



Ohio

AIA Ohio Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025

AIA Ohio 2025 Annual Report

November 5, 2025

Zoom Meeting

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AIA Ohio 2025 Annual Meeting
November 5, 2025 | 12:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

92nd Annual Meeting Agenda

It is the practice of the American Institute of Architects and its members to comply strictly with all laws, including federal and state antitrust laws that apply to AIA operations and activities.

Call to order Eric Pros, AIA, President

Secretary's Report Angela Mazzi, FAIA

Declaration of Quorum

Approval of the 91st Annual Meeting Minutes

Moment of Silence for Deceased Members

President's Report Pros

Government Affairs Report Luther Liggett, Jr.

Government Advocacy Committee Dave Robar, AIA

Treasurer's Report Dave Robar, AIA

2026 Budget Amendment

2027 Budget Approval

AIA Ohio Conference Recap Alex Oetzel, AIA

AIA Ohio Foundation Report Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Nominating Committee Report John Meegan, AIA

Election of Officers

Old/New Business

Presidential citations

Adjourn



AIA Ohio 2024 Annual Meeting November 6, 2024 | Zoom Meeting

91st Annual Meeting Minutes

It is the practice of the American Institute of Architects and its members to comply strictly with all laws, including federal and state antitrust laws, that apply to AIA operations and activities

Call to order

John Meegan, AIA, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 90th Annual Meeting.

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

President's Report

Meegan highlighted items in his written report.

Government Affairs Report

Luther Liggett discussed AIA Ohio's 2024 advocacy program and highlighted items in his written report.

Government Advocacy Committee

Karen Planet, AIA, and Dave Robar, AIA, discussed the activities of the Government Advocacy Committee. They invited members to get involved in AIA Ohio's advocacy efforts.

Treasurer's Report

Robar discussed the Treasurer's written report. The proposed 2025 and 2026 budgets were presented. ***A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2025 and 2026 budgets.***

Membership Engagement Conference Report

Eric Pros, AIA, highlighted events from the AIA Ohio 2024 Conference.

AIA Ohio Foundation Report

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

Nominating Committee Report

John Orsini, AIA, introduced the proposed 2025 Slate of Officers:

President – Eric Pros, AIA

Treasurer – Dave Robar, AIA

President-elect – Charlie Setterfield, AIA

Past President – John Meegan, AIA

Secretary – Angela Mazzi, FAIA

A motion was made, seconded and passed to elect the proposed 2025 Slate of Officers.

Old/New Business

Meegan recognized Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, and Sekanick with Presidential Citations.

By unanimous acclamation, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.



AIA Ohio President's Report

11.05.2025

Name: Eric Pros

Office/Committee/Component: AIA Ohio President

Thank you

As my time as president comes to a close, I'd like to personally thank the AIA Ohio Board and the team at Accent on Management for their dedication to the AIA Ohio Mission, who advocates for the profession of architecture through advocacy, leadership, and increasing value to members. This has been an exciting year in many ways, and I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone for their service. Words that I draw inspiration from come from Luke 12:48 which says: "To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected". I consider myself to be very blessed, and it is an honor to have served as your AIA Ohio President this year.

Strategic Plan

I had the opportunity to be a part of a strategic planning retreat last year which yielded a three year strategic plan. The AIA Ohio board began implementing this strategic plan this year, and I am excited with the progress that has been made already. I also look forward to being a part of the process over the next several years as this plan gains traction. Thank you again to the work group leaders and committee chairs for their advancement in these areas. We'll hear more from those groups later.

Honor Awards

It was a privilege to recognize the following individuals at this year's honor awards program:

Ohio Gold Medal Award: *Jonathan Barnes, FAIA*

AIA Ohio Mentor Award: *Mark Diekmann, AIA*

AIA Ohio Public Service Award: *Jeffrey Meyers, AIA*

AIA Ohio Emerging Professional Award: *Hannah Ewvaraye, AIA*

We are fortunate to have so many talented and dedicated members in Ohio who lead by example, and inspire others through their actions.

Design Awards

Congratulations again to the AIA Ohio Design Award Winners. Thank you for your dedication to design excellence and for sharing your work publicly through the AIA Ohio Awards Program.

