in the field of architecture. Ciardullo will study sustainability during schematic design by exploring science-based methods to evaluate the costs and benefits of vegetation within projects that incorporate vegetation through green roofs and living walls.

## Ohio Early Professionals

AIA Ohio launched the Early Professional Friendly Firm Program in the spring. 26 firms submitted applications and 23 firms received either the EPFF+ or EPFF designation. There was a considerable amount received feedback from firms, firm leaders, and other AIA leaders which along with the data from the submissions that were utilized to update and refine the program which will be opening up for applications again in Q1 of 2023.

In partnership with the AIA Ohio Associate directors, there have been ongoing calls each quarter with the Early Professional leaders and members from each component in Ohio focused on discussion of issues relevant to Early Professionals and sharing resources and ideas across the state.

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At the start of the year we published the 2022 EP Journal which is available online [here](#). We are planning to compile a 2023 journal at the end of the year.

For the second year the Early Professional Friendly Firm program recognized firms across the state for their commitment to supporting early professionals. 11 firms received the EPFF designation with an additional 12 firms receiving the EPFF+ designation. The full list of which can be found [here](#). Alex Oetzel and Gwendolyn Frank presented a compilation of data and feedback from the program at the AIA Ohio conference this year in Columbus.

We were awarded a College of Fellows EP Component Grant for a “Practice Simulation Lab” held in Columbus this year. This was an event that allied teams of various experience levels including partnership with AIA Ohio Fellows challenging groups to create hypothetical firms and then asked them to face challenges that they would in everyday practice. For more information about the event read the article published in YAF Connection [here](#). We have also submitted this program as a potential A’24 workshop.

Similar to 2022 we have held quarterly calls with the statewide early professional leaders to discuss current topics affecting early professionals, share events and resources, and discuss future initiatives.

And finally, replacing me as YAF representative for Ohio is current Early Professional Director Alex Oetzel who will serve a two-year term to the committee.

Sincerely,

Seth Duke, AIA  
Ohio Young Architect Representative

# Young Architects Forum



The Young Architects Forum is the voice of recently licensed architects and a catalyst for progress within the Institute.

2023 marks the first year under the 5-year Strategic Initiative of ‘Architects in Action; Catalyzing for Change.’

## 2023 Priority Areas



### ADVOCATE [FOR CHANGE]:

- Connection Q2 theme is “Advocacy and Empowerment.”
- Resource young architects to champion mental health and equity in the workplace.
- Spotlight the YAF Mission 2130 and its outcomes.
- Amplify existing initiatives and new resources to help young architects to advocate for action.
- Partner with COTE, LFRT, and SFx to strengthen existing synergies and identify untapped opportunities.



### EDUCATE [FOR IMPACT]:

- Connection Q3 theme is “Education and Professional Development”.
- Foster opportunities to engage with young architects through “Open Mic Nights” and “Now Ya Know” publication.
- Collaborate with College of Fellows and Large Firm Round Table to incentivize innovation in the profession.
- Facilitate relevant and impactful content at A’23 and other conferences.
- Host a series of webinars to increase the accessibility of information available to young architects.



### DIVERSIFY [FOR THE FUTURE] :

- Connection Q4 theme is “Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging”
- Feature the work of diverse young architects through various social media channels.
- Create space for growth and learning opportunities, inspire initiatives, and partner with those experienced in equity work.
- Amplify the AIA Guides for Equitable Practice.
- Share resources for young architects to advocate for more equitable office environments, profession, and communities.

### OUTREACH & COLLABORATION:

- Foster strategic partnerships internal and external to AIA to strengthen collective goals.
- Perpetuate Mission 2130 as a toolkit for continued exploration of the future of practice and the agency of young architects for change in the profession.
- Broaden engagement through ‘Open Mic Nights’ to share knowledge and crowd-source opportunities for young architects.
- Reevaluate the needs of young architects and push boundaries to propel the profession forward.
- Introduce and perpetuate the YAF Strategic Initiative for 2023-2027.

### MENTORSHIP & COLLEGIALITY:

- Empower young architects to advance their careers by making notable contributions to the profession and their communities.
- Partner with the College of fellows to propel mentorship through the official rollout and next phases of the YAF + COF ALIGN Mentorship Program.
- Build community within and among young architects by focusing on the YAF value of collegiality.
- Strengthen existing collaborations with AIAS, NOMAS, and NOMA.
- Recognize, celebrate, and platform recently elevated Fellows and Young Architect Award recipients.

