



Ohio

AIA Ohio Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024

AIA Ohio 2024 Annual Report

November 6, 2024

Zoom Meeting

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AIA Ohio 2024 Annual Meeting
November 6, 2024 | 12:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

91st Annual Meeting Agenda

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Call to order	John Meegan, AIA, President
Secretary's Report <i>Declaration of Quorum</i> <i>Approval of the 90th Annual Meeting Minutes</i> <i>Moment of Silence for Deceased Members</i>	Charlie Setterfield, AIA
President's Report	Meegan
Government Affairs Report	Luther Liggett, Jr.
Government Advocacy Committee	Karen Planet, AIA and Dave Robar, AIA
Treasurer's Report <i>2025 Budget Amendment</i> <i>2026 Budget Approval</i>	Dave Robar, AIA
AIA Ohio Conference Recap	Eric Pros, AIA
AIA Ohio Foundation Report	Bruce Sekanick, FAIA
Nominating Committee Report <i>Election of Officers</i>	John Orsini, AIA
Old/New Business <i>Presidential citations</i>	
Adjourn	



**AIA Ohio 2023 Annual Meeting
November 15, 2023 | Zoom Meeting
90th Annual Meeting Minutes**

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Call to order

John Orsini, 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

Charlie Setterfield, AIA, declared a quorum.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes from the 89th Annual Meeting.

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

President’s Report

Orsini highlighted items in his written report.

Government Affairs Report

Luther Liggett discussed AIA Ohio’s 2023 advocacy program and highlighted items in his written report.

Treasurer’s Report

Eric Pros, AIA, discussed his written report. The proposed 2024 and 2025 budgets were presented. ***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve 2024 and 2025 budgets.***

AIA Ohio Foundation Report

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, AIA Ohio Foundation President, highlighted items in the written report.

Nominating Committee Report

Aaron Hill, AIA, introduced the proposed 2024 Slate of Officers:

President – John Meegan, AIA

President-elect – Eric Pros, AIA

Secretary – Charlie Setterfield, AIA

Treasurer – Dave Robar, AIA

Past President – John Orsini, AIA

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the proposed 2024 Slate of Officers.

Old/New Business

Orsini recognized Seth Duke, AIA, Tim Hawk, FAIA, Aaron Hill, AIA and Yanitza Brongers Marrero, FAIA, with Presidential Citations.

Adjourn

By unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT | NOVEMBER 2024



Greetings everyone. I am sitting down on Halloween to write my last Presidents report as my tenure as my term is winding down. In fact, I am wearing all black as today in the traditional architect's attire. Certainly, I hope I do not scare the young trick or treaters when they come to the door this evening!

Overall, the year wasn't too scary. Typical ups and downs that come along the way and reflecting back, there were a lot of accomplishments to be proud of. Rather than recounting everything here for you today, I would like to point you to an article scripted by my colleague, Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, written shortly after our AIA Ohio Conference (Intersect) which captures so much of the behind-the-scenes activities of our Board, Committees, Work Groups and Tasks Forces. There is so much that goes on "behind-the-scenes" and I am so proud of the hard work and dedication of our members.

The work is not yet complete this year. Following the 2024 AIA Ohio Annual Meeting, the Board meets for our AIA Strategic Planning Sessions, where we drill down to review what has worked and where we can improve. Again, I have been surrounded by so many resolute professionals and share the utmost confidence in AIA Ohio in the year(s) ahead.

I want to thank all of you for making this year a special one for me.

John Meegan, AIA

AIA Ohio President, 2024



AIA Ohio Annual Meeting Report

Government Relations Report

Luther L. Liggett, Jr., Registered Lobbyist

Administrative: OFCC Forms and Legislation. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission is revising front-end construction contracts, including the Design-Build and Construction Manager at Risk documents. These are significant revisions. Design Professionals engaged in these delivery systems might participate in the dialogue.

OFCC anticipates adding legislation to the Operating Budget, which is not typical unless all interested parties agree. OFCC is holding meetings to review concepts such as revision of the Qualifications-Based Selection law, which will affect every public subdivision across the State.

The working group came to consensus on Retainage Reform, which will be of particular interest to both prime contractors and subcontractors.

Legislative Session. The Ohio General Assembly left Columbus to return to their home districts, to campaign for the November 5th General Election.

Issue 1 is the anti-gerrymandering initiative on the ballot, which if passed excludes legislators and partisan officials from re-drawing legislative lines. The Ohio Ballot Board, controlled by Republicans, adopted language inaccurately describing Issue 1 as intended to “Establish a new taxpayer-funded commission of appointees required to gerrymander the boundaries of state legislative and congressional districts...”.

Before departing, the legislature sent the Capital Appropriation bill to the Governor who signed it the next day, effective immediately. House Bill 2 sends \$4.2 billion to localities for the next biennium, in the largest such appropriation in Ohio history. Both Republicans and Democrats voted for the bill, with at least one construction project designated in each legislator’s district.

The House and Senate set their “lame duck” schedule after the Election, with only four Senate dates in November, and the House not returning until December. The final dates before Christmas include only six days “if needed”.

In the last two years, the General Assembly passed fewer bills than in any recent biennial session. Pending bills which affect the Construction Industry include:

House Bill 203, establishing “prompt payment” penalties for the untimely payment of contractors in the private sector. The legislation passed the House by a wide margin, but may run out of time in the Senate after only one hearing.

After a decade of attempts, House Bill 129 also passed the House by a significant

margin, but awaits two more Senate hearings to require a commercial roofing contractor to hold a state license.

Senate Bill 41 passed the Senate unanimously to provide for expedited appeals to the Ohio Board of Building Appeals, and received four hearings in the House Economic and Workforce Development Committee, with no testimony most recently. Its status is unclear, but may pass the House in the last session days.

House Bill 327 passed the House with significant opposition from the Construction Industry, to require persons holding public contracts in construction to register employees for immigration purposes. Referred to the Senate General Government Committee, it appears likely to stall before further Senate action.

House Bill 497 passed unanimously to exempt county improvement projects for minor repairs from the requirement to obtain detailed plans, specifications, and cost estimates from an architect or engineer. The legislation also raises the QBS exemption from \$50,000 to \$75,000 related to the county notice requirement for purchases, leases, and construction contracts. Enacting a new section R.C. 307.901, the proposed law prohibits certain typical terms in a contract entered into by a county authority for the procurement of goods or services, such as retaining an architect, which terms otherwise are void ab initio. The bill has yet to be assigned for consideration by a Senate Committee.

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2024 AIA Ohio Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) Report

November 6, 2024

Government Advocacy Committee Members

Karen Planet, AIA, AIA Cincinnati (Co-Chair)	Dave Robar, AIA, AIA Cleveland (Co-Chair)
Joe Bissaillon AIA, AIA Dayton	Theodore Ferringer, AIA, AIA Cleveland
Andy Knopp, AIA, AIA Toledo	Allison McKenzie, AIA, AIA Cincinnati
John Orsini, AIA, AIA Youngstown	Jonathan Morschl, Assoc. AIA, AIA Akron
Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, AIA Youngstown	John Meegan, AIA, AIA Columbus
Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, AIA Ohio	

The AIA Ohio GAC meets weekly via Zoom, on Mondays from 12:00p to 1:00 pm. If you would like to join the Committee and work on any of the legislative issues noted here, or would simply like to bring any issues or concerns to the GAC, please contact Kate, Karen or Dave.

2025 Ohio Advocacy Day at the Statehouse

- The advocacy committee has started planning for next year's Advocacy Day at the Statehouse, which is currently for planned for March. Because 2025 will welcome a new General Assembly, the program will be held later than in past years, to allow for the organization of the legislature.
- The format for next year's program will be similar to 2024, with a potential change in venue.

AIA Ohio Affordable Housing Task Force created

- The Government Advocacy Committee has created the AIA Ohio Housing Affordability Task Group, to address issues of housing throughout the state. This task group, which meets monthly, has been working to establish its mission and strategic goals as it begins to seek members from across the state.

OFCC / AIA Design-Build Contracts

- 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 the identification of a member willing to chair the workgroup. Allison McKenzie has agreed to serve as the liaison between the GAC and the workgroup.

OFCC/ Industry Partners

- Members of AIA Ohio have been meeting with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to review proposed changes to how the OFCC operated. The OFCC has proposed several changes regarding the way they manage projects and thresholds established under law. The OFCC is working to shorten the process of hiring design professionals or contractors and the proposed changes are focused on those efforts. AIA Ohio, along with our AIA Ohio lobbyist, will continue to work with the OFCC to provide feedback on the changes. The OFCC is looking to include the proposed changes in the 2025 Operating Budget.

Residential Building Code Revisions

- AIA Ohio has had early discussions with the Ohio Board of Building Standards on changes to the Residential Code of Ohio (RCO). The Board of Building Standards has initiated the process this year with the Residential Construction Advisory Committee. This committee makes recommendations on changes to the residential code to the Board of Building standards. Once reviewed by the Board of Building Standards, the Board will seek input from stakeholders on the proposed changes. This is where AIA Ohio will become involved in the process. It is anticipated that sometime after the first of the year, the initial set of revisions will be made available for review. AIA will review these changes and make recommendations, propose revisions, or accept the proposed without comments. More information will be made available once the proposed changes are released to the stakeholder.

Single Stair Access Design

- Earlier this year, AIA Ohio was approached by the Lt. Governor's Office of Common Sense Initiatives. A subgroup of AIA Ohio has been working on the proposed inclusion of Single Stair Access, or Block Point Access, in apartment complexes of limited units and limited height. The subgroup has had discussions with the Office of Common Sense Initiatives and staff of the Ohio Board of Building standards as well as experts in this concept from around the country. AIA Ohio has prepared comments to proposed OBBS standards and will soon be submitting this response to the state. It is hoped that action will be able to be taken on this issue prior to the end of the year.

AIA Ohio Legislative Member Survey

- AIA Ohio has developed a legislative survey to help the Government Advocacy Committee address issues that the committee may see in the upcoming legislative session. The survey seeks input on many areas of architecture and architectural issues. To be released to all AIA Ohio members soon, this will help the Government Advocacy Committee, along with the Board of Directors and our lobbyist, formulate responses to agency rules or legislation proposed. AIA Ohio would like to see all members respond to this survey.

AIA Ohio Political Action Committee (PAC)

- The AIA Ohio PAC has seen moderate success this year as PAC continues its efforts to raise money in support of AIA Ohio's legislative agenda. The PAC funds raised from individual members are used to support legislators who align with the issues and concerns of AIA Ohio. Under Ohio law, the PAC can only accept contributions from individual members, and PAC monies cannot come from membership dues. The PAC is anticipated to become a more important tool for AIA Ohio as we move into the 136th General Assembly next year. New bills introduced after the first of the year will have two years to maneuver through the legislative process. AIA Ohio is making plans to initiate a more effective PAC campaign in 2025.

Interior Design Legislation

- AIA Ohio has noticed an uptick in national messaging around the benefits of Interior Design legislation.
- Several states have adopted new laws and related procedures to allow a variety of scenarios, including certification (title acts) and full licensing (practice acts).
- We have engaged AIA members from other states with experience in this topic and are tracking current legislation in neighboring Pennsylvania, among others.