AIA Ohio Conference

It was great to see everyone at the AIA Ohio Conference back in September. I was encouraged, energized and inspired by all of the various opportunities for networking, learning, and sharing ideas that INTEGRATE offered.



AIA Ohio 2025 Annual Meeting Report

Government Relations Report

Luther L. Liggett, Jr., Registered Lobbyist

Legislative Session. The Ohio General Assembly returned in October from summer recess, and actively is considering legislation toward its final recess next June 30, 2026 when legislators return home to campaign for re-election. 2026 is a significant State Office Election year, including for the Ohio Governor and United States Senator.

In the Spring, 2026, the legislature must pass the biennial Capital Construction Appropriation for all state construction funding. The 2024 appropriation amounted to \$4.2 billion. At issue is what substantive legal provisions legislators might include, as was done in the 2025 Budget.

House Bill 246 will require construction industry employers to use E-Verify. The legislation passed the House unanimously, and has had two hearings in the Senate Workforce Development Committee.

House Bill 288 would enact prompt-pay in private-sector prime contracts. After many years' consideration, the House Small Business Committee voted the bill out, with Republican opposition. It is unclear where the bill is headed.

Senator Bill Blessing (R, Cincinnati) recently introduced Senate Bill 262, to require identification of any changes to the AIA Standard Form Contracts. The Senate General Government Committee held Sponsor Testimony, and awaits further consideration.

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 impacting Design Professionals for the foreseeable future.

In part, these revisions reflect legislation passed over AIA's objections, including Building Information Modeling and allowing price as a proposal criteria in violation of Ohio's Qualifications-Based Selection law.

AIA is participating in the discussions, along with the American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio, and the Associated General Contractors. It is unclear how OFCC will respond to significant objections, particularly with insurance and indemnifications amendments.



2025 AIA Ohio Government Advocacy Committee (GAC) Report

November 5, 2025

Government Advocacy Committee Members

Joe Bissaillon AIA, AIA Dayton	Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA, AIA Ohio
Theodore Ferringer, AIA, AIA Cleveland	Manuel Granja, AIA, AIA Akron
Allison McKenzie, AIA, AIA Cincinnati	John Meegan, AIA, AIA Columbus
Jonathan Morschl, Assoc. AIA, AIA Akron	Karen Planet, AIA, AIA Cincinnati
Dave Robar, AIA, AIA Cleveland (Chair)	Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, AIA Youngstown

2025 AIA Ohio Advocacy Day

- Hosted on April 30, 2025, at the Westin Great Southern Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.
- Approximately 50 attendees met for breakfast, heard updates from AIA National Senior Director of State and Local Affairs Amal Mahrouki, and participated in a panel discussion on Affordable Housing with Senator Charlie Blessing and Representative Dani Isaacsohn. Follow-up thank you letters sent to both legislators are attached to this report.
- Final content for the **2026 Advocacy Day** effort will be determined in the coming months, but next year's program will again take place at the Westin on Wednesday, April 29, 2026. The Advocacy Committee will be working on the program with our lobbyists, and we look forward to an expanded advocacy event. We welcome any content and planning involvement from interested members. As part of AIA Ohio's effort to broaden our outreach, we will be looking for Advocacy Day firm sponsors. Any firms interested are asked to reach out to the committee.

AIA Ohio Lobbyist Search

- At the time of this writing, AIA Ohio GAC is overseeing the process of hiring a new lobbyist to represent us in our government affairs pursuits. This process commenced on July 14th, when AIA Ohio solicited proposals to interested firms. As a result, we received 13 proposals, and after a period of committee discernment, GAC narrowed the field down to five firms for the purposes of interviews. Interviews with these five firms took place on October 14th. After further discussion by the GAC committee, two firms were selected for final consideration. A final recommendation will be made to the AIA Ohio Board at November's Board Meeting, with a desired commencement of the new lobbyist's services by December 1, 2025.

Senate Bill 262 - Form Contracts (new)

- Introduced by Sen. Louis Blessing
- Requiring notification of alterations to standard contracts.
- Process is similar to the AIA Contract Documents licensing requirements
- Committee is to review and discuss at the next meeting
- Reference: <https://legiscan.com/OH/text/SB262/2025>

AIA Ohio PAC

- All members are encouraged to contribute to the Ohio Architects PAC.
- The GAC will be working the remainder of the 2025 to secure additional contributions through email solicitation.
- A PAC ask is part of the 2025 convention registration and an ask will be made at the conference
- A 2026 PAC Campaign will be developed by the GAC.