### CONNECT WITH US:

- **Issuu:** [issuu.com/youngarchitectsforum](http://issuu.com/youngarchitectsforum)
- **KnowledgeNet:** [tinyurl.com/yafknowledgegenet](http://tinyurl.com/yafknowledgegenet)
- **Instagram/Twitter:** @AIAYAF
- **Facebook:** AIAYAFNational
- **Connection:** YAF’s quarterly digital publication is produced by young architects with practical takeaways for all members of our profession.
- **Toolkits:** Resources for young architects and AIA components, past toolkit topics include: ‘How to Facilitate the Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Program,’ ‘How to Start or Grow an Emerging Professional Committee,’ and ‘How to Facilitate a Practice Innovation Lab.’



# NOW YA KNOW

Issue 9, January 2023

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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### **Look forward to the Future Forward Grant**

The \$10K Large Firm Roundtable/ YAF Future Forward Grant will **open February 24th, 2023** and supports Emerging Professionals in the testing of new ideas that disrupt the traditional conception of practice, process, and product in the field of architecture.

Learn more [here](#).

### **Just released: Connection Issue Q3**

This issue: **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**

Read interviews from architects about their career path, getting licensed and figuring out “now what?”

**Check it out: Q3 Connection**

[Call for submission for Q4](#)

### **COF Component Grants: Call for Proposals**

The 2023 AIA College of Fellows Component Grants focus on Mentorship. Grants will be provided to AIA Components for programs that enhance the development of emerging architects and welcome others into the profession. Grants of up to \$8,000 will be made directly to the proposing AIA component.

**Applications due January 20th, 2023. More information [here](#).**

### **Looking Ahead in 2023**

2023-2027 YAF Strategic Initiative:

**“Architects in action, catalyzing for change”**

2023 Priority Areas:

- **Advocate [for change]**
- **Educate [for impact]**
- **Diversify [for the future]**

### **Missed these YAF Webinars? Catch Them On Demand:**

**[“So You Want to Design for All? Designing for Mental Health”](#)**

1.5 LUs/HSW

**[“So You Want to Build an Equitable Future? Practice Innovation through Universal + Inclusive Design”](#)**

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Read interviews from architects about their career path, getting licensed and figuring out “now what?”

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## Want to Participate in Connection Q1?

Q1's issue: **YAF Summit-Mission 2130**

Connection's editorial committee welcomes the submission of articles, editorials, and interviews / spotlights from those who participated in the YAF Summit: Mission 2130

Draft Deadline: 02/17/2023  
Contact the editor in chief at:  
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Issue II, March 2023

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**Applications due April 2nd!**

**Learn more [here](#)**



The AIA Leadership Summit 2023 returned to Washington DC, offering AIA Young Architects Forum the chance to lobby on Capitol Hill, reconnect with former members, and prioritize personal and professional leadership.

## A'23 Conference

The Architecture and Design Event of the Year is June 7-10. Join us in San Francisco—one of the West Coast's premier destinations—to explore what it means to design a better world now, together.

**Learn more [here](#)**

## Join the YAF for an open mic night!

Join YAF National for the inaugural Open Mic night **March 21st at 6pm EST**, where you can learn more about the national committee and their 2023 strategic initiative for Architects in Action, Catalyzing for Change.

**Learn more [here](#)**

## Mentorship Opportunities

Do you have a mentorship program at your firm or local AIA chapter? We want to hear about it!

**Please share using the following [Link](#)**

## YAF Annual Meeting

This years Young Architects Forum Annual Meeting was held in St. Louis, where AIA representatives from around the country met to re-connect, set goals and make plans for the year ahead.

**Check out the YAF I page for more information**

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# NOW YA KNOW

Issue 12, April 2023

## Join the YAF for an open mic night!

Join YAF National for the Q2 Open Mic Night on May 16th. We will have a few local and state YAF and EP committees to kick things off, then turn things over to hear more from you.

**Learn more here.**

## NYK Funnies



**Meet your 2023 AIA Candidates here.**

## YAF SUMMIT 30: Mission 2130 Event Findings

On August 25th–27th, 2022, the AIA invited 50 architects, designers and affiliated professionals to YAF summit 30: Mission 2130, to imagine the world 100 years into the future and develop a roadmap for a better society

**Find out more here**

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A MULTI-CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE ON DESIGN  
THROUGH THE LENS OF DIVERSE STORY-TELLING

MAY 23, 2023 | 3:00 PM EST

## Did You Know?

Did you know the YAF created a toolkit to help start or grow an emerging professionals committee?