End of report

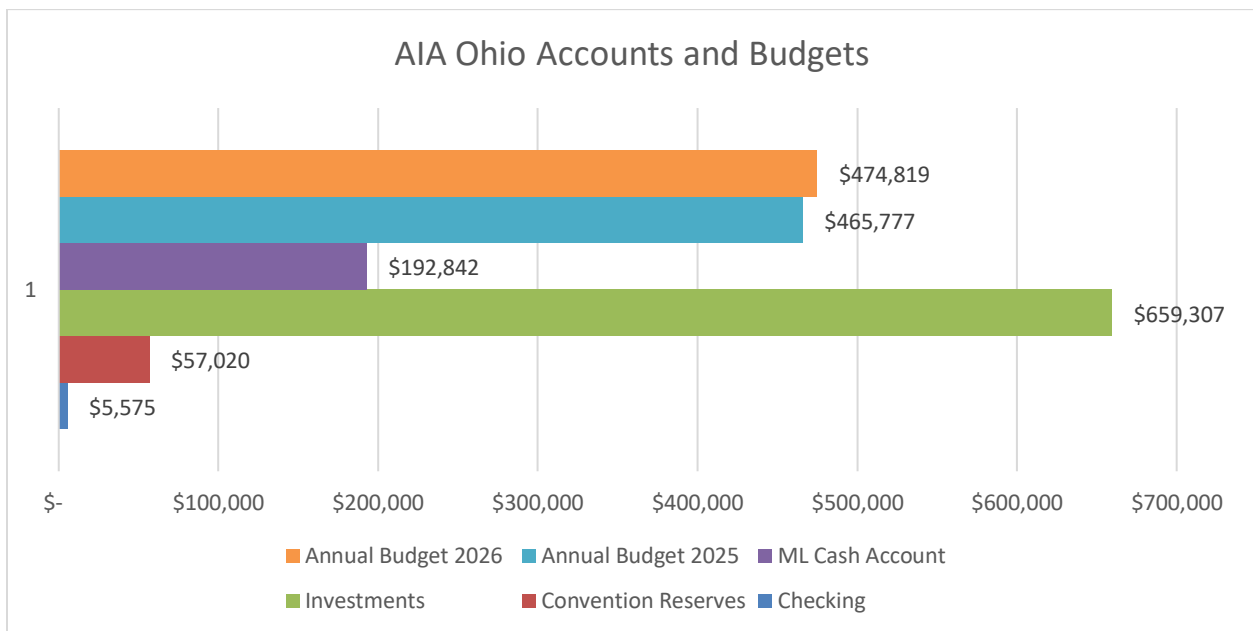


Treasurer’s Report – November 6, 2024

By Dave Robar, 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. AIA Ohio’s Board continued this year to craft a budget and financial plan that reflected the priorities outlined in the strategic plan. 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 2025 and beyond.

This chart illustrates at Sept. 30, 2024, AIA Ohio’s funds compared to our annual budgets proposed for 2025 and 2026.



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. The last time funds from this account were expended was in 2021, when AIA Ohio paid AIA Dayton \$5,500 from this fund. The 2020 Convention was scheduled to take place in Dayton before it was cancelled for the pandemic.
- 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 \$326,755.

AIA Ohio Budget Proposal

The 2025-26 budget proposal has been prepared and discussed by the Budget & Finance Committee, who worked with Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA. The 2025-26 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, the Design Awards Program and AIA Ohio’s affinity programs for website advertising and workers comp insurance.

Sponsorships – The sponsorship program was amended this year to offer more flexibility to sponsors to receive the benefits they find valuable.

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 five categories:

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

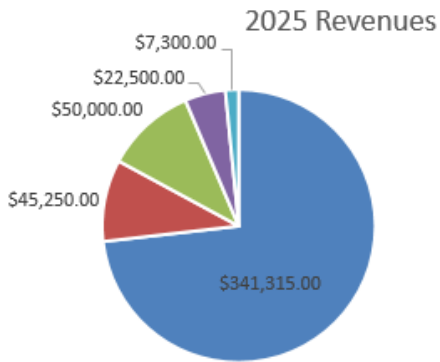
Programs – This includes expenses for the online firm profile, member communications, AXP coordinator, Associates programming, Statewide conference, the Design and Honor Awards programs, CARES Grants, the Foundation dues assessment and Marr contribution, the schools competition, and the AIA Ohio Digital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

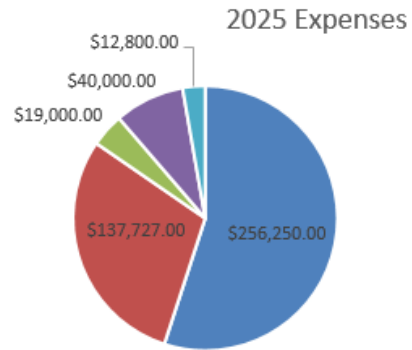
Advocacy – This expense includes lobbying, legislative expenses, AIA Ohio’s Day at the Statehouse, and expenses to send leadership to the State/Local Government Network meeting.

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

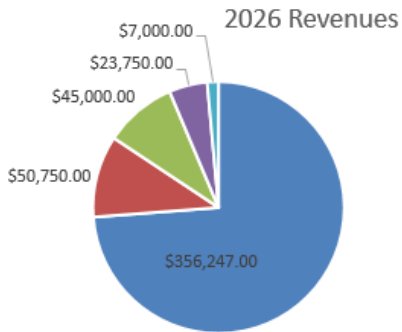
2025 and 2026 Budgeted Revenues and Expenses



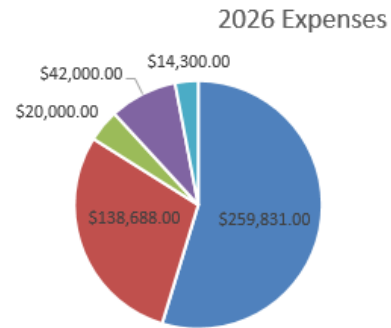
- Dues
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Overview of 2025-26 Budget Recommendations Regarding Income

Member Dues: The 2025 budget reflects 1,500 paid architect members and a 3.2% CPI increase, bringing AIA Ohio architect dues to \$151.27. The 2026 budget reflects 1,550 paid architect members and a 2.9% CPI increase, to \$155.66. These dues amounts reflect the dues assessment contribution to the AIA Ohio Foundation, which is \$18.06 of the 2025 dues amount and \$18.58 of the 2026 dues amount.

Associate Dues: The 2025 budget reflects 300 paid associate members and a 3.2% CPI increase, bringing AIA Ohio associate dues to \$64.70. The 2026 budget reflects 300 paid associate members and a 2.9% CPI increase, to \$66.58. These dues amounts reflect the dues assessment contribution to the AIA Ohio Foundation, which is \$11.79 of the 2025 dues amount and \$12.13 of the 2026 dues amount.

Sponsorships: Annual revenues from AIA Ohio Sponsor partners. A revamped sponsorship program in 2024 generated revenues in excess of budget.

State Convention: Budgets for 2025 and 2026 includes a statewide conference. Plans for 2025 include an event in September in Columbus.

AIA Revenue Sharing: AIA is revising the revenue share program again, effective 2025. The total amount to be distributed won't exceed 5% of the AIA budget, which has been reduced by over \$13m. Per the Ohio MOU, AIA Ohio's share of each of National revenue sharing disbursements is 10% - the remainder is split between Ohio's seven local components.

Overview of 2025-2026 Budget Recommendations Regarding Expenses

Administration: AIA Ohio signed a new contract with Accent on Management for association management services, effective 2025-2029. Lobbying was removed from this contract beginning in 2025.

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 2025 and 2026 expense budgets for this will fund these individuals to attend national meetings.

Annual Convention: Budget for a statewide AIA Ohio Annual Conference in 2025 and 2026.

National Convention and Leadership Summit: The budgets reflect sending the AIA Ohio President, President-elect and Executive Vice President to these events.

AIA Ohio
Balance Sheet
September 30, 2024

	This Year	Last Year
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Huntington Checking	\$ 5,574.78	45,571.32
Convention Reserve Fund	57,021.59	55,435.42
Merrill Lynch Reserve Funds	659,306.86	574,283.23
ML Preferred Deposit Acct	0.00	110,605.00
FIMM GOV Portfolio	<u>192,842.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Assets	914,745.23	785,894.97
Other Assets		
Total Other Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 914,745.23</u>	<u>785,894.97</u>
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities		
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Capital		
Net Assets	\$ 740,059.57	687,451.21
Net Income	<u>174,685.66</u>	<u>98,443.76</u>
Total Capital	<u>914,745.23</u>	<u>785,894.97</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u>\$ 914,745.23</u>	<u>785,894.97</u>

AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT
For the Period Ending September 30, 2024
OPERATING PROFIT/LOSS ONLY - does not include investments

	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Percent	Annual Budget	Last Year This Month
OPERATING INCOME					
1110 Member Dues	587.32	218,310.33	99.29	219,870	210,337.17
1120 Supplemental Dues	276.83	96,152.13	103.39	93,000	91,919.74
1130 Associate Dues	41.80	17,402.32	92.52	18,810	16,178.98
1200 MEMBER SERVICES					
1220 Directory	125.00	2,125.00	85.00	2,500	1,900.00
1300 MEMBER PROGRAMS					
Sponsorships	0.00	32,500.00	81.25	40,000	33,605.00
Digital Library Sponsorship	500.00	1,078.72	0.00	0	0.00
1350 Annual Conference	8,722.50	47,212.50	104.92	45,000	28,900.00
1360 Awards Program	0.00	21,000.00	88.42	23,750	22,000.00
Practice Simulation Lab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	3,625.00
1600 OTHER					
Document Revenue Sharing	0.00	7,583.81	90.28	8,400	7,358.59
Affinity Programs	608.40	7,676.14	118.09	6,500	4,987.54
AIA CACE Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000	918.58
Interest Income	107.29	107.29	0.00	0	0.00
Misc Income	0.00	24.75	0.00	0	1,418.39
1700 TOTAL OPER INCOME	10,969.14	451,172.99	98.33	458,830	423,148.99
OPERATING EXPENSES					
2100 OPERATING EXPENSES					
2110 Administration	21,573.57	215,735.61	83.33	258,883	205,462.50
2120 Audit/Accounting	50.00	450.00	5.00	9,000	500.00
2125 Foundation Dues Asse	0.00	0.00	0.00	29,676	0.00
Foundation Marr Contribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000	1,000.00
2130 Insurance	776.00	1,826.00	73.04	2,500	1,826.00
BWC - Group Rate Coverage	0.00	120.00	80.00	150	120.00
2140 Supplies	230.00	2,153.44	71.78	3,000	2,108.85
2150 Postage	12.58	105.55	21.11	500	157.31
2160 Printing & Copies	21.18	182.94	15.25	1,200	813.48
2170 Telephone	145.20	1,308.58	72.70	1,800	1,365.43
2200 MEMBERSHIP SERVICES					
2210 Legislative	0.00	5.00	0.50	1,000	10.68
2220 Directory	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	1,800.00
2260 Web Page	720.00	1,080.00	0.00	0	468.00
2270 Member Communications	84.39	1,060.17	66.26	1,600	915.81
2300 MEMBER PROGRAMS					
2310 IDP/AXP Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0.00
Early Professionals	0.00	2,808.46	46.81	6,000	3,914.28
C.A.R.E.S Grant	300.00	1,500.00	100.00	1,500	1,100.00
2341 Annual Con	29,310.56	40,422.98	64.16	63,000	64,858.49
Advocacy Series	0.00	100.00	0.00	0	0.00
Practice Simulation Lab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	5,262.16
Digital Lending Library	0.00	3,000.00	100.00	3,000	0.00
2360 Awards	2,057.71	8,785.09	54.91	16,000	14,098.44
2400 STATE MEETINGS					
2410 Board Retreat	0.00	1,140.00	4.56	25,000	0.00
2420 Board Meetings	564.20	2,588.55	36.98	7,000	4,482.38
2440 Officer Meetings	0.00	12.00	0.00	0	0.00
2450 AIA Ohio Grassroots	0.00	172.80	1.73	10,000	0.00
2455 Legislative Day	0.00	15,443.59	0.00	0	9,492.94

