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President's Message

I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the 2025 president of AIA Ohio. I'm looking forward to leading our 2,362 members this year with great anticipation.

The AIA Ohio board assembled in November of last year for a strategic planning retreat. Over the course of two days we developed a three-year strategic plan to bring our mission of advocating for the profession of architecture into greater focus.

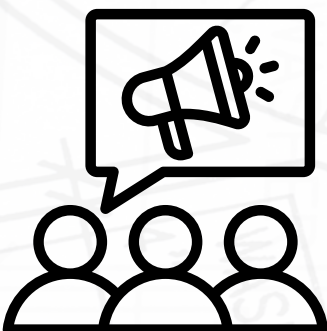
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AIA Ohio Advocacy Day

AIA Ohio Advocacy Day is taking place on Thursday, March 27, in Columbus. Why should you attend?

AIA Ohio members who join us for Advocacy Day will participate in meaningful meetings with legislators discussing issues that are vitally important to the profession.

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AIAOhio.org – Your One-Stop Advocacy Shop

AIA Ohio's website includes several pages dedicated to advocacy efforts.

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Government Affairs Update

Legislators returned to Columbus to begin their new biennial session, the 136th Ohio General Assembly.

Members elected their separate leadership by caucus votes. The House majority Republicans chose Matt Huffman (R, Lima) as Speaker. Being newly-elected to the House after retiring as Senate President, Huffman could serve 8 years, or 4 General Assemblies through 2032.



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AIA Ohio Early Professional Friendly Firm Program

This AIA Ohio program celebrates firms who offer exceptional support and opportunities for their early professionals. Additionally, the program seeks to foster a dialogue within firms across the state with the objective of creating new policies and practices that promote innovation, development, and progressive workplaces for the future members of the design profession. AIA Ohio expects that early professionals will consider firms that have earned this designation as they look match their skills with firms' values as they seek employment

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AIA Ohio's Digital Lending Library

AIA Ohio's Digital Lending Library is always open and ready for patrons! This is a completely FREE member benefit for all current AIA Ohio members.

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AIA Cincinnati Update

AIA Cincinnati's VISION lecture series is underway. Upcoming speakers are [Steve Raike, Lake Flato](#) (2/20), [Frank Stasiowski, PSMJ](#) (3/20), [Andre Brumfield, Gensler Cities Sector](#) (4/24), [Sian Roberts, Miller Hull](#) (5/15), and [Graciela Carrillo](#) (7/17)

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A Short Governance Week Summary (December 10-12, 2024)

By Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA

Happy new year to you all. I am delighted to have a little space in this newsletter to summarize my experience at AIA National Governance Week, serving as the Councilor representing Ohio to the AIA National Strategic Council. For those less familiar with Strategic Council, it acts as the Institute's think-tank. As Councilors representing all 50 States, with a handful of At-Large-Members, we as a large group research and make recommendations to the National Board on the big (sometimes overwhelming) topics that face our profession.



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Architectural Foundation Forum

By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

The AIA, and the architectural profession in general, supports a wide range of interest groups. From health care knowledge committees to technology and career stage member groups, the profession has something for everyone. The hard part is connecting with these groups, as they are often found on the outside edges of the "official" AIA groups and organizations and, the smaller they are, the harder they are to find.

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Ohio Small Firm Exchange (SFx) Update

The AIA National Small Firm Exchange is preparing resources on topics related to small firm practice, including [starting a firm](#), [small firms and artificial intelligence](#), and [small firms and the Framework for Design Excellence](#). Their latest resource is on [managing firm financials](#).

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AIA Ohio Honor Awards Program

There are five [AIA Ohio Honor Awards](#) which recognize Ohio's best and brightest architects and firms. Nominations can come from individuals or from local components.

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