**Click here to read interviews, case studies and more!**

## Join us at A'23!

YAF has teamed up for two great events at A'23 in San Francisco with the COF + LFRT!

### College of Fellows & Young Architects Forum: Destination Architect!

Friday June 9th 10:30am, 1:30pm + 3:00pm

### Mini MBA: Mastering the Business of Architecture

Saturday, June 10th @ 10am

**Click here to register**

## Women's Leadership Summit

September 12–14, 2023 in Boston

Call for Proposals!

Be a part of the movement and lend your voice as a leader.

AIA is extending the submission deadline to April 14, 11:59pm EST.

**Submit here**

## Call for Submissions!

Connection Q2: Advocacy and Empowerment publication is looking for submissions of articles, editorials, project profiles, interviews/spotlights and other design content!

Draft Deadline: 06/02/2023

**Contact the editor in chief at:**  
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Did you know the YAF created a toolkit on how to facilitate the Emerging Professionals Friendly Firm Award in your state?

**Click [here](#) to read about establishing a team, a timeline and more!**

## NYK Funnies



**June is AIA Procrastinators Month Register for AIA Courses**

## 2023 Future Forward Grant Winner announcement at A'23!

The Future Forward Grant seeks to remove the financial barriers to fund untested ideas from early career professionals and advance exploration, innovation, and disruption in the architecture profession.

### **Announcement at the Mini MBA: Mastering the Business of Architecture**

Saturday, June 10th @ 10am

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## Connection + Chill

Each quarter, the YAF Knowledge Focus Group curates streaming video content and a cocktail recipe to salute each Connection issue theme. In Q1, we highlight climate action through provocative shows and a drink recipe.

**Click [here](#) to read their recipe and streaming recommendations!**

## SAVE THE DATE!

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The event focuses on networking, leadership training, business development, gender equity, and personal empowerment.

**Registration open mid-June**

## Volunteer Opportunities!

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# NOW YA KNOW

Issue 14, July 2023

## Did You Know?

The YAF Advocacy focus group had a webinar on the culture of architecture. If you missed it, check out the Q2 Connection and read about multi-cultural perspectives through the lens of diverse story-telling.

Click [here!](#)



**A'23 Conference was a blast!**

## 2023 Future Forward Grant Winner: Christina Ciardullo

Christina seeks to empower Architects with science-based methods to evaluate the costs and benefits of vegetation within the design process!

## Congratulations to the 2023 Young Architect Award Recipients!

These early career architects have been recognized with the Young Architects Award for their exceptional leadership and significant contributions to the architecture profession, including environmental advocacy, increasing access to great design, and mentoring future architects.

Click [here](#) to learn more

## Meet the Elected AIA Officials



Evelyn Lee, 2025 AIA President

Click [here](#) to read more!

## Call for Connection Content!

The Q3 Connection issue will focus on Education and Professional Development.

**Connection Q3 Drafts due: 8/25**

Contact the editor in chief at:  
[gbermea@vlkarchitects.com](mailto:gbermea@vlkarchitects.com)

## ASPIRE to New Heights

### ASPIRE Conference

September 10-12, 2023 in Asheville

The premier conference for the built community to inspire, collaborate, and design the future.

Click [here](#) to register

## Women's Leadership Summit

September 12-14, 2023 in Boston

The event focuses on networking, leadership training, business development, gender equity, and personal empowerment.

Click [here](#) to register

## Young Architects Forum

AIA Member group

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# NOW YA KNOW

Issue 15, August 2023

## SAVE THE DATE!

YAF Advocacy Focus Group Webinar:

### "Humans at Work – Where Progressive Firm Cultures and Policies Intersect"

October 3rd at 4pm-5:30pm EST

Calling all **Young Architects** and **AIA Fellows!**

**Align Mentorship Program 2024** applications open September 11th!

Interested in learning more about the program?

**Click Here!**

## Did You Know?

The YAF created a toolkit to help facilitate a Practice Innovation Lab!

The workshop is a first step in the development of new practice models that will evolve and advance the profession. It's an opportunity to challenge the status quo, spark a conversation, and improve the built environment.