	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Percent	Annual Budget	Last Year This Month
2500 NATIONAL MEETINGS					
2510 AIA Convention	0.00	14,009.03	140.09	10,000	14,706.45
AIA Leadership Summit	0.00	5,707.43	95.12	6,000	4,052.00
SLGN Conference	1,112.91	1,948.93	64.96	3,000	0.00
2530 CACE Meeting	1,044.86	1,321.82	88.12	1,500	1,212.71
NAC Representative	0.00	1,821.11	60.70	3,000	1,682.26
2325 YAF Representative	0.00	3,087.69	102.92	3,000	3,080.18
2330 SC Representative	0.00	158.12	7.91	2,000	0.00
GRANTS (Detail will show when there is activity)					
2600 OTHER					
2610 Bank Charges	20.00	200.00	66.67	300	200.00
2620 Cr. Card Processing	294.46	2,604.19	74.41	3,500	2,430.68
2630 Miscellaneous	35.00	35.00	35.00	100	0.00
2660 Prior Year Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,209.69
Schools Competition	0.00	7,500.00	187.50	4,000	0.00
Membership Campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,383.39
2700 TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	58,352.62	338,394.08	70.62	479,209	349,714.11
3000 OPER NET INCOME	(\$ 47,383.48)	\$ 112,778.91		(20,379)	73,434.88

FOOTNOTE: Negative budget balances will be covered by Fund Transfers from Reserves

AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT
For the Period Ending September 30, 2024
INVESTMENT DATA

	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Last Year This Month
INVESTMENTS			
1610 Interest Income	\$ 542.27	\$ 8,565.20	5,990.06
Dividend Income	1,917.02	11,949.16	12,285.24
1615 Unrealized gain/(loss)	3,517.91	48,614.24	13,610.74
Investment Fee Expense	(708.54)	(7,221.85)	(6,877.16)
	<u>5,268.66</u>	<u>61,906.75</u>	<u>25,008.88</u>
INVESTMENT NET INCOM	\$ 5,268.66	\$ 61,906.75	25,008.88

AIA OHIO - 2025-26 BUDGET

	2023	Approved	Year-to-Date	Projected	Approved	Proposed Updates	Proposed
	Year-End	2024 Budget	7.31.2024	2024 Year-end	2025 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
INCOME							
1110 Member Dues	\$ 210,831.28	\$ 219,870.00	\$ 217,647.18	\$ 219,955.18	\$ 226,905.00	\$ 226,905.00	\$ 241,273.00
1120 Supplemental Dues	\$ 91,984.72	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 94,984.97	\$ 95,180.82	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00
1130 Associate Dues	\$ 16,251.98	\$ 18,810.00	\$ 17,020.89	\$ 17,651.41	\$ 19,410.00	\$ 19,410.00	\$ 19,974.00
1220 Directory	\$ 1,991.09	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,875.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
1358 Sponsorships	\$ 33,605.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 41,400.00	\$ 50,600.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
1350 Annual Conference	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 10,137.50	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Practice Simulation Lab	\$ 3,625.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1360 Awards Program	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,750.00
1625 Affinity Programs	\$ 6,939.55	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,892.06	\$ 7,142.55	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,000.00
1660 AIA Revenue Sharing	\$ 9,814.84	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 6,016.99	\$ 8,473.24	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 7,000.00
1665 AIA CACE Stipend	\$ 918.58	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
1620 Miscellaneous	\$ 1,418.39	\$ -	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1675 State Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Reserves	\$ -	\$ 25,500.00	\$ -	\$ 25,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 428,280.43	\$ 479,330.00	\$ 416,999.34	\$ 479,277.95	\$ 464,515.00	\$ 466,365.00	\$ 482,747.00
EXPENSES							
2110 Administration	\$ 246,555.00	\$ 258,882.75	\$ 172,588.48	\$ 258,882.75	\$ 267,167.00	\$ 247,000.00	\$ 250,581.50
2115 Lobbying	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
2120 Audit/Accounting	\$ 650.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2125 Foundation Dues Assessment	\$ 27,673.65	\$ 29,676.00	\$ -	\$ 29,676.00	\$ 30,627.00	\$ 30,627.00	\$ 32,438.00
2130 Insurance	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2140 Supplies/Storage	\$ 2,798.85	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,693.44	\$ 2,843.44	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2150 Postage	\$ 211.58	\$ 500.00	\$ 82.43	\$ 150.46	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2160 Printing & Copies	\$ 853.30	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 159.84	\$ 1,013.14	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
2170 Telephone	\$ 1,811.30	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,018.38	\$ 1,738.38	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
2210 Legislative	\$ 20.68	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 125.68	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2220 Directory	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -
2270 Member Communications (newsletter, alert)	\$ 1,383.81	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,595.78	\$ 1,595.78	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,750.00
2310 AXP Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2320 Early Professionals	\$ 3,914.28	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,808.46	\$ 3,058.46	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
2323 NAC Representative	\$ 1,682.26	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,821.11	\$ 1,821.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2325 YAF Representative	\$ 3,080.18	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,087.69	\$ 3,087.69	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2330 SC Representative	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 158.12	\$ 316.12	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2350 State Conv.	\$ 71,398.67	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 10,912.42	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 63,500.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Practice Simulation Lab	\$ 5,262.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2360 Awards	\$ 15,165.91	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 5,766.00	\$ 16,629.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
2410 Board Retreat/Strategic Planning	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 1,140.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2420 Board/Committee Meetings	\$ 5,456.74	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,036.35	\$ 4,036.35	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2450 AIA Ohio Day at Statehouse	\$ 9,554.75	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 15,616.39	\$ 15,616.39	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
2510 AIA National Convention	\$ 14,706.45	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,555.25	\$ 12,555.25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2520 AIA Leadership Summit	\$ 4,052.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,707.43	\$ 5,707.43	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
2530 CACE Meeting	\$ 1,212.71	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
2535 State Local Government Network	\$ 3,039.73	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 836.02	\$ 3,836.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2610 Bank Charges	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
2620 Credit Card Processing	\$ 2,430.68	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,819.77	\$ 2,808.77	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 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	\$ 99.94	\$ 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	\$ 1,000.00
2660 Prior Year Expense	\$ 2,593.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2673 CARES Grants	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2671 Schools Competition	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -
2676 Digital Lending Library	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2680 State Disaster Assistance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 432,013.71	\$ 479,208.75	\$ 254,888.36	\$ 489,619.20	\$ 464,444.00	\$ 465,777.00	\$ 474,819.50
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (3,733.28)	\$ 121.25	\$ 162,110.98	\$ (10,341.25)	\$ 71.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 7,927.50



AIA Ohio Membership Engagement Work Group Report

Name: Eric Pros
Committee: Membership Engagement Work Group Chairperson

Office/Committee/Component Update

Activities currently in progress:

Beginning to plan for next year:

Here is a recap of the event this past year:

Thank you to the Membership Engagement Committee Team Members:

Kate Brunswick
Madeline Swain
Eric Pros, AIA, Chair
Graham Kalbli, AIA
John Meegan, AIA
Alexandra Oetzel, AIA
John Orsini, AIA
Bruce Sekanick, FAIA
Emily Steiner Little, AIA
Brett Wedding, Assoc. AIA

AIA Ohio Conference Title / Theme INTERSECT AIA OHIO 2024

Date: Sunday September 15 - Tuesday September 17 2024

Location(s): Bridge Park Dublin, Ohio
VASO
Exchange at Bridge Park
Brick House Blue
Dublin Library
North Market
And Others...

Attendees:

118 Conference Registrations
55 Awards Celebration Tickets
173 = Total Attendance

Learning Units Provided:

35 Lus

22 HSW

Offered in different venues at Bridge Park

Activities / Events

LU's & Brews

60+ Architects + 8 Vendors = A Great Evening!

Design Awards Luncheon

173 attendees from all seven Ohio components

Tours:

Weinland Park

Sketch Tour: Bridge Park

Linden Tour

Near East Side

Bridge Park Tour

Honor Awards:

Newly Completed Buildings

Digital Futures Office Building

GBBN

West Perry Branch Library

HBM Architects

Interior Architecture

Kings Mills Hospital

GBBN

Additions, Renovations and Restorations

New Headquarters Motz Corporation

Champlin Architecture

Merit Awards:

Newly Completed Buildings

Reynoldsburg Library

JBAD / GUND Partnership

Additions, Rennovations, & Restorations

Benedictine High School Atrium + Courtyard + West Wing Renovation

Horton Harper Architects

Interior Architecture

MarketPointe Dining Renovation

GBBN

Executive Suite & Office Renovation

AECOM

The Parr Center

Moody Nolan / Morris-Berg Architects

Honorable Mention:

Newly Completed Buildings

Mystic Creek Clubhouse

DLR Group

Small Projects

Green World Annex

gNa+

Garden Perch

Drawing Dept

Impact Award

The Parr Center

Moody Nolan Morris Berg

People's Choice

*Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse "Center Court" Team Shop Renovation
DVA / Populous & Snarkitecture*

Honor Awards

Emerging Professional of the Year

Erin Reilly-Sanders, Ph.D., AIA

Public Service Award

Robert Fiala, AIA

Gold Medal Firm Award

MKC Architects Columbus, OH

Dold Medal Award

Angela Mazzi, FAIA GBBN

Events / Keynotes

Sunday: AIA Ohio Opening Night Party
Monday: AIA Ohio Awards Celebration
Monday: Karen Lu Design Key Note
Monday: AIA Ohio Awards Lunch
Monday: EP / CoF /SfX Happy Hour
Monday: Lus and Brews
Tuesday: Kimberly Dowdell Keynote
Tuesday: AIA Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Hotel Blocks:

AC Hotel Columbus Dublin
SpringHill Suites Columbus Dublin

Schedule:

<https://aiaohio.org/annual-conference/>

Educational Sessions:

Intersecting Conflicts: A Fiduciary Duty to a Client & Your Duty to the Public's HSW,
Modern Urban Infill in Cincinnati - At the Intersection the Urban Fabric
De-commoditizing the Architectural Practice
Designing a Design Firm Around People
Beyond the Blueprint: Innovations in Architectural Practice Through Laser Scanning
Repurposing Modernity: Revitalizing Contemporary Structures for Sustainable Futures,
For a Healthier Tomorrow: Navigating Connectivity Across Design and Community Wellbeing
Considering Trauma Across Markets
Nine Stories of a 9-Story Recreation and Wellness Center
The Realm Collective
The Equity Factor: Climate Social and Economic Factors that Impact Well-being
Lifecycle Photography: Seeing beyond Buildings to Architecture
Workshopping with the Framework for Design Excellence
The Environmental Impacts of Building Materials Comparing Concrete, Wood, and Steel
Panel Discussion: Architectural Education & Professional Practice
Citizen Architect CPR: Critical Participation Response in Engaging Communities

Preliminary Schedule:

Sunday September 15th

6:00 – 9:00	AIA Ohio Opening Night Party
7:30	Welcome Address by AIA Ohio President

Monday September 16th

7:30 – 10:00	Breakfast
8:00 – 9:00	Conference Educational Sessions
9:30 – 10:30	Conference Educational Sessions
11:00 – 12:00	Design Keynote
12:00 – 1:30	Design Awards Lunch
2:00 – 5:00	Conference Tours
5:00 – 6:00	EP / CoF /SfX Happy Hour
6:00 – 8:00	Lus and Brews

Tuesday September 17th

8:00 – 9:00	Keynote
9:30 – 10:45	Conference Educational Sessions
11:15 -12:30	Conference Educational Sessions
1:30 – 4:30	AIA Ohio Board of Directors Meeting

Board Action

1. Look Forward to Next Year!
2. Join the membership Engagement Work Group for more fun!

I anticipate that the board will spend 0 minutes discussing these events.