OFCC State of Ohio BIM Standards

- The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) is developing State of Ohio Building Information Model (BIM) Standards to facilitate design, construction, facility operations and maintenance. As part of this effort, a stakeholder BIM Working Group has been formed to provide input on how these BIM Standards can best serve the needs of their respective stakeholder groups.
- OFCC held webinars this summer, starting on 7/18/25.
 - 7.18.25 Two-hour presentation, goals and timeline
 - 7.25.25 Two-hour presentation, BIM and life cycle
 - 8.01.25 Two-hour presentation, implementation, digital twin, facility management
 - 8.08.25 Two-hour presentation (three-part series), national BIM standards
 - 8.15.25 Two-hour presentation (part two)
 - 8.22.25 Two-hour presentation (Part three) best practices for facilities
 - 8.29.25 Four-hour presentation OFCC Group discussion to discuss needs assessment
 - 9.12.25 Four-hour presentation (continued group discussion)
 - 9.19.25 Four-hour presentation (workshop on contractor consultant process)
 - 9.26.25 Four-hour presentation, consensus review
- Upcoming programs
 - 11.14.25 Four-hour presentation, create a standard based on information and integrate into contract language
 - 12.12.25 Final review, draft standards implementation
- Twenty-eight hours of discussion has taken place to date. Another six hours of discussion is planned.
- Summary updates have been provided as part of the ongoing discussion
- The focus is on providing templates to meet client needs, with a concentration on the model and information. The model is not part of the construction documents but rather is for use by the client for ongoing use and maintenance. The intent is to allow cross platform submissions. This includes additional services including documentation of changes during construction to the model.

Members who have been attending on behalf of AIA Ohio include Chad Ramkey of PSA Architecture | Phillips Sekanick Architects and Vern Hendrickson of SHP.

Interior Design Legislation

- Although informed that legislation might be introduced in 2025, that has not yet occurred.
- AIA Ohio has not been contacted by IIDA, in terms of discussing this topic.
- We understand that current discussions surround an effort to pass a Title Act with Permitting Privileges.

HB 313 - Ohio Affordable Housing

- GAC is tracking and supporting this bill, which enacts section 122.635 of the Revised Code to create a grant program for townships and municipalities that adopt pro-housing policies and to make an appropriation.
- Reference: www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb313

Ohio Budget Bill SB 96 Tax Credit Status

- Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program
 - Governor DeWine line-item vetoed the protection of the Historic Preservation Tax Credit that was slated to sunset at the end of 2027. This was not included in the legislature's effort to override some of the Line-item vetoes earlier this summer. There is cautious optimism that this will not be a target of the Ohio Assembly in the remaining months of this year.

Point Access Block / Single Stair Dwellings

- The Common Sense Initiative office within the governor's office has revived the efforts to adopt language for the Point Assess Block building design. A sub committee of the GAC had been working on this effort with the Lt. Governor's office prior to the Lt. Governor's selection to replace Rob Portman earlier this year. During the change in the administration, this item was put on the back burner.
- Joe Baker, Director of CSI and Regina Hanshaw, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Board of Building Standards during discussions over the last two weeks confirmed efforts are moving forward again. Regina indicated that a timeline has not been established for the discussions, but there is going to be a more in-depth discussion with fire service to help avoid confusion as the process moves forward. While the State Fire Marshalls Office and the Fire Chiefs Association have been involved in the discussion, there have not been discussions with fire service beyond those two groups. The sub-group of the GAC working on this has been notified of the current status and will be reengaged once the begins to move forward.

OBBS Rule Changes and Online System

The Ohio Board of Building Standards is currently in the process of migrating their paper process to an electronic process for building departments and certified building officials. This process has been time-consuming for the Board but will result in better service to certified officials and departments.