**Click [here!](#)**

## YAF meet up at AIA Women's Leadership Summit!

Join us for a YAF Alumni gathering on Wednesday, September 13 at Sidebar in the downtown Boston Sheraton starting at 8pm.

See you there!

## NOMA Portland '23

Experience the pinnacle of architectural excellence at the highly anticipated annual NOMA Conference Building Bridges: Towards Just and Joyful Futures! From October 11-15, 2023, join us alongside over 1,200 esteemed professional designers for captivating conversations and enriching events.

**Register Now!**

## NYK Funnies



**Mentorship is Key to our Careers**

## The bright future of architecture's rising stars

By Greg Menti



**Click [here](#) to read more!**

## Attending the Women's Leadership Summit?

Check out these current and former YAF member's sessions!

09/13 at 8am:

**Leadership Lab: Designing an Intentional & Meaningful Career**

09/13 at 3pm:

**Building & Benchmarking a Socially Just Firm**

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Issue 16, Sept 2023

## Did You Know?

YAF published a report outlining findings from its Mission 2130 Event.

[Read the report here](#)

## ICYMI

The 2023 AIA Compensation & Benefits Report is now available!

Compensation & Benefits Report 2023



## NYK Funnies



The Holidays are Coming



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WHERE PROGRESSIVE FIRM CULTURES AND POLICIES INTERSECT  
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## Align Mentorship Applications Open

The YAF-COF Align Mentorship program connects young architects with AIA Fellows to facilitate professional and leadership development.

Application deadline: Oct 25, 2023

[Apply here](#)

## A'24 Call For Proposals

Submit your proposals for Education Sessions and Tours.

It's your opportunity to inspire others, share your knowledge, network, and connect on a global stage.

Deadline: **October 5, 2023**

[Submit here](#)

## Call for Submissions!

Connection Q4: EDI and Belonging publication is looking for submissions of articles, editorials, project profiles, interviews, spotlights and other design content.

**Deadline for drafts:** 12/01

**Contact** the editor-in-chief:  
gbermea@vfkarchitects.com

2023 CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

## NOMA PORTLAND '23

BUILDING BRIDGES  
towards just and joyful futures

### YAF + LFRT Session at NOMA

Griff Davenport, Brian Steton, Kenneth Lewis, Stephen W. Held, Kate Thuesen, Tricia Esser

### MINI MBA: MASTERING THE BUSINESS OF ARCHITECTURE!

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**AIA Ohio 2023 Nominating Committee**  
**Aaron Hill, AIA (Chair);**  
**John Orsini, AIA; Phil Riazzi, AIA**

## **2024 Slate of Officers**

*For election at the 2023 AIA Ohio Annual Meeting*

**November 15, 2023 | Via Zoom Meetings**

### **President**

**John Meegan, AIA**

**Member of AIA since 1994**

***Gutknecht Construction***

**Columbus**



### **Service to AIA National**

2023	AIA Conference
2023	AIA Leadership Summit
2017-2018	Grassroots

### **Service to AIA Ohio**

2023	AIA Ohio President-elect
2022-2023	Chair, Public Awareness Work Group
2021-2022	AIA Ohio Secretary
2020	AIA Ohio Director, Columbus Chapter
2018	Recipient, Charles Marr Award
2018-2020	Architects Payment Assurance Task Force Committee Member

### **Service to Chapter**

2020	AIA Columbus Director, Ohio Chapter Representative
2019	Past President
2018	President
2017	President Elect
2016	Secretary
2015	Director
2013-2014	Board Member
2009-2012	KSA Scholarship Golf Committee, Chair
2002-2008	KSA Scholarship Golf Committee

**President-elect**  
**Eric Pros, AIA, MBA**  
**Member of AIA Ohio since 2011**  
***DS Architecture***  
**Akron**



**Service to AIA National**

2022 AIA Young Architect Award Recipient  
2020 AIA Grassroots Participant  
2018 AIA Presentation to AIA Fort Lauderdale  
2016-2017 AIA Speak Up Participant  
2016-2021 AIA Conference on Architecture Delegate  
2016-2018 AIA Grassroots Participant