AIA Ohio Organizational Vitality Workgroup Report
Annual Report 2024
October 29, 2024

Workgroup Members:

Kate Brunswick Hon. AIA

John Megan AIA

Karen Planet AIA

John Orsini AIA (co-chair)

Bruce Sekanick FAIA

Charlie Setterfield AIA (co-chair)

The Organizational Vitality Workgroup focused on updating AIA Ohio’s contract with Accent on Management. This included extensive research and discussion regarding the scope of work required from AOM for AIA Ohio, the AIA Ohio Foundation, and the Ohio Architects PAC. Significant work was done to clarify the relationships between the entities and ensure this was reflected in the new AIA Ohio contract with AOM. In addition, lobbying was removed from the AOM contract, resulting in AIA Ohio contracting directly with a lobbyist.

It should be noted that AOM restructured its fee, bringing AIA Ohio’s management expenses more into alignment with the income from membership.

The new AIA Ohio – Accent on Management agreement was executed in July, 2024, and will be in effect for 2025 – 2029.

Respectfully Submitted,

AIA Ohio Organizational Vitality Workgroup



AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group Report

Prepared by Mike Vala, AIA

The public awareness work group tackled a few topics for 2024:

1. Reviewed the Honor and Design Awards programs and provided suggestions for enhancing the programs. One suggestion is that Honor Awards be open to anonymous nominations from membership to help encourage more members to apply for the different Honor Awards that are available (Gold Medal, Firm Gold Medal, Mentorship Award, Public Service Award, and Emerging Professional Award). The group reviewed how the Framework for Design Excellence impacted the Design awards - there were 84 submissions for the Design Awards for 2024, which is slightly lower than typical years.
2. Examined the format of the AIA Ohio year-in-review publication and provided feedback on how the content can be enhanced.
3. Reviewed the AIA Ohio Web-based Firm Directory - discussed possible improvements to the format in its second year of existence.
4. Worked with the GAC to form an Ad-Hoc committee that examined Qualifications Based Selection best practices and shared the resulting content with the members and some outside organizations.

Members of the AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group

Mike Vala, AIA (Chair)
Mark Hensler, AIA
Zach Herbst, AIA
John Meegan, AIA
Arsenio Rodriguez, AIA



AIA Ohio Sponsorship Committee Annual Report

November, 2024

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, OAA, Co-Chair

Dave Robar, AIA, Co-Chair

The AIA Ohio Sponsorship Committee is a fundraising arm of the component, working to develop relationships with firms, vendors and manufacturers within the construction industry. The Sponsorship Committee works closely with the Member Engagement Committee and others in support of AIA Ohio's annual conference. Initiated during Covid-19, the committee has transformed itself from a larger group of individuals casting a wide net to a committee with a more targeted approach.

The sponsorship committee is charged with fundraising on behalf of AIA Ohio in a manner similar to the sponsorship program that occurred at previous state conferences. The change that has taken place in the last two years is that the sponsorship is a year long program that maximizes the exposure of the sponsor. New to 2024 is the change in our benefits package. The Sponsorship Committee created new opportunities for sponsors by allowing each sponsor to select their own benefits based on their level of support. This allows each sponsor to develop a recognition and marketing effort that meets their individual needs.

The Sponsorship Committee was also principally responsible for AIA Ohio's LUs & Brews at the AIA Ohio Conference held in September at Bridge Park in Dublin, Ohio. Developed for the 2023 AIA Ohio Conference, AIA Ohio worked to expand this program in 2024 with more vendors and greater learning opportunities. The LUs & Brews provided participants to earn a quarter hour of learning by meeting with each of the more than a dozen vendors to learn about materials and products. Once complete, the vendor provides each participant with a 1/2 pour of beer as they move on to the next sponsor. This was a successful event at both of the last two conferences.

Charged with gaining \$40,000 in sponsorship for 2024, the committee exceeded our goal by \$10,600, raising a total of \$50,600.

We would like to thank the following companies for their assistance in supporting AIA Ohio this year.

Platinum Sponsors: [2 Sold, \$5,000 Each] (\$10,000)
The Belden Brick Company
INFINIUM Wall Systems

Gold Sponsors: [2 Sold, \$3,000 Each] (\$6,000)
Phillips Sekanick Architects
ACP Architectural

Silver Sponsors: [2 Sold, \$1,500 Each] (\$3,000)
Reitano Design Group
Multivista

Bronze Sponsors: [3 Sold, \$1,000 Each] (\$3,000)
Sherwin Williams
Seiler Design Solutions
D5 Render

Support Sponsors: [6 Sold, \$500 Each] (\$3,000)
Accent on Management
Barber & Hoffman, Inc.
ASSA ABLOY
Rep Source LLC/ Bradley Corporation
Intertek/PSI
Columbus Awning

LUs & Brews: [8 Sold, 8 Budgeted, \$2,000 Each] (\$16,000)
Belden Brick
Rep Source/Bradley
Columbus Awning
Hamilton Parker
Ohio Concrete
Ortal
Wagner
Reps Ohio

Tabletops: [12 Sold, 6 Budgeted, \$800 Each] (\$9,600)
McGory Glass
ACP Architectural
Multivista 3D Laser Scanning/Reality Capture Services
Unilock Ohio, Inc.
Arrow Lift
Hamilton Parker (2 Tables)
Columbus Awning
Seiler Design Solutions
Schuler Shook
Reps Ohio
D5 Render

AIA Ohio Foundation

The AIA Ohio Foundation 2024 Annual Report

The AIA Ohio Foundation has made significant strides as an organization in support of practitioners, students and the profession of architecture in Ohio. As most may know, the Foundation exists as a separate organization from AIA Ohio and, as a 501(c)(3) organization, and accepts donations from members and others in support of the profession and the Foundation's mission, vision, and goals. In 2024, the Foundation has experienced an increase in both programs and our financial standing.

The Foundation was established to focus on providing financial support to students through scholarships. In 2024, the Foundation is continuing that work with the accredited schools in Ohio to provide scholarships to students within each of the five programs. The Foundation makes available \$15,000 each year in support of scholarships at the five schools of architecture within the state. Since 2003, the Foundation has distributed \$242,000 in scholarships to 114 students from across the state. These scholarships are a way that the profession can help those seeking to earn their architectural degree and become future leaders in the profession. Since the Foundations formation in 1968, the AIA Ohio continues to focus on supporting students.

Scholarships, however, are not the only support we provide, The Foundation continues to work with and 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.

In 2024, the Foundation has reviewed our grants program that was suspended in 2023. The grants application process has been reformatted and in 2025, the Foundation will reinstate the grants program with an new application and awards process. Please watch your email for more information on this popular program.

In 2024, The AIA Ohio Foundation and AIA Akron worked together to formalize an investment program that has existed between the two organizations. That agreement provides AIA Akron with the investment resources of The AIA Ohio Foundation without the need to create their own 501(c)(3) entity. Long in the making, this agreement continues that cooperation that has long existed between these two organizations.

While continuing and formalizing ongoing programs, The AIA Ohio Foundation has taken on two new efforts this year. The first is the Student Design Awards Program. This is a joint program of AIA Ohio and the AIA Ohio Foundation. Long run by AIA Ohio, this program seeks submissions each year from students within Ohio's architectural programs. For 2024 and 2025, AIA Ohio will continue to support this effort by providing funding for this awards program. Last but not least, the AIA Ohio Foundation has established our Legacy Scholarship Program. More information on the program is detailed on the next several pages.

Finally, thank you for your support of the AIA Ohio Foundation's work. Without you, the Foundation would not exist.

FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation works closely with the schools to assist students in meeting 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 support 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 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. This popular program was suspended in 2024 as the organization sought to find a better way of providing funding. The Foundation Board has revised this program and a window will soon be announce for the opening of the grants application process. As opposed to the past format, all applications will be reviewed during

one annual application window. Please watch your email for more information.

THE AIA OHIO STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS

As noted, the AIA Ohio Foundation has taken on the AIA Ohio Student Design Awards. Both entities agree that with the relationship between the schools and the Foundation, the Foundation is the best place to house this program. This year, the Foundation was able to recognize five projects that were part of the thirty-four projects submitted for consideration.

LEGACY PROGRAM

NEW FOR 2024! The AIA Ohio Foundation has established the AIA Legacy Scholarship program. As a means to expand our scholarship efforts, the Foundation has developed a new program that allows firms, members or any groups of individuals to support names scholarships through the AIA Ohio Foundation. With as little as \$5,000 to start, the scholarships require the donation of \$35,000 total to develop a scholarship in your groups name. This is a great way to recognize firm members, firm milestones, or just as a way to support students in architectural programs in Ohio.

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 donate on line at <https://aiaohio.org/the-aia-ohio-foundation/support-the-aia-ohio-foundation/>.

AIA Ohio Foundation Scholarship & Student Design Awards 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 2024:

Bennet Gwin	Bowling Green State University	Andrew Warman	Miami University
Kate Kadilak	Bowling Green State University	Michael Mumford	The University of Cincinnati
Joyaln Abed	Miami University	Cade McCue	Kent State University
Shams Tazim	Miami University	Doroteo Arreola Carrera	Ohio State University

Student Design Award Recipients

The following students were recipients of the AIA Ohio/AIA Ohio Foundation Student Design Awards:

Madeline Montgomery	Bowling Green State University
Eduardo Cabrera	Bowling Green State University
Nathan Heid	Kent State University
Will Monroe	Miami University
Jahnavi Joshi, Justin Hamilton, and Varun Bhimanpally	University of Cincinnati

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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AIA OHIO FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

2024-2025 AIAS Grant Program

The AIA Ohio Foundation begins each fall semester with the delivery of checks to the architectural school AIAS program. 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.

The focus of this program is to better connect the students at the Ohio architectural schools with members of the AIA. While the AIA Ohio scholarships is a core program, the outcome of those scholarships affect only a handful of students each year. By helping fund the AIAS chapters, the AIA Ohio Foundation reaches a much broader group of individuals that AIA can connect with through the scholarship program.

AIA Ohio's Grant Program

The new AIA Ohio Grants program details are outlined below:

Eligible applicants include AIA Ohio local components, Ohio accredited architecture schools, AIAS students and student chapters, individual AIA Ohio members, and other individuals and organizations where the proposal is deemed to have a direct and positive benefit to architects and to the profession of architecture in the State of Ohio.

The AIA Ohio Foundation, in support of the profession of architecture and with a focus on its strategic goals, has set the following criteria for awarding grants:

Application submission is once a year and due August 31. Applications are reviewed by the AIA Ohio Foundation Board and awarded annually in conjunction with the AIA Ohio Design Awards. Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed in a special session held by designated members of the Board.

Awards are typically in the range of \$1,000 - \$5,000 and should not exceed \$5,000. The Board plans to allocate a benchmark amount of \$20,000 toward the support of project/ programs annually. Should there be a number of compelling proposals that if funded would exceed that benchmark amount, then the Board may choose to allocate funds beyond the \$20,000 amount. Applicants may propose a minimum and maximum funding amount and should describe the project viability if the proposal is only partially funded. The AIA Ohio Foundation Board may limit the total dollar award in any calendar year.

Should a proposal be unsuccessful in a given year, the applicant may request feedback from the Board and with suggestions, can choose to revise and resubmit during a future grant cycle, but with no guarantee of funding for resubmission.

Applications are evaluated based on the merits of the project/ proposal in relation to the mission and purpose of the Board. Projects with greater reach and efficacy, especially when considering equity, diversity, and inclusion within the architectural profession—as well as impact on K-12 populations—will be prioritized. Applications should describe the projects alignment with mission, purpose, and priorities of AIA Ohio Foundation.