The OBBS will be implementing changes previously proposed and reviewed as part of a public hearing earlier this year. The changes are basic revisions to address legislative or regulatory needs and do not create any significant burdens on the A/E industry. The link to these changes can be found at: [Proposed OBC OMC and OPC Changes](#)

GAC Meetings

The AIA Ohio GAC (generally) 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 simply would like to bring any issues or concerns to the GAC, please contact Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA, or Dave Robar, AIA.



May 1, 2025

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Dear Senator Blessing:

On behalf of the Ohio Society of the American Institute of Architects, I want to thank you for participating on the Legislator Panel Discussion on Housing Affordability we hosted as part of AIA Ohio's Advocacy Day. Our member attendees appreciated your thoughtful approach to the topic.

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We appreciate your time and support for Ohio's architects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate B." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kate Brunswick, CAE
Executive Vice President



May 1, 2025

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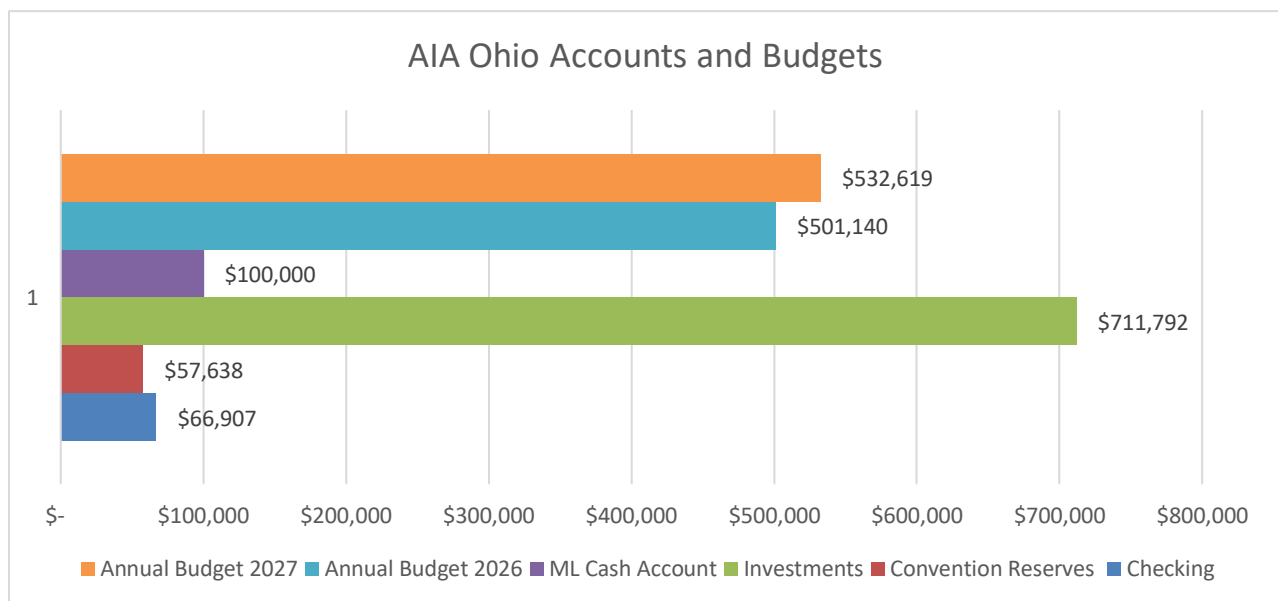


Treasurer's Report – November 5, 2025

By Dave Robar, AIA

The AIA Ohio three-year Strategic Plan, developed in November, 2023, 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 2026 and beyond.

This chart illustrates at Sept. 30, 2025, AIA Ohio's funds compared to our annual budgets proposed for 2026 and 2027.



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 (September, 2015), AIA Ohio investments totaled \$457,725.

AIA Ohio Budget Proposal

The 2026-27 budget proposal has been prepared and discussed by the Budget & Finance Committee, who worked with Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA. The 2026-27 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 includes annual sponsorships and conference-specific sponsorships.

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.

