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President's Message

Let me introduce myself. I am John Meegan, AIA, and I am the 2024 President of AIA Ohio. I have been an active AIA member in Columbus since 1992.

Before looking at the year ahead, I would be remiss to not recognize our immediate Past President John Orsini, AIA, for his leadership and continued efforts for the growth and stability he imparted on our organization.

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Government Affairs Update

The Ohio General Assembly began its Third Quarter of the biennial session. The House and Senate are scheduled for only seven floor sessions before adjourning for the summer. Neither chamber will hold a floor session in March. Committees will be active, at the individual discretion of the chair.

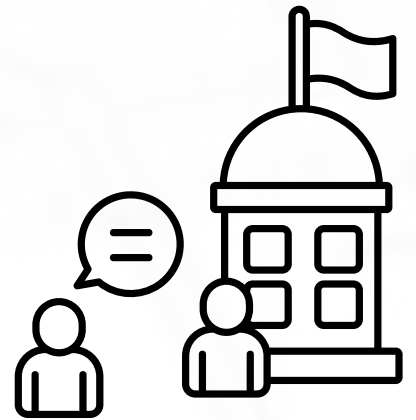
The Ohio Primary Election will be held Tuesday, March 19th, when Ohioans will vote for their parties' nominees for President of the United States. Also in a contested race this year will be Senator Sherrod Brown's re-election, along with half of Ohio Senate seats, and all races for State Representative.



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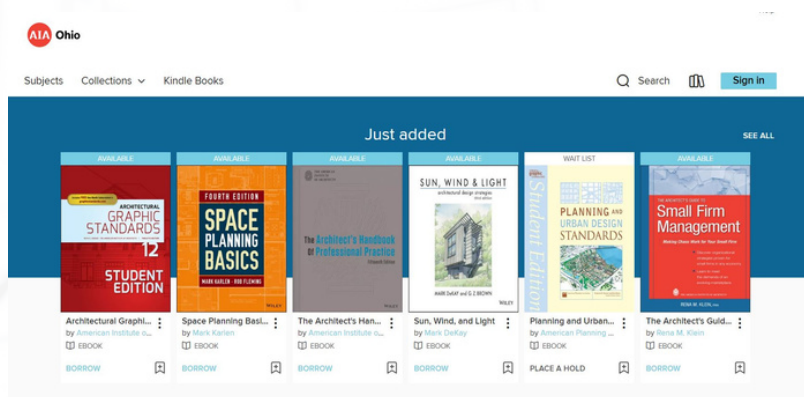
AIA Ohio Advocacy Committee

A few years ago, with the development of the new AIA Ohio Strategic Plan, the Board created several standing committees to address the organization’s goals. As we enter the third year under the plan, many involved in advocacy must wonder how we would make any progress at all without the work of the Government Advocacy Committee. Developed to address state legislative issues, the work of the committee has been involved in a wide range of issues in support of the profession. From testimony in front of House and Senate Committees to education of AIA Ohio members, the Government Advocacy Committee has begun to build a membership group that is knowledgeable of not only the legislative process, but also of the concerns of AIA Ohio membership. Combined with an effort to develop a coalition of other groups and organizations, the committee has been actively engaged in just about every area of advocacy that touches the profession.



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AIA Ohio Digital Lending Library



AIA Ohio’s Digital Lending Library is open and ready for patrons!

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AIA Ohio Contracts Task Force

AIA Ohio has set up a task force to work on ways to better educate clients on the benefits of qualifications based selection (QBS), and why requiring firms to agree to amended contract documents prior to selecting an architect is detrimental to the entire design process.

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AIA Ohio PAC

AIA Ohio uses the Ohio Architects' PAC in a strategic way to support those statewide elected office holders who are identified as able to further advance our legislative priorities. Our donations are bi-partisan, and determined in consultation with AIA Ohio's lobbyist. Targeted legislators include House and Senate leadership (both majority and minority), as well as members of committees that are hearing legislation that AIA Ohio wants to impact.



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AIA Ohio Advocacy Day

AIA Ohio Advocacy Day is taking place on Wednesday, March 6, in Columbus. Why should you attend?

AIA Ohio members who join us for Advocacy Day will...

- hear a panel discussion of legislators talking about affordable housing legislation
- discover 'behind the scenes' information from a Statehouse insider, Karen Kasler of the Ohio Statehouse News Bureau
- participate in meaningful meetings with legislators discussing issues that are vitally important to the profession.



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AIA Ohio Sponsorship Program

AIA Ohio's 2024 Sponsorship Program is underway this year with an updated program that seeks to provide more flexibility and more robust offerings for AIA Ohio sponsors in 2024. The sponsorship levels have been expanded from 4 to 5 this year as AIA Ohio looks to provide a sponsorship level that nearly any firm or organization can afford. With a starting sponsorship of \$500 to our top sponsorship of \$5,000, AIA Ohio sponsors can choose the level that best meets their needs.



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The AIA Ohio Foundation

With the winter headed towards the rear-view mirror and with spring in sight, the AIA Ohio Foundation will begin its busiest time of the year. With a focus on scholarship and AIAS chapter grants, the Foundation members will spend much of this spring visiting Ohio's five schools of architecture and meeting with students and administration to forge a better relationship between the academy and the profession. These meetings create an important connection between the AIA and our future members.

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AIA Cincinnati Update



Cincinnati

AIA Cincinnati's VISION lecture series is underway. Upcoming speakers are Christian Solorio, AIA (2/22), Diana Nicklaus, FAIA (3/14), Parke MacDowell, AIA (4/18), Brett Randall Jones, AIA (5/16), and Ilana Judah, AIA(6/20).

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AIA Columbus Update

The AIA Columbus Committee on Design hosted a 3-part series focusing on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). At session 1, we learned about 2022 AIA Columbus Honor Award winner Huron Studio. Yvonne Riggie and Dessa Augsburger shared their experiences in working with the Columbus building department to design and build an ADU on their property.

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AIA Youngstown Update



Youngstown

With the start of a new year, AIA Youngstown is in the middle of many significant changes that will change the way the chapter operates, and the way services are provided. While these changes come with a few challenges, the chapter is looking to expand the way we provide services and meet members' needs.

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SAVE THE DATE:

AIA Ohio Conference
Sept. 15-17, 2025
Bridge Park, Dublin

- AIA Ohio Awards Celebration
- LUs & Brews
- Continuing Education
- Advocacy Breakfast
- Tours, Tours, Tours!
- Keynote Speakers
- EP Happy Hour
- And More!

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