The AIA Ohio Foundation met with the University of Cincinnati AIAS leadership on March 22, 2024 and presented the chapter with a check in support of their chapter programming. Meetings with AIAS chapters occur throughout the year at each of the five Ohio architectural programs.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STANDING

	Consolidated Financial Statement	2024 YTD	2023 Final
Income	Dues Allocation	\$0	\$27,673
	Contributions	\$4,000	\$200
	Legacy	\$31,506	\$0
	Restricted Donations	\$0	\$0
	Marr Sustaining Cont.	\$5,000	\$7,000
Expenditures	Scholarships	\$12,000	\$12,000
	Programs	\$4,000	\$0
	Operations	\$2,203	\$5,294
	Restricted Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Investments	Return	\$49,272	\$56,500
	Balance	\$676,799	\$596,643

In 2024, The AIA Ohio Foundation received our first bequest from former AIA Dayton member Richard Bechtol, AIA. Richard passed away in January of 2024 and left a gift of just over \$29,000 to the Foundation. Richard was a past board member of the Foundation and we appreciate him remembering the foundation in his estate. The Foundation is currently making plans to develop a Legacy Scholarship in his name. If you are interested in incorporating the AIA Ohio Foundation in your estate planning, please reach out to the AIA Ohio Foundation Executive Director Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, CAE for more information.

The Charles Marr Citation

At this year's AIA Ohio Awards Program, held during the AIA Ohio Design Conference at Bridge Park in Dublin, OH on September 15-17th, seven 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:

John Weigand, AIA

AIA Cincinnati

Sponsor: John Weigand, AIA

Linda Beall, AIA

AIA Toledo

Sponsor: AIA Toledo

W. Daniel Bickerstaff, AIA

AIA Cleveland

Sponsor: AIA Cleveland

Hannah Ewvaraye, AIA

AIA Columbus

Sponsor: AIA Columbus

Zoe Gizara, AIA

AIA Cincinnati

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John Meegan, AIA

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Jessica Phillips, AIA

AIA Youngstown

Sponsor: AIA Youngstown

In Memoriam

Norbert A. Peiker, FAIA

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of AIA Ohio Foundation Emeritus Board member Norbert A. Peiker, FAIA, who passed away on October 29, 2024 after a nearly three decade battle with cancer. Norbert was a true inspiration to anyone who met him. His passion and positive outlook was contagious, and his generous helpful approach to everything he was part of impacted all who surrounded him. Norbert was a past president of the AIA Ohio Foundation and was one of only two Emeritus Members of the Board of Trustees. Additional information will be made available by AIA Ohio/AIA Ohio Foundation during the annual meeting. Norbert was 84 years old.

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October 29, 2024

Report

from the Strategic Council

From:

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To:

AIA Ohio
Annual 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

AIA National hosted “Budget Office Hours” three times in October, which is open to Strategic Councilors and National Board Members. I attended the October 15 session, which had about 35 attendees. Councilors received a national Budget Memo in advance of these office hours.

Josh Flowers, FAIA (Our current Council Vice Moderator, 2025-2026 National Secretary) voiced that the Budget Memo we received would be much better delivered paired with the Operations Plan. National (President Dowdell, and others) took that feedback well and we foresee that input is used next year. As for this year, Councilors will receive the budget plan at the same time as the Board, which is late November.

A question was raised about component revenue sharing – a question raised at our state level as well. Kevin Watkins CAE Chief Membership Officer answered this question. There is a budgeted increase for component sharing, which I shared with AIA Ohio leaders. Kevin also answered my question –The memo showed revenue from membership dues near equal from 2024 to 2025. I asked if we predict no rise in membership due to a possible recession and what recession-proof measures were taken. We sit currently at 97,000+ members and the 2025 membership goal is 104,000. While it’s a goal, the Institute is being very conservative with the revenue number. Kevin shared the budget overall was developed with potential recession in mind.

President Dowdell addressed the delta in the budget – which was formerly addressed in the Annual Meeting at national conference. She reinforced that the Board was presented with very tough decisions to bring the budget down and got there.

As for Strategic Council work, all five study groups (Wellness, Equity, Climate Action, Value, have reported out to the National Board. Many recommendations were given from each group. Council Assembled on October 23 to begin to compile, prioritize the mountain of recommendations. At this meeting the results of the “Big Think” survey was shared, which was conducted by the 2025 Council Moderator, Jessica O’Donnell, AIA. Ohio got a huge shout-out as we had a large participation in this survey (14 members across the state). Thank you to those that took the survey.

My work this year on Council been with the Equity Study Group, specifically a review of the current national Code of Ethics which I conducted with Councilor Alyanna Sabayno, Assoc. AIA (Iowa). We have committed to finding a pathway to amending the current Code of Ethics with the collaboration and support of other AIA leaders and committees, such as the Equity and the Future of Architecture (EQFA) Committee.

Please contact me if you’d like to learn more about the work of Council and if there is more I can do or find out for you.

Council News

FROM THE MODERATOR + VICE MODERATOR

We had a busy and productive month in September, during which we elected three new at-large candidates who will begin serving on the Council starting in 2025. We encourage states and components to remind candidates who may not be elected through their representative selection process to consider applying for an at-large position on the Council next year. This is a great opportunity for those passionate about contributing to AIA’s leadership. We also want to extend our gratitude to all the excellent candidates who shared their vision for the profession and their desire to work with the Council. Your passion and commitment are inspiring and critical to shaping the future of the AIA.

The Value of Architecture Study Group presented its findings to the Council, highlighting important research and recommendations on how architects create value for clients through design. A special thank you to the group for their hard work in developing and sharing this critical research. Their insights, along with the recommendations from the study group, offer valuable guidance for the profession’s future growth.

The Moderator and Vice Moderator presented the work of the Council, including recommendations from all five study groups. to the Board of Directors. This year, the Board has asked the Council to prioritize these recommendations, with further updates to be shared later this year.

As we look ahead, we’ve begun the transition to our 2025 Council leadership. For those electing new Council members this year, please ensure you have notified AIA National of the results of your state’s selection process. We have also started planning for AIA Governance Week, which will take place in December. We look forward to welcoming the new Council soon.

Graciela Carrillo, AIA, 2024 Moderator + Josh Flowers, FAIA, 2024 Vice Moderator

Special thanks to our Steering Committee members who help guide our work and inform our decision-making process: Brad Benjamin, AIA (Best Practices Committee Chair), Alyssa Murphy, AIA (Communications Chair), Bruce Herrington, AIA (Elections Chair).

VALUE OF ARCHITECTURE STUDY GROUP REPORT

On September 25th the Value of Architecture group presented their findings to the Council. The goal of this group was for AIA members, clients, partners and communicates to understand, appreciate and pursue the value of architecture. They found that collaboration, innovation, and growth are keys to enhancing our value. One proposed innovation is an integrated virtual collaboration phase, led by the

Architect. They recommend ongoing evaluation of trends, collaboration with partner organizations, and the use of research methodologies that embrace AI technology.

WELLBEING STUDY GROUP REPORT

On October 15th the final study group, Wellbeing, made their presentation to the Strategic Council. The group advised on next steps following the passage of the 2024 Wellbeing Resolution. These include forming a task force to advise on implementing the imperatives of the resolution, developing a Wellbeing Resource Catalog, and encouraging the Knowledge Communities to incorporate more wellbeing topics. The group also recommended that the 2025 Council further develop case studies that could help AIA members communicate the impact of wellbeing with their clients and recommend action to celebrate schools and/or firms that prioritize wellbeing in the profession.

Institute News

2023 DEMOGRAPHICS REPORT

The latest report on demographics within in the Institute is now available to download [here](#). AIA is committed to advancing diversity and equity in architecture and design through the intentional recruitment and retention of people with underrepresented backgrounds. The 2023 edition of the AIA Membership Demographics Report shares an overview of AIA programs and initiatives that support our diversity efforts—designing for equity and creating a sense of belonging at AIA.

AIA CALLS ON CONGRESS FOR EMERGENCY DISASTER FUNDING

In the wake of recent devastating storms, AIA President Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, NOMAC sent a letter to congress on behalf of the 98,000 AIA members to provide immediate supplemental funding for several federal disaster relief programs. AIA Staff has also worked to coordinate support for AIA chapters and members and connect them with resources and opportunities to lend support.

AIA ADVANCING CLIMATE ACTION

AIA continues to advance climate action within the built environment through cross-collaboration with industry partners and climate program milestones towards progress on building decarbonization and materials specification goals. This includes publishing the 2030 By the Numbers annual report, completing the first year of data reporting by the AIA Materials Pledge group, and participating in Climate Week NYC. Read more [here](#).

AIA WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

The Women's Leadership summit was held in Chicago October 8th-10th. The summit aims to advance equality and gender parity in the industry. The 2024 theme, "Building Resilience," challenges traditional thinking to foster positive change by exploring resilience, adaptability in a constantly shifting landscape, and perseverance during difficult times. Celebrating the 15th anniversary of the first WLS gathering, over 800 architects commemorated a significant milestone: for the first time, women make up more than one-fourth—26.8 percent—of AIA's total membership. This year also marks the second of three consecutive years with women serving as AIA national leaders, another first in the organization's history.

Upcoming events

December 11-14

AIA Governance Week

Washington, DC

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

Feedback

We value input! If you have questions or ideas for the Strategic Council, reach out to us at 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 YAF ANNUAL REPORT

November 2024

Prepared by Alexandra Oetzel, AIA

The Young Architects Forum (YAF) Committee is proud to share our second year of work dedicated to the 2023-2027 Strategic Initiative of “Architects in Action, Catalyzing for Change.” Our three priority areas, considered most relevant to supporting recently licensed architects, are:

1. **Growth and career advancement.** Young architects experience a pivotal career phase with unique challenges and opportunities. YAF prioritizes supporting professional and career growth and advancement in all types of career settings.
2. **Steering the future of the profession.** Through its dynamic network of members and representatives, YAF is uniquely positioned to identify and advocate for the current and future needs of young architects. YAF also serves as a voice to envision and steer the future of the profession and the future of architecture.
3. **Diversifying and accelerating leadership.** YAF aims to build engaging and impactful leadership opportunities for volunteers and members while diversifying the leadership pipeline. Through this engagement, YAF aspires to enhance the value of AIA membership through leadership and service.

The attached report from Jason Takeuchi, 2024 Chair, and the entire YAF provides a well-rounded picture of our activities. I have included an abbreviated list of our achievements below:

- The most YAF members to ever be represented in committee history (51 of 53 Young Architect Representatives selected, including Puerto Rico and Dubai) across seven time zones
- Launched ‘Taking Care of Business’ (formerly Mini MBA) at AIA’24 in DC and soon to be presented at the 2024 NOMA Conference in Baltimore
- Launched digital content on AIA.org to expand YAF’s online presence
- Awarded the third recipient of the \$10,000 Future Forward Grant through partnership with the AIA Large Firm Roundtable
- Delivered free webinars attracting over 100 participants, in partnership with AIA New Jersey and AIA Illinois
- Continued valuable programming, such as the Align Mentorship Program, Open Mic Nights, and more
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- Impactful local and regional programs and events leveraging YAF leadership

In addition to work at the National scale, I have been collaborating closely with the AIA Ohio Early Professional Directors, State Licensing Advisor, and the National Associate Committee Representative to create impactful state and local initiatives. We lead quarterly discussions with early professional and young architect leadership from Ohio's local components, encouraging collaboration and peer-mentorship virtually. We have also collaborated on a number of initiatives below:

- Early Professional Friendly Firm Program, Year 4
- AIA 24 Presentation "Building Talent" with Gwendolyn Frank, State Licensing Advisor
- AIAS Chapter Meetings to share and promote Early Professional Firm Program
- AIA 24 Workshop "Practice Simulation Lab" with Seth Duke, YAF Community Director
- Digital Lending Library with Zach Herbst and Mark Hensler, AIA Ohio Early Professional Directors

We are honored to see The Practice Simulation Lab recreated by AIA Cleveland Young Architect and Associate Member committee, as well as South Carolina's Emerging Professionals Committee.