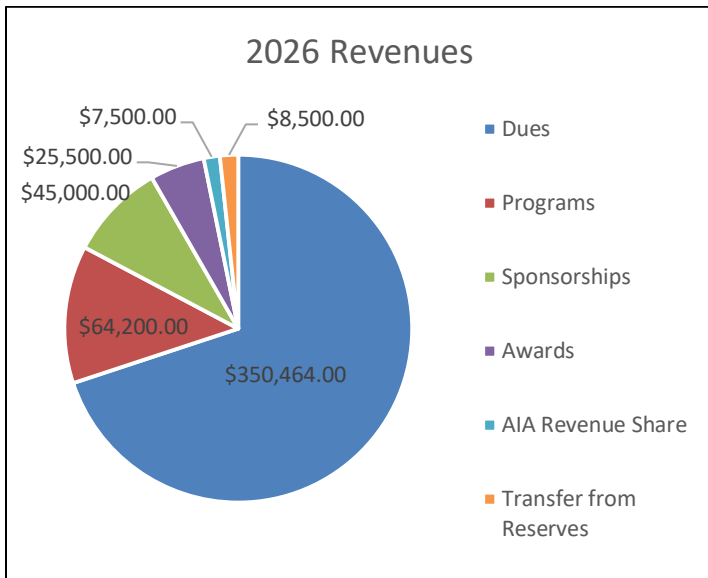
Programs – This includes expenses for the online firm profile, member communications, AXP coordinator, Associates programming, Statewide conference, the Design and Honor Awards programs, CARES Grants, the Foundation dues assessment and Marr contribution, the schools competition, and the AIA Ohio Digital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

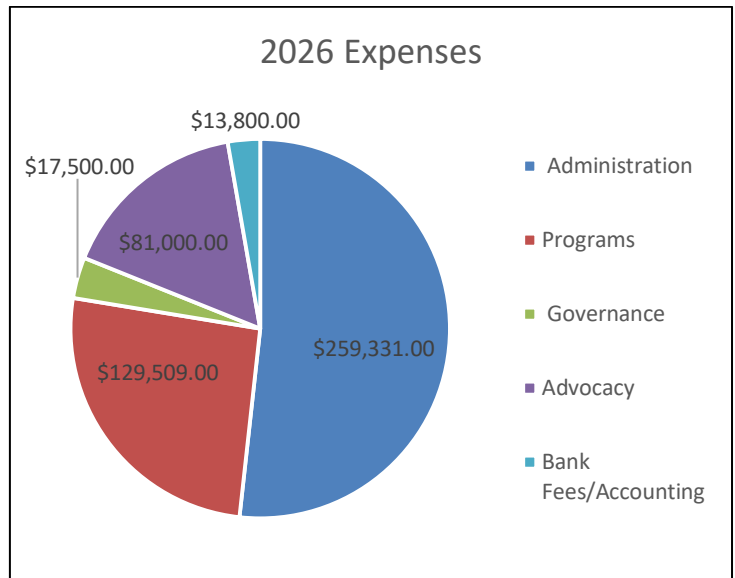
Advocacy – This expense includes lobbying, legislative expenses, AIA Ohio's Day at the Statehouse, and expenses to send leadership to the State/Local Government Network meeting. A significant change in lobbying is reflected in the 2026 and 2027 budgets. AIA Ohio's longtime lobbyist, Luther Liggett, will be stepping back from lobbying. AIA Ohio has increased the budgeted expense for lobbying in anticipation of what it will cost to replace Luther.

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

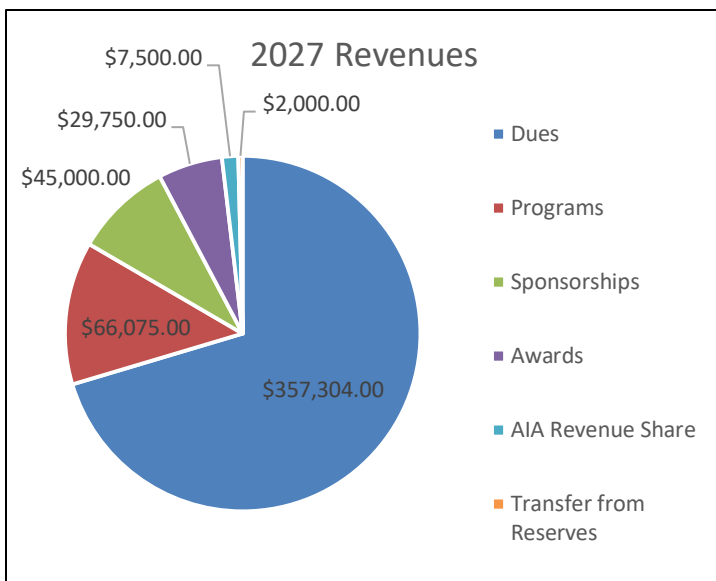
2026 and 2027 Budgeted Revenues and Expenses