**Service to AIA Ohio**

2022-Present AIA Ohio Treasurer  
2022-2023 Chair, Membership Engagement Work Group  
2021 AIA Ohio Foundation Board Member  
2020 AIA Ohio Student Design Awards Juror  
2020 AIA Cleveland - Coffee with the Fellows Presenter  
2020 AIA Ohio Safe Schools Charrette Chairperson and Final Presenter  
2018 AIA Ohio Presidential Citation – Mary Glowacki, AIA  
2018 AIA Ohio Payment Assurance Task Force Member  
2018 AIA Ohio Presidential Citation – John Kelleher, AIA  
2018 AIA Ohio Conference  
2017 AIA Ohio Foundation Treasurer  
2017 AIA Ohio Presidential Citation – Robert Maschke, FAIA  
2017 Ohio Valley Region Conference  
2016 AIA Ohio Conference

**Service to Chapter**

2021 Chapter President  
2021 Design Awards Committee Co-Chair  
2020 Chapter President Elect  
2019 Design Awards Committee Co-Chair  
2018-2020 AIAS Kent Napkin Sketch Competition Chairperson  
2017 Chapter President  
2017 Design Awards Committee Co-Chair  
2016 President Elect

**Secretary**  
**Charlie Setterfield, AIA**  
**Member of AIA since 2007**  
***Sinclair Community College***  
**Dayton**



**Service to AIA National**

2022 AIA Conference on Architecture  
2020 Grassroots  
2019 Grassroots  
2019 AIA Build the Block Pilot  
2007 – 2019 AIA Conference on Architecture

**Service to AIA Ohio**

2023 AIA Ohio Secretary  
2023 Chair, Organizational Vitality Work Group  
2022 Ohio PAC Committee  
2022 Public Awareness Work Group  
2022 AIA Ohio Tech Summit Planning Committee  
2016 – 2019 AIA Ohio Convention  
2015 AIA OVR Education Roundtable  
2014 AIA Ohio Convention

**Service to Chapter**

2021 - 2022 AIA Ohio Director for Dayton Chapter  
2021 Chapter Past President  
2020 Chapter President  
2019 Chapter President Elect  
2019 – 2022 Scholarship Committee Chair  
2018 Chapter Treasurer  
2018 Hoopla Committee  
2017 Chapter Treasurer  
2016 Chapter Sponsorship Director  
2015 – 2019 AIA Dayton Student Design Competition



**Treasurer**  
**Dave Robar, AIA**  
**Member of AIA since 1986**  
***Vocon***  
**Cleveland**



#### **Service to AIA National**

2023 Chair, Advisory Group, Interior Architecture KC  
2023 AIA Leadership Conference  
2020-23 AIA Knowledge Leadership Conference, virtual  
2022-2023 AIA Conference on Architecture, Presenter  
2022 Chair-elect, Advisory Group, Interior Architecture KC  
2019-21 Advisory Group, Interior Architecture Knowledge Community  
2020-23 State and Local Government Conference, virtual  
2019 AIA Conference on Architecture, Panel Organizer  
2019 State and Local Government Conference, Presenter  
2017-2018 AIA Conference on Architecture  
2013-2014 AIA Conference on Architecture, delegate  
2013-2014 AIA Grassroots Conference

#### **Service to AIA Ohio**

2019-23 AIA Ohio Board, Representing AIA Cleveland  
2021-23 Government Advocacy Committee  
2021-23 Chair, Sponsorship Committee  
2022 President's Citation, Aaron Hill, AIA  
2013 AIA Ohio Board, Representing AIA Cleveland

#### **Service to AIA Cleveland**

2013-2023 AIA CLE Board of Directors  
2019-2023 AIA Ohio Director  
2021 AIA / IIDA Interior Architecture Panel Discussion, AIA Toledo, moderator  
2019-21 AIA Cleveland DREAM Architecture Program  
2017-2018 AIA Cleveland Chair, Development Committee  
2017 Presenter, Summer Design Lecture Series  
2015-16 AIA Cleveland Chapter Advisor, Past President  
2015 President's Citation, Aaron Hill, AIA  
2014 AIA Cleveland Chapter President  
2014 AIA Cleveland Annual Meeting and Design Awards Committees  
2013-14 AIA Cleveland Board Liaison to Cleveland Building Enclosure Council  
2013 AIA Cleveland Chapter President-elect  
2013 AIA Cleveland Annual Meeting Committee  
2013 AIA Cleveland AIA Ohio Alternate Director  
2013 Working with an Architect Program  
2009-2012 AIA Cleveland Programming Committee  
2011-12 AIA Cleveland Host Committee, AIA Ohio Conference, Chair Project Tours  
1994-2000 AIA Cleveland Sandcastle Competition Committee  
1996 AIA Cleveland Design Awards Committee