I look forward to serving in my role for a second year.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Oetzel, AIA

AIA Young Architects Forum 2024 Annual Report

September 2024

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Chair Message

Aloha,

The AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF) is proud to release its 2024 YAF Report detailing our initiatives and impact in the AIA and profession. We're fortunate to represent approximately 20,000 of AIA's nearly 100,000 members and serve alongside talented and passionate leaders in the AIA.

In the second year of our 2023-2027 Strategic Initiative of 'Architects in Action, Catalyzing for Change,' YAF has identified three Priority Areas in 2024 most relevant to supporting recently licensed architects: 1) Growth and Career Advancement 2) Steering the Future of the Profession and 3) Diversifying and Accelerating Leadership.

This year, we're thrilled to celebrate the following achievements, to name a few:

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We also look forward to the following milestones in future years:

- To chart our course for identifying our next Strategic Initiative, YAF has traditionally held summits every five years with the most recent summit held in 2022 in Pittsburgh, titled "Mission 2130." We look forward to the next summit in 2027 to advance YAF's evolving priorities and goals.
- YAF is currently studying the relevance of its current committee name and whether members feel accurately represented as young architects. Through ongoing studies and stakeholder engagement, YAF looks forward to releasing our findings and recommendations regarding whether an updated name to better represent our demographic is appropriate.

With Hawaii as my home, I began the year introducing the concept of the voyaging canoe to the committee in how we'll work together. We each have a distinct role and shared responsibility as paddlers in the same canoe. There will always be headwinds and clouds, but we're guided by shared values like constellations in the night sky.

As we head towards the end of the year, I'm reminded that to be part of YAF is a lifelong voyage and commitment to the future of our profession. Through thousands of past members and allies who have contributed to our mission locally and nationally for over three decades, YAF continues to be a source of mentorship, leadership and collegiality because of you. As a reader of this report, I sincerely thank you as a supporter and advocate of YAF.

With gratitude,



Jason Takeuchi, AIA (he/him)
2024 Chair, AIA Young Architects Forum
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2024 Overview

The AIA Young Architects Forum (YAF) is a program of the American Institute of Architects organized to address issues of importance for recently licensed architects (up to ten years licensed). In 2024, YAF celebrates an accomplished history spanning more than three decades.

2023-2027 Strategic Initiative

Architects in Action, Catalyzing for Change

2024 Priority Areas

Growth and Career Advancement

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Steering the Future of the Profession

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Diversifying and Accelerating Leadership

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YAF at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Memphis

YAF Values

Leadership

Leadership is the practice of actively engaging recently licensed architects to affect positive change for the betterment of other members, their firms, their communities, and the Institute overall.

Mentorship

Mentorship is the bi-directional partnership of sharing knowledge, skills, information, and perspective to enhance professional and personal growth.

Collegiality

Collegiality is the exploration of connections, sharing similar interests, ideals, or experiences on equal terms.

CONNECT WITH US:

- **Issuu:** issuu.com/youngarchitectsforum
- **KnowledgeNet:** aia.org/yaf
- **Instagram:** @AIAYAF
- **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/aia-young-architects-forum/>

Committee Structure

2024 represents the largest the YAF has ever been with the greatest representation across seven time zones, including Puerto Rico, Hawaii and Dubai.

Advisory Committee



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New Hampshire
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2024 Summary of Goals

YAF began 2024 with quarterly goals and is on track to complete all goals. Grayed out = completed

Q1 (January - March)

- YAF Introduction
- YAF Annual Meeting
- AIA Leadership Summit
- Release Connection 2023 Q4
- Monthly Now YA Know
- Future Forward Grant Applications Open
- Young Architect Award winners announced

Q3 (July - September)

- YAF AdCom Jury and Selection
- YAF AdCom Transition Meeting
- Open Mic Night
- Volunteer Spotlight Series
- Monthly Now YA Know
- Liaison and allied connections established for 2025

Q2 (April - June)

- May Board Candidate Meet/Greet
- Future Forward Jury and Selection
- Start YAF By the Numbers Research
- Post content on AIA.org digital media hub
- Monthly Now YA Know
- Open Mic Night
- AIA 24 Meetups/Booth
- Taking Care of Business at AIA24
- Advocacy Webinar
- YAF AdCom applications open

Q4 (October - December)

- New Align Mentorship cohort
- Mini MBA at NOMA
- Advocacy Webinar
- Open Mic Night
- Young Architect Award applications close*
- Continue content on AIA.org
- Monthly Now YA Know
- Celebrate YAF volunteer hours
- Confirm Young Architect Reps for 2025

Growth and Career Advancement

- Share and create resources to support business acumen, including presentations at conferences
- Create special interest groups within YAF for knowledge sharing
- Continue the Align Mentorship Program for career growth and mentorship
- Deliver webinars on the importance of the first decade of licensure
- Broaden engagement through Open Mic Nights to crowd-source opportunities for young architects

Steering the Future of the Profession

- Continue YAF Summits every five years to reevaluate needs of young architects
- Partner with LFRT on the Future Forward Grant, a \$10,000 award
- 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
- Partner with the Strategic Council to involve YAF's in its study areas
- Utilize AIA.org platform for digital engagement

Diversifying and Accelerating Leadership

- Feature the perspectives of diverse young architects through various social media channels
- Bring intentionality to selection of leadership roles, juries, presentations and opportunities for committee members
- Explore intersection of architecture and public policy, and support Citizen Architects
- Invite Board candidates and diverse leaders to full committee calls to speak with young architects

2024 Summary of Accomplishments – Focus Groups

YAF's mission is carried out by Focus Groups (Advocacy, Communications, Knowledge, Community, Strategic Vision) each led by a Director and comprised of 8–10 Young Architect Representatives. 2024 includes a Special Projects Group led by the Past Chair to oversee topics relevant to YAF.



Advocacy

- Completed free 90-minute webinar "Decade One: Laying the Foundation for your Career" (in partnership with AIA New Jersey) / 149 registered; 102 live attendees.
- Submitted to Architect digital magazine for webinar recap.
- Launching 2024 Volunteer Spotlight Mini-series on social media in September
- Partnering with MarComm on Hispanic Heritage Month YAR Video in October
- Planning free 90-minute webinar "Beyond Buildings: Integrating Architecture and Policy" with AIA New Illinois
- Planning 2024 Volunteer Challenge in November. (2023 showed over 5,525 hours spent volunteering within and outside the AEC industry by our YAF committee)



Communications

- Released Q4 Connection for 2023 on Issuu.com
- Consistently tracking potential articles, writers and contributors to YAF's media platforms
- Launched to AIA Architect Platform in partnership with AIA MarComm (awaiting statistics from AIA, but preliminary trends show parallel engagement with Issuu)
- First Kick off call for content held with over 20 attendees, 11 stories pitched and counting, including a potential series.
- Q4 Kick off call to be scheduled in October
- Running list of published, pitched, and upcoming content is being tracked by Communications Focus Group



Knowledge

- Completed seven monthly Now Ya Know newsletters and on track to complete ten in 2024
- Two "Connect and Chill" quarterly articles have been posted to the YAF social media. (Based on our quarterly themes, the Knowledge Focus Group curates streaming video content and cocktail + mocktail recipes)
- Partnered with the LFRT and the SFx and developed and presented a 2.5 hour AIA'24 session called Taking Care of Business, we focused on entrepreneurship vs. intrapreneurship with hundreds of attendees.
- This same session has been approved to be presented at the NOMA conference in October
- Currently underway creating a toolkit for local and state components on how to create their own Mini MBA sessions and memorializing content previously presented.



Community

- Held first Open Mic Night focused on Firm Fundamentals
- Planning a second Open Mic Night focused on mentorship
- Mentorship Toolkit about to be released
- Articles in the works – one as a follow up from the first Open Mic Night, one on being a Citizen Architect
- Working on a Paths After Licensure infographic/toolkit
- Planning next cycle of ALIGN Mentorship Program



Strategic Vision

- Administered the Future Forward Grant. Continued mentorship with last year's and this year's winners.
- Working on "YAF By the Numbers" to understand the YAF demographic and how to best serve them, how to capture who they are and their interests, how to survey larger membership;
- Crafting a new YAF onboarding survey to track the evolution of members on YAF.
- Writing multiple Connection articles
- Outreach to NOMA



Special Projects

- In home stretch of the YAF Renaming Initiative, a 2-year effort of the YAF working with multiple stakeholders, including national staff and marketing teams, to reposition the committee for success 30+ years into the future.
- Currently coordinating the "soft launch" of committee-specific special interest groups, advancing the committee values of mentorship, leadership, and collegiality among our constituents.

2024 Summary of Accomplishments – Young Architect Representatives

Young Architect Representatives serve a dual role on a Focus Group of the YAF and representing their local components. Because component sizes and support vary greatly, the following are a few examples of the local impact that YARs are making beyond the YAF national committee.



Kaylyn Kirby, AIA (Colorado)

- Co-Chaired AIA Colorado Practice + Design Conference
- Submitted + leading/moderating panel session at AIA CO conference (GENERATION); that takes conversations from YAF + SC Wellbeing group to the local level
- Opened discussions with CO Board on funding for position to attend Leadership Summit, AIA National Conference, etc.



Katherine Lashley, AIA (Arkansas)

- Secured partial funding in 2024 to attend the AIA National Conference on Architecture.
- Advocating for permanent funding for the position in the future pending Board approval



Raquel Guzman Geara, AIA (Illinois)

- AIA Illinois board to host next national YAF Advocacy webinar and is in full support of helping YAF national in any future events.
- YAF Chicago starting conversations on mental health with the community.
- Running last term as co-chair of Chicago YAF.
- Re-elected as vice-chair of the Arquitina Board (was one of the founders of the organization as well) and hosted a fundraiser for Arquitina and collected fund to have scholarship and study materials for Latinas.



Jack Whalen, AIA (Delaware)

- In discussion with my chapter on getting a YA Award setup!
- Currently planning our first joint YAF/NAC event in DE and YAF/NAC collab year end event
- Working with local firm leaders to present 'Taking Care of Business' in Delaware
- Working with local leaders on proposal for 2025 Architecture Week Component Grant



Kyle Palzer, AIA (Minnesota)

- EP Friendly Firm & 2+2 Young Architect presentation accepted for the November MN Conference.
- Confirmed the YAR role as a voting Board Member and secured funding for National Conference from AIA MN.



Jonathan Oswald, AIA (Nebraska)

- Elected as president-elect of state board at recent membership meeting.

Young Architects Forum

AIA Member group



Joseph Taylor, AIA (Maryland)

- AIA MD Emerging Professionals Friendly Firm Award will be implemented starting in 2025.
- AIA MD will be teaming with the MD State Board of Architects to organize a newly licensed celebration.
- Participating in the "Diversity in Licensure" panel discussion at UMD College Park School of Architecture in October, event organized by State Board of Architects.
- In the process of getting open seats on AIA MD board for STAR and YAR.
- Working on funding for AIA National Conference for YAR.