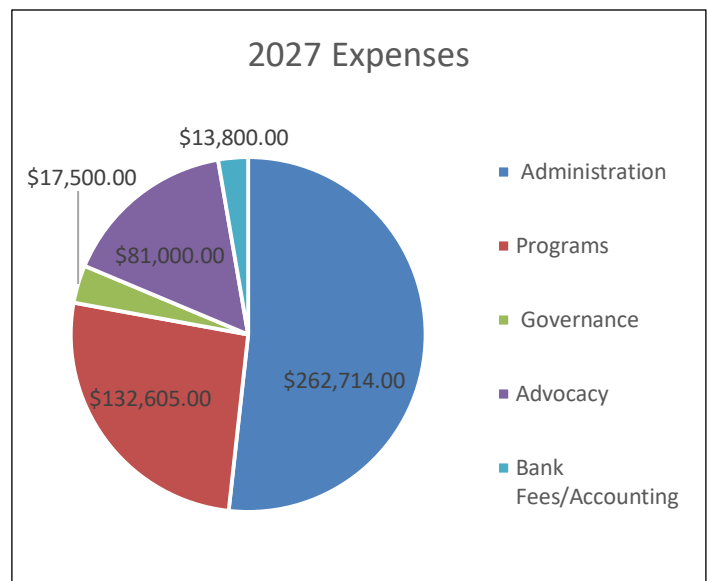
2026 Total Budgeted Revenues:
\$501,164



2026 Total Budgeted Expenses:
\$501,140



2027 Total Budgeted Revenues:
\$507,629



2027 Total Budgeted Expenses:
\$507,619

Overview of 2026-27 Budget Recommendations Regarding Income

Member Dues: The 2026 budget reflects 1,500 paid architect members and a 2.9% CPI increase, to \$155.66. The 2027 budget reflects 1,500 member and a 2.7% CPI increase to \$159.86. These dues amounts reflect the dues assessment contribution to the AIA Ohio Foundation, which is \$18.58 of the 2026 dues amount and \$19.08 of the 2027 dues amount.

Associate Dues: The 2026 budget reflects 300 paid associate members and a 2.9% CPI increase, to \$66.58. The 2027 budget reflects 300 paid associate members and a 2.7% CPI increase, to \$68.38. These dues amounts reflect the dues assessment contribution to the AIA Ohio Foundation, which is \$12.13 of the 2026 dues amount and \$12.45 of the 2027 dues amount.

Sponsorships: Annual revenues from AIA Ohio Sponsor partners. AIA Ohio will continue to focus on established partners to generate sponsorship revenues.

State Convention: Budgets for 2026 and 2027 includes a statewide conference. The Member Engagement Work Group is examining the viability of the Statewide Conference.

AIA Revenue Sharing: 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 2026-27 Budget Recommendations Regarding Expenses

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

Lobbying: AIA Ohio's Government Advocacy Committee is in the process of interviewing and recommending a new lobbying firm for the Board of Directors to consider.

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.

Member Communications: AIA Ohio newsletter, weekly email service, and web site maintenance.

NAC, YAF and Strategic Council Representative: The 2026 and 2027 expense budgets for these positions were cut due to the increase in lobbying fees. The budgeted funds for these positions are intended to be stipends, as opposed to reimbursements.

Annual Convention: Budget for a statewide AIA Ohio Annual Conference in 2026 and 2027.

National Convention and Leadership Summit: The budget reflect sending the AIA Ohio President, President-elect and Executive Vice President to the Leadership Summit. The budget reflects sending only the President and President-elect to the National Convention.

Programs/expenses that were cut to allow AIA Ohio to be able to fund a new lobbyist: CARES Grants, Digital Lending Library, Schools Competition (the AIA Ohio Foundation will fund this).

