

# SUMMER 2025

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### AIA Ohio Summer Update – Progress, Planning, and Participation

While AIA Ohio President Eric Pros takes a well-deserved break with his growing family, we’re excited to share a summer update highlighting the important work happening across the organization.

AIA Ohio’s committees and work groups are actively meeting, collaborating, and driving initiatives that align with our strategic plan. Here’s a look at what they’re up to—and how you can get involved.

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### “Thanks” for your Support

As many know, running the AIA chapters throughout the state takes a lot of work, and we all owe our AIA chapter staff, volunteer leadership, and committee members a great deal of gratitude for all of the hard work that they put in to help our organizations be as strong as they are. At AIA Ohio, like most of the local chapters, we also owe our component sponsors our “thanks” for supporting our efforts financially.



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### AIA Ohio 2025 Conference: INTEGRATE

Registration is now open for the 2025 AIA Ohio Conference: INTEGRATE! Explore how architecture, technology, and social impact intersect at INTEGRATE. Designed for architects, educators, and industry leaders, the conference challenges traditional silos and encourages new models of practice.

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# Government Affairs Update

The Ohio General Assembly passed the biennial State Operating Budget, House Bill 96 with 3,156 pages, signed into law by the Governor, effective June 30, 2025. Votes for and against the bill tracked party lines, with one exception: Senator Bill Blessing (R, Cincinnati) voted against his majority caucus in protest of their failure to address property tax reform, an issue of particular interest to him.

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## Ohio Small Firm Exchange (SFx) Update

Ohio's Small Firm Exchange continues to meet monthly in 2025, with meetings hosted by chapters around the state and themed coffee chats. Upcoming meetings are [August 28](#) and [October 23](#).

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## Support Your Profession: Donate to the AIA Ohio PAC This Summer

Support AIA Ohio's advocacy efforts by [making a contribution](#) to the AIA Ohio PAC this summer. Your donation helps ensure the voice of the architectural profession is heard at the Statehouse on critical issues like licensure, building codes, and historic preservation.

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## AIA Cincinnati Update

August programs include Early Professionals [Starting a Firm](#) program (8/7), CRAN Lunch & Learn on [Today's Smart Home](#) (8/12), an [EP/CPYA program and social](#) (8/19), and COTE tour of the new Motz building (8/27).

In September, CRAN has a [program and social in Hamilton](#) (9/11), the Knowledge Exchange has a two-part Zoom program on [solar](#) (9/10 and 9/16), the [SAID Works!](#) co-op prep/portfolio review happens at UC (9/18 and 9/19), and the COTE [Ice Box Challenge](#) starts at Homearama (9/26-10/10).

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# YAF and EP Director Call for Candidates

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: AIA Ohio Early Professional Director & AIA Ohio Representative to the Young Architects Forum (YAF)

*Deadline for candidate submissions: Aug. 29, 2025*

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## AIA Ohio Foundation

### The AIA Ohio Foundation: Next Steps in Service to the Profession

*By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, President, AIA Ohio Foundation*

The AIA Ohio Foundation continues its work to advance the knowledge, awareness and understanding of the profession of architecture. Both traditional and new programs are expanding, built on the momentum of the work of last fall and earlier this spring. This month saw the Foundation, with funding provided by AIA Ohio, jury and award the winners of the 2025 AIA Ohio/AIA Ohio Foundation Student Design Awards. The submissions were part of an ongoing program that encourages students to submit projects developed over the previous year for consideration by the Student Design Awards jury.

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## AIA Columbus Update

On June 14, 2025, AIA Columbus and the IIDA Ohio Kentucky Chapter once again joined forces to participate in the Stonewall Columbus Pride March, proudly representing the LGBTQIA+ community and allies in architecture and design. Organized by the AIA Columbus LGBTQIA+ Alliance and IIDA, the group gathered at the Center for Architecture and Design before stepping off with over 250 participating organizations.

This year's theme, United in Power, was felt deeply throughout the 2-mile route along High Street, as thousands of marchers and spectators came together in celebration and solidarity.

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