Abigail Benjamin, AIA (New Jersey)

- Volunteered with AIA NJ STAR at following events:
 - Pizza with Professionals (NJIT and Kean University)
 - Morris County 4-H Fair (had an interactive booth explaining what is an architect, what does an architect do, with hands on activities for K-12)
 - Career Carnival for Kids (had an interactive booth explaining what is an architect, what does an architect do, with hands on activities for K-12)
- Serving as AIA liaison to New Jersey State Board of Architects through 2026



Kendra Shirley, AIA (Wyoming)

- Continued involvement with quarterly lunch and learn and meet ups across the state and a mentorship activity to occur during our fall conference.



Erin Agdinaoay, AIA (Virginia)

- Increased annual funding for YAR, STAR, and NCARB advisor
- Participating in state board town halls at each regional component for in-person time to connect and provide updates
- Developing a Mid-Career Development Program Cohort.
- Revamping the state's biannual Art of Practice seminar to cover business updates, risk insights, and strategic themed-based programming to be rolled out Spring of 2025
- Participated in AIADC's Christopher Kelly Leadership Development program as a panelist on the topic of "Emerging Issues & the Future of the Practice"
- Jury for the AIANC EP Friendly Firm Award
- Successfully submitted and accepted for a workshop titled "Bridging the Gap" at the annual state conference with the Virginia STAR to take topics important to Emerging Professionals and Young Architects, and build conversation across multiple leadership and generational levels
- At state conference, will be hosting Coffee and Conversations with the Virginia STAR



Alex Oetzel, AIA (Ohio)

- Two National Conference Presentations (Practice Simulation Lab, Building Talent)
- State Conference Presentation (Architectural Education & Professional Practice)
- Conference Planning Committee Tour Lead
- Emerging Professional Friendly Firm Presentations at Ohio's 5 accredited programs (OSU, UC, BGSU, Kent, Miami)
- Quarterly Meetings w/ EP Component Leaders

YAF in Numbers

20,000 architects in the AIA who identify as licensed within their first ten years

33 years since the AIA Young Architects Forum was started

61 total committee members in 2024

51 of possible 53 Young Architect Representatives selected in 2024

79 unique Advisory Committee members since 1990

7 time zones between all committee members

3,500+ followers on Instagram @aiayaf

1,300+ followers on LinkedIn

\$30,000 awarded since 2022 through the Future Forward Grant

70+ issues of Connection published since 2011

2 free Advocacy webinars and Open Mic Nights in 2024

2 Taking Care of Business sessions (previously Mini MBA) in 2024

26 issues of Now YA Know newsletter distributed

5,500 volunteer hours logged in 2023 (YAF participation in all volunteer organizations)

4 current and former YAF leaders received the Young Architects Award in 2024

4 current and former YAF leaders elected to the 2025 AIA Board of Directors

21 former YAF Advisory committee members elevated to Fellowship overall

Current YAF Initiatives

Much has been accomplished by the YAF over the years. 2024 continues momentum on a number of initiatives, while introducing new ideas following the 2024 Priority Areas of Growth and Career Advancement, Steering the Future of the Profession and Diversifying and Accelerating Leadership.

- 2024 Annual Meeting
- YAF at AIA'24
- Presentations and Webinars
- Grants and Programs
- Publications
- Intentional Inclusivity
- AIA Outreach
- Celebrating Impact
- In Progress

2024 YAF Annual Meeting

February 2024 / Memphis, TN

Essential to YAF's engagement and effectiveness as a committee, the 2024 Annual Meeting in Memphis was held jointly with the National Associates Committee. Over fifty YAF committee members came together for a successful two-day event at Beale Street Landing. Annual Meetings have been vital to YAF's goals to welcome and orient new members, plan the year ahead, and strategize on how to progress the unique interests of architects licensed less than ten years.



Speaking with President Kim Dowdell



Stephen Spurlock, FAIA speaking to YAF



Service project at Beale St. Landing/AIA Memphis

YAF at AIA'24

June 2024 / Washington, D.C.

YAF maintained a significant presence at AIA'24 with awardees, session organizers, presenters, book authors, volunteers and Board candidates. YAF was directly responsible for organizing the Fresh Perspectives Meetup at the AIA Booth and Taking Care of Business (formerly Mini MBA). 2024 marks the year that the most current YAF members have attended an AIA Annual Conference on Architecture with more than half of the committee's 61 total members in attendance.

Don't miss the YAF [rap recap video here](#).



YAF leaders at the 2024 Awards Gala



YAF leaders at AIA'24



Several YAF leaders received the 2024 AIA Young Architect Award

2024 Presentations and Webinars

"Taking Care of Business: Entrepreneurship vs Intrapreneurship" at AIA'24

The Knowledge Focus Group led a 2.5-hour session at AIA'24 in DC in collaboration with the AIA Small Firm Exchange and Large Firm Roundtable. The presentation attracted over a hundred attendees and represents a nearly decade-long partnership with YAF and LFRT.

The Knowledge Focus Group is poised to present a similar session at the 2024 NOMA Conference in Baltimore.



"Decade One: Laying the Foundation for Your Career" Virtual Presentation

The Advocacy Focus Group partnered with AIA New Jersey to present a free webinar which attracted over 100 attendees. The webinar focused on building a career foundation during the first ten years of licensure, speaking to the demographic that YAF represents.

The Advocacy Focus Group looks forward to partnering with AIA Illinois for a second free webinar in 2024.

DECADE ONE:
Laying the Foundation for your Career
July 10, 2024 | 2:00pm-3:30pm EST

April Drake
AIA, NCARB, LEED AP ID+C
Managing Principal, HDR Arlington, VA

Nathaniel Hudson
AIA, NOMA, NCARB
Founder/Principal, FormGrey Studio

Megan Kaufmann
AIA
Founder/Principal, KC Studio Architecture

Jeffrey Pastva
FAIA, CPHC
VP Of Devt, Scannapieco Development Corp.

Matt Toddy
AIA, NCARB
Principal, Elevation Studio

Young Architects Forum + AIA New Jersey
AIA Member group

Community Open Mic Nights

Open Mic Nights by the Community Focus Group provide virtual opportunities for local AIA members to learn from and engage the YAF, learn about best practices, and share about issues occurring locally. The Community Focus Group has completed one series titled Firm Fundamentals and plans to do another in 2024.

Young Architects Forum
OPEN MIC
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023
6:00PM EST
Sign up at Eventbrite

Young Architects Forum
AIA Member group

2024 Grants and Programs

YAF+LFRT Future Forward Grant

YAF continues its third year of presenting the Future Forward Grant, a \$10,000 award supporting early career professionals in the testing of new ideas that disrupt the traditional conception of practice, process, and product in the field of architecture. The grant represents a partnership between YAF and the Large Firm Roundtable to advance exploration, innovation, and disruption in the architecture profession.

2024 Recipient: "It Takes A Village, A Parents and Caregivers Initiative"

[Announcement](#)

2023 Recipient: "Supporting Transformational Architectural Practice"

[Announcement](#)

2022 Recipient: "The Tree"

[Announcement](#)

ALIGN Mentorship Program

A partnership with YAF and COF, the Align Mentorship Program is a long-range initiative connecting young architects and AIA fellows nationally in pods or interest groups.

The annual program has been ongoing since 2021 and currently supports dozens of members and provides valuable access to the profession's most engaged leaders.

Read more [here](#).

Emerging Professionals Friendly Firm Award

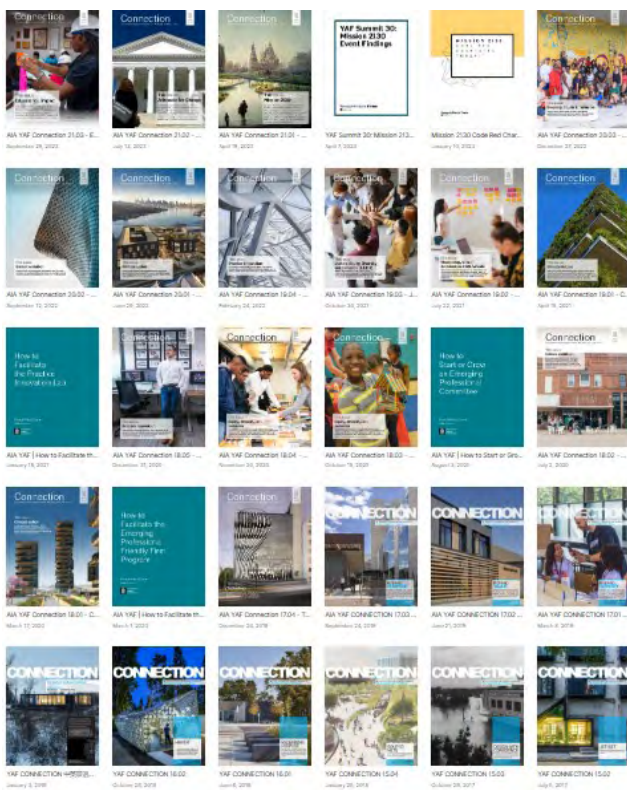
Started by YAF in 2020, this recognition program continues to be implemented at various state and local components to recognize architecture firms who support emerging professionals. Toolkit link [here](#).



2024 Publications

Connection

As the YAF's leading publication and written resource, [Connection](#) has engaged thousands of readers through quarterly releases and over seventy issues of grassroots writing and inspiration. In 2024, YAF aspires to maintain the publication and its body of work.



AIA.org

In 2024, YAF's original digital publication Connection has transitioned to a digital media platform on AIA.org. The following articles have been published so far:

<https://www.aia.org/aia-architect/article/getting-know-young-architects-award-recipients>

<https://www.aia.org/aia-architect/article/three-rules-empowering-early-career-architects-and-professionals>

Now YA Know Newsletter

This monthly one-pager is YAF's outlet for bite-size news and information. Now YA Know is typically distributed to AIA leaders and general members and created by the Knowledge Focus Group. The "YA" in the name references "young architect."

YAF has distributed seven issues of Now YA Know in 2024 to local components, YAF leaders and YAF alumni.



February 2024 March 2024 April 2024



May 2024 June 2024 July 2024



August 2024

Intentional Inclusivity

Representation and Engagement

With over 50 current Young Architect Representatives, individual opportunities for expression are important and essential to year-long engagement. YAF has been intentional in utilizing its limited times together to celebrate and recognize every leader.

- Reflection circle at Annual Meeting to provide every member a moment to reflect in a safe setting
- Individual "virtual name cards" presented at Annual Meeting, with personal theme songs
- Freedom to select focus groups based on interest, which have largely resulted in balanced and diverse focus groups representing a range of geographies, and backgrounds
- Recognition for celebratory occasions, such as marriage, parenthood, awards, promotions, etc.
- Presentations from 3-5 YAR's at each full committee meeting and at the Annual Meeting
- Opportunities for YAR's to lead interactive polls
- One on one check-ins with Chair
- Intentional selections for juries and liaison positions
- Individual features on social media

Through these actions, it is YAF's hope that engagement of each YAR and committee member is maintained throughout the year.

Mugs and pins

To recognize and memorialize each member on the committee, YAF created one-of-a-kind printed mugs as a symbol of our work as a collective team.

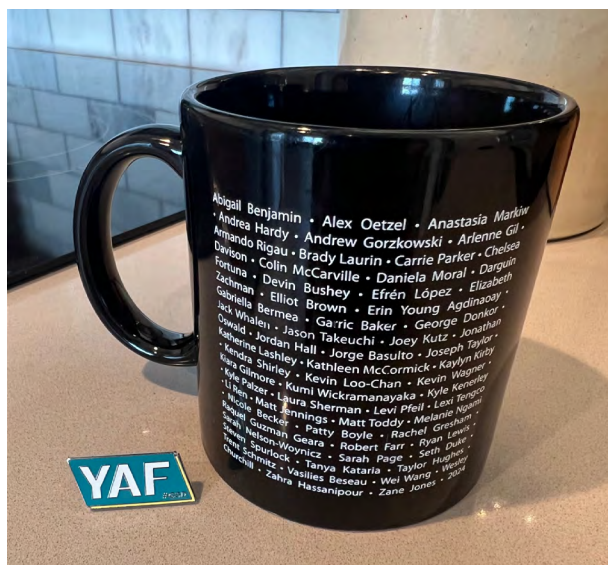
Lapel pins were created specifically for AIA'24, which YAF members proudly wore. #GSD is noted on the pin, representing the priority areas of Growth and Career Advancement, Steering the Future of the Profession and Diversifying and Accelerating Leadership.