AIA Ohio
Balance Sheet
September 30, 2025

	This Year	Last Year
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Huntington Checking	\$ 66,907.86	5,574.78
Convention Reserve Fund	57,638.83	57,021.59
Merrill Lynch Reserve Funds	811,792.86	659,306.86
FIMM GOV Portfolio	<u>0.00</u>	<u>192,842.00</u>
Total Current Assets	936,339.55	914,745.23
Other Assets	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Other Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 936,339.55</u></u>	<u><u>914,745.23</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL		
Current Liabilities		
Deferred Inc - Associate Dues	<u>\$ 66.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>66.58</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	66.58	0.00
Capital		
Net Assets	771,281.77	740,059.57
Net Income	<u>164,991.20</u>	<u>174,685.66</u>
Total Capital	<u>936,272.97</u>	<u>914,745.23</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u><u>\$ 936,339.55</u></u>	<u><u>914,745.23</u></u>

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT
For the Period Ending September 30, 2025
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	680.71	219,180.44	96.60	226,905	218,310.33
1120 Supplemental Dues	0.00	95,484.00	100.51	95,000	96,152.13
1130 Associate Dues	21.57	16,764.45	86.37	19,410	17,402.32
1200 MEMBER SERVICES					
1220 Directory	125.00	1,375.00	36.67	3,750	2,125.00
1300 MEMBER PROGRAMS					
Sponsorships	3,000.00	13,500.00	27.00	50,000	32,500.00
Digital Library Sponsorship	600.00	2,650.00	0.00	0	1,078.72
1350 Annual Conference	15,690.00	54,360.00	155.31	35,000	47,212.50
1360 Awards Program	0.00	23,750.00	105.56	22,500	21,000.00
1600 OTHER					
Document Revenue Sharing	0.00	3,925.04	53.77	7,300	7,583.81
Affinity Programs	0.00	7,124.40	109.61	6,500	7,676.14
Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	107.29
Misc Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	24.75
1700 TOTAL OPER INCOME	20,117.28	438,113.33	93.94	466,365	451,172.99
OPERATING EXPENSES					
2100 OPERATING EXPENSES					
2110 Administration	20,584.00	205,832.00	83.33	247,000	215,735.61
2120 Audit/Accounting	50.00	1,750.00	19.44	9,000	450.00
2125 Foundation Dues Asse	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,627	0.00
2645 Foundation Marr Contrib	0.00	1,000.00	100.00	1,000	0.00
2130 Insurance	700.00	1,751.00	70.04	2,500	1,826.00
2625 BWC - Group Rate Coverage	0.00	120.00	80.00	150	120.00
2140 Supplies	235.00	2,105.00	70.17	3,000	2,153.44
2150 Postage	4.18	71.41	14.28	500	105.55
2160 Printing & Copies	26.46	451.43	37.62	1,200	182.94
2170 Telephone	143.21	1,293.00	71.83	1,800	1,308.58
2200 MEMBERSHIP SERVICES					
2210 Legislative	0.00	1,550.00	155.00	1,000	5.00
2115 Lobbying	3,000.00	12,000.00	60.00	20,000	0.00
2260 Web Page	720.00	720.00	0.00	0	1,080.00
2270 Member Communications	918.61	1,208.81	75.55	1,600	1,060.17
2300 MEMBER PROGRAMS					
2310 IDP/AXP Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	500	0.00
2320 Early Professionals	0.00	4,720.93	94.42	5,000	2,808.46
2673 C.A.R.E.S Grant	600.00	1,200.00	60.00	2,000	1,500.00
2341 Annual Con	10,188.41	30,538.72	41.83	73,000	40,422.98
Advocacy Series	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	100.00
2676 Digital Lending Library	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000	3,000.00
2360 Awards	535.00	10,130.11	59.59	17,000	8,785.09
2400 STATE MEETINGS					
2410 Board Retreat	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,140.00
2420 Board Meetings	466.57	4,476.25	89.53	5,000	2,588.55
2440 Officer Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	12.00
2450 AIA Ohio Grassroots	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000	172.80
2455 Legislative Day	0.00	10,899.72	0.00	0	15,443.59
2500 NATIONAL MEETINGS					
2510 AIA Convention	0.00	8,988.92	149.82	6,000	14,009.03
2520 AIA Leadership Summit	0.00	6,572.44	109.54	6,000	5,707.43
2535 SLGN Conference	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000	1,948.93
2530 CACE Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	1,321.82

