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President's Message

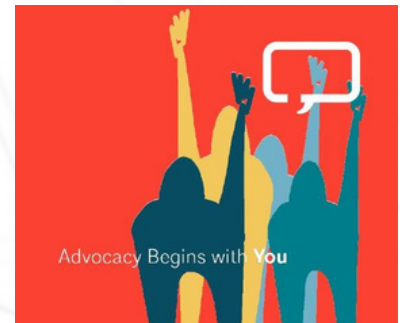
It has been a busy first quarter of the year! Our 3 year strategic plan has been officially adopted and lots of exciting work is being done by our work groups and taskforces at the State level to carry out the vision that has been set to advocate for the profession and enhance member value. Although the efforts are mostly being led by our board members, we welcome involvement from all members in these efforts. Many hands make light work, and greater diversity of thought on our committees will surely bring about the best ideas to propel us forward.

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AIA Ohio Advocacy Day – Last Chance to Register!

AIA Ohio's Advocacy Day is an opportunity for you to use your experience as an AIA member to stand up for your profession and your future. Through this unique opportunity to meet with legislators, AIA Ohio members develop leadership skills and networking opportunities, while positively impacting the architecture profession in Ohio.

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Government Affairs Update

With the Ohio General Assembly in full swing, legislators are focused primarily on the State Operating Budget, House Bill 96. As of April, the House has introduced 221 bills, and the Senate 168 bills.

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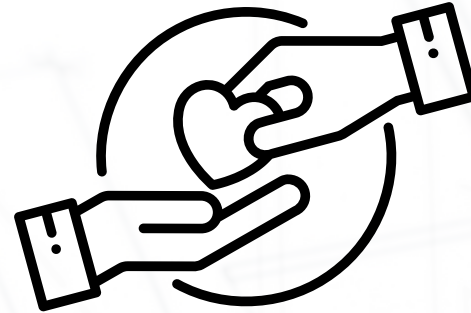
Congratulations to Ohio's Early Professional Friendly Firms!

The goal of the AIA Ohio Early Professional Friendly Firm program is to celebrate 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.

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It's Not Just About the Money

While the above is not entirely true, there is a lot of truth to it. Without a hint as to what I am referring to, you may be slightly confused. Simply stated, AIA Ohio has two groups that work closely together. The first, the Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) works closely with management and our lobbyist to review legislation, discuss and provide feedback on agency rules and regulations, and address issues that affect and influence the practice of architecture in Ohio.



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AIA Cincinnati Update



AIA Cincinnati's VISION lecture series is underway. Upcoming speakers are [Sian Roberts](#), [Miller Hull](#) (5/15) and [Graciela Carrillo](#) (7/17)

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AIA Ohio 2025 Awards Program

Open for Submissions

The AIA Ohio Design Awards Program is open for submissions! The deadline for submitting projects is July 1.

The AIA Ohio Design Awards Program seeks to focus attention on quality design, high performance design and [AIA's Framework for Design Excellence](#).

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Foundation Continues its Core Mission

*By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, President,
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With the end of the school year approaching, the AIA Ohio Foundation has continued our efforts to provide financial assistance to students and the five accredited architectural programs in Ohio. As many know, the AIA Ohio Foundation works with the administration of the schools each year to award scholarships to deserving students. For the last dozen plus years, these scholarships have totaled \$3,000 per school, or \$15,000 per year.

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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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