Reflection circle at the 2024 Annual Meeting



Congratulatory slide during the May full committee call



Custom YAF mug and pins for committee members

AIA Outreach

YAF Liaisons

The AIA Young Architects Forum has established formal and informal relationships over years with other Member Groups and Knowledge Communities.

Below are examples of YAF's reach to other groups within AIA. (Please note there are other individuals not identified on this list)

2024 Current YAF Member Liaisons or Representatives

COTE:	Wei Wang, AIA
Conference Planning:	Matt Toddy, AIA
Finance & Audit:	Jason Takeuchi, AIA
Large Firm Roundtable:	Sarah Woynicz, AIA
Small Firm Exchange:	Darguin Fortuna, AIA
Global Practice:	Li Ren, AIA
ArchiPAC Steering Committee:	Anastasia Markiw, AIA

Recent YAF Members Serving on National Committees

(excluding Strategic Council and Board of Directors)

AIA-AGC:	Brian Baril, AIA
BoKnoCo:	Malcolm Watkins, AIA
Candidate Development Committee:	Jessica O'Donnell, AIA
Construction Contract Administration:	Shannon Christensen, FAIA
Public Awareness Committee:	John Clark, AIA

2024 Liaisons Representatives to YAF

Strategic Council:	Patty Boyle, AIA
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Celebrating Impact

YAF is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of current and former YAF leaders making an impact in the Institute.

2024 Young Architect Award Winners

Gabriella Bermea, AIA
Darguin Fortuna, AIA
Shawna Mabie, AIA
Carl Sergio, AIA

2025 Incoming Board of Directors

Illya Azaroff, FAIA (2026 President-Elect)
Graciela Carillo, AIA (2025-2027 At-Large Director)
Josh Flowers, FAIA (2025-2026 Secretary)
Evelyn Lee, FAIA (2025 President)
Matt Toddy, AIA (2025-2027 At-Large Director)

Elevated to Fellowship in 2024

Abi Brown, FAIA
Shannon Christensen, FAIA
Jeff Pastva, FAIA
Paul Woolford, FAIA

AIA Strategic Council

Abi Brown, FAIA (2025 Vice Moderator)
Jessica O'Donnell, AIA (2025 Moderator)

In Progress

YAF Redefinition

In 2022, YAF began studying whether the "Young Architects Forum" was the most relevant and accurate name for the committee. A Special Projects Focus Group was formed to study and analyze the potential for a new name. The group studied various options, gathered input from stakeholders and determine that the current committee name did not accurately describe how current committee members identified themselves in the profession.

YAF has worked with AIA's Marketing and Communications team towards potential options for a revised name to understand naming conventions and to ensure conformance with an overall naming strategy within AIA's guidelines.

YAF looks forward to releasing its findings and possible implementation of a revised committee name in 2025. If a plan to move forward is approved, YAF will work with various entities locally and nationally to ensure thorough communication and consistency of brand identity.



AIA College of Fellows Annual Report

AIA Ohio Valley Region

October 28, 2024

Lisa Gomperts, FAIA, AIA Ohio Valley Region

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, AIA Ohio Valley Region

The AIA Ohio Valley Region of the College of Fellows represents a total of 100 Architect members of the organization. Made up of 18 members in Indiana, 12 in Kentucky, and 70 in Ohio, the College efforts focus on mentoring and providing support to the AIA community.

The mission of the AIA College of Fellows is: The AIA College of Fellows seeks to **stimulate a sharing of interests among Fellows**, promote the purposes of AIA, advance the profession of architecture, mentor young architects, and be of ever-increasing service to society.

The following members of the AIA Ohio College of Fellows passed away in 2024:

Wayne S. Schmidt, FAIA – June 1, 2024 (Indianapolis, IN)

Henry G. Meier, FAIA – September 19, 2024 (Franklin, IN)

Curtis J. Moody, FAIA - October 13, 2024 (Columbus, OH) , (73)

In 2024, the following number of Fellow submissions were made from the region:

Indiana – 2 Submissions

Kentucky – 2 Submissions

Ohio – 2 Submissions

In 2025, the Fellows Jury is being increased from 7 to 11 members. This change was made by the AIA Ohio Board of Directors as a waiver to the Rules of the Board. The announcement of new Fellows is anticipated to be made in March of 2025.

COF Activities at the 2024 AIA'24 Conference Included:

- a. The investiture ceremony was coordinated through AIA national this year. AIA responded to criticisms of last year's investiture and the program was held at the historic Warner Theatre in Washington, DC.
- b. The convocation dinner was expanded into an Awards Gala held at the National Building Museum.
- c. 96 Members were elevated to Fellowship along with 2 Honorary Fellows
- d. The COF had a booth near the bookstore called Inspire that offered support, activities, and a place to meet peers.
- e. There was a Fellows luncheon at the conference that was well attended as well as a regional representative lunch meeting.
- f. The 26th Annual Chancellors Cup Golf Outing took place at Renditions Golf Course, attracting 75 golfers.



AIA College of Fellows

The most recent Regional Representative Meeting occurred on October 7, 2024.

- a. Stuart Pettitt, FAIA, Regional Reps Chair, along with Ron Blitch, FAIA, 2024 Chancellor did introductions.
- b. Ron provided an update of the activity at AIA National regarding the Administration, Board, and Honors & Awards.
- c. The COF is currently looking for Regional Representatives in 13 regions. The Ohio Valley is not one of them.
- d. The COF is looking for a new Chair of the Regional Representatives in 2026. Stuart will have completed his three year term.
- e. The Regional Representatives were asked to aggressively push the Fellows Fund this year.

The 2024 AIA COF Annual Meeting was held on October 17, 2024.

- a. The COF Annual meeting was held via Zoom earlier this month.
- b. A new Bursar was elected who will replace Janne Jackson who will be moving to the position as Vice-Chancellor.
- c. Lakisha Woods and Ron Blitch gave their welcome statements.
- d. Most of the discussion during the call focused on the actions at national. A letter was received from President Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, detailing some items that concern the COF.
- e. The COF is continuing to work the AIA on the issues that concern us.
- f. The inauguration of the AIA President will also include the inauguration of the AIA COF Chancellor during Governance Week in December.

AIA ArchiPAC

- a. Contributions from Fellows is part of the leadership role.
- b. Fellows set an example for younger members.
- c. Contribute any amount.
- d. The easiest way is to go to www.archipac.org. You will need to sign in with your AIA information before you can contribute.

College of Fellows Fund

- a. Contributions usually hits a peak in the fall.
- b. Ohio Valley has not traditionally been a strong supporter of the fund.
- c. Supporting the COF scholarships, grants are important.
- d. The COF Fund helps support the \$100,000 biennial Latrobe research grant.
- e. The COF Fund also helps support the EP Component Grants and the Align Mentorship Program.

End of Report



2024 AIA Ohio Slate of Officers

**Proposed by the AIA Ohio 2024 Nominating Committee:
John Orsini, AIA (Chair); John Meegan, AIA; Emily Steiner Little, AIA
Approved by the AIA Ohio Board, July 19, 2024**

**President: Eric Pros, AIA, Akron
President-elect: Charlie Setterfield, AIA, Dayton
Treasurer: Dave Robar, AIA, Cleveland
Secretary: Angela Mazzi, FAIA, Cincinnati
Immediate Past President: John Meegan, AIA, Columbus**

***For election at the 2024 AIA Ohio Annual Meeting
November 6, 2024 | noon | Via Zoom Meetings***

President

Eric Pros, AIA, MBA, CPD
Member of AIA Ohio since 2011
DS Architecture
Akron



Service to AIA National

2024 AIA National Conference Participant
2024 AIA Leadership Summit Participant
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

2024 AIA Ohio President Elect
2022-2023 AIA Ohio Treasurer
2022-2024 Chair, Membership Engagement Work Group
2021 AIA Ohio Foundation Board Member
2021 AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award
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 AIA Akron

2022-Present Special Director
2021 Chapter President and Design Awards Committee Co-Chair
2020 Chapter President Elect
2019 AIA Akron Emerging Talent Award
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

President-elect
Charlie Setterfield, AIA
Member of AIA since 2007
Sinclair Community College
Dayton



Service to AIA National

2022 - 2024 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 - 2024 AIA Ohio Secretary
2024 Co-Chair Organizational Vitality
2024 AIA Ohio Convention
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 - 2024 Scholarship Committee Chair
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

2024 Past-chair, Advisory Group, Interior Architecture KC
2024 AIA Conference on Architecture, Panel Organizer
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(s)

Service to AIA Ohio

2024 AIA Ohio Treasurer
2023-24 AIA State and Local Government Network Workshops, AIA MN
2019-23 AIA Ohio Board, Representing AIA Cleveland
2021-24 AIA Ohio Government Advocacy Committee (Co-Chair 2024)
2021-24 Chair, AIA Ohio Sponsorship Committee
2022 AIA Ohio President's Citation, Aaron Hill, AIA
2013-14 AIA Ohio Board, Representing AIA Cleveland

Service to AIA Cleveland

2013-2023 AIA CLE Board of Directors
2015-2024 AIA SandFest Committee
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; Annual Meeting and Design Awards Committees
2013-16 AIA Cleveland Board Liaison to ACE Mentor Cleveland Board and AC
2013-14 AIA Cleveland Board Liaison to Cleveland Building Enclosure Council
2013 AIA Cleveland Chapter President-elect and AIA Ohio Alternate Director
2013 AIA Cleveland Annual Meeting Committee and 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

Secretary
Angela Mazzi, FAIA
Member of AIA since 1998
GBBN Architects
Cincinnati



Service to AIA National

- 2021-present Leadership Exchange
- 2021-present AIA AEC Research and Academia Advisory Board
- 2024-present AIA Academy of Architecture for Health
- 2015-present AAH Journal Editorial Committee
- 2014-2020 AAH/ACHA Summer Leadership Summit
Planning Committee
- 2022-23 AIA Conference on Architecture Delegate
- 2021 AIA Leadership Summit
- 2022-present AIA NEXUS Mentorship program
- 2022-present AIA Align Mentorship Young Architects Forum and College of Fellows
- 2021 AIA CRIT Scholar Mentor Carnegie Mellon University

Service to AIA Ohio

- 2024 Gold Medal Recipient
- 2023-24 Advocacy Statehouse Day
- 2023 Practice Innovation Lab Team leader
- 2023 Charles Marr Award Recipient
- 2021 Juror, AIA Ohio Student Design Competition
- 2020 Juror, Safe Schools student charrette
- 2019 AIA Ohio Valley Regional Conference Chair theme: Building Wellness

Service to Chapter

- 2016-2024 AIA Cincinnati Board of Directors
 - Past President 2024
 - President 2023
 - President Elect 2022
 - Treasurer 2021
 - Secretary 2019-2020
- 2021 – present Cincinnati Fellows Council
- 2013-present AIA Cincinnati VISION Leadership Program
 - Presenter Research topic
 - Planning /Speaker committee
 - Session Facilitator
- 2006-2010 AIA Cleveland Government Affairs Committee