	Current Month	Year to Date Actual	Percent	Annual Budget	Last Year This Month
2323 NAC Representative	0.00	4,073.80	135.79	3,000	1,821.11
2325 YAF Representative	0.00	2,045.69	68.19	3,000	3,087.69
2330 SC Representative	340.20	670.60	33.53	2,000	158.12

GRANTS (Detail will show when there is activity)

2600 OTHER

2610 Bank Charges	20.00	180.00	60.00	300	200.00
2620 Cr. Card Processing	489.46	2,265.13	64.72	3,500	2,604.19
2630 Miscellaneous	0.00	25.00	25.00	100	35.00
2660 Prior Year Expense	0.00	13,000.00	0.00	0	0.00
2671 Schools Competition	0.00	4,000.00	100.00	4,000	7,500.00

2700 TOTAL OPER EXPENSES	39,021.10	333,639.96	71.63	465,777	338,394.08
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3000 OPER NET INCOME	(\$ 18,903.82)	\$ 104,473.37		588	112,778.91
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FOOTNOTE: Negative budget balances will be covered by Fund Transfers from Reserves

AIA OHIO PROFIT/LOSS STATEMENT
For the Period Ending September 30, 2025
INVESTMENT DATA

	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Last Year This Month
INVESTMENTS			
1610 Interest Income	\$ 126.37	\$ 2,970.03	8,565.20
Dividend Income	2,756.13	12,869.38	11,949.16
1615 Unrealized gain/(loss)	9,579.05	46,881.18	48,614.24
Investment Fee Expense	<u>(866.91)</u>	<u>(7,472.12)</u>	<u>(7,221.85)</u>
INVESTMENT NET INCOM	\$ <u>11,594.64</u>	\$ <u>55,248.47</u>	<u>61,906.75</u>

Unaudited - For Management Purposes Only

AIA OHIO - 2026-27 BUDGET

	2024	Approved	Year-to-Date	Projected	Approved	Proposed Updates	Proposed
	Year-End	2025 Budget	7.31.25	2025 Year-end	2026 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
INCOME							
1110 Member Dues	\$ 218,676.78	\$ 226,905.00	\$ 217,941.51	\$ 220,913.30	\$ 241,273.00	\$ 233,490.00	\$ 239,790.00
1120 Supplemental Dues	\$ 96,292.98	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,224.00	\$ 97,316.19	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 97,000.00
1130 Associate Dues	\$ 17,465.02	\$ 19,410.00	\$ 16,521.82	\$ 17,342.15	\$ 19,974.00	\$ 19,974.00	\$ 20,514.00
1220 Directory	\$ 2,625.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 5,625.00
1358 Sponsorships	\$ 32,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Digital Library Sponsorships	\$ 1,578.72	\$ -	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,078.72	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1350 Annual Conference	\$ 47,212.50	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 13,622.50	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
1360 Awards Program	\$ 21,130.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 23,750.00	\$ 25,500.00	\$ 29,750.00
1365 Advocacy Day Firm Sponsors	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
1370 Fellows Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,950.00	\$ 4,950.00
1660 AIA Revenue Sharing	\$ 11,938.75	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 3,925.04	\$ 7,850.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
1625 Affinity Programs	\$ 8,410.92	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,624.40	\$ 9,574.56	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
1620 Miscellaneous	\$ 132.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfer from Reserves	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 477,962.71	\$ 466,365.00	\$ 390,859.27	\$ 478,824.92	\$ 482,747.00	\$ 501,164.00	\$ 507,629.00
EXPENSES							
2110 Administration	\$ 258,882.75	\$ 247,000.00	\$ 164,664.00	\$ 247,000.00	\$ 250,581.50	\$ 250,581.50	\$ 253,964.35
2115 Lobbying	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
2120 Audit/Accounting	\$ 600.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
2125 Foundation Dues Assessment	\$ 29,291.10	\$ 30,627.00	\$ -	\$ 30,058.00	\$ 32,438.00	\$ 31,509.00	\$ 32,355.00
2645 Foundation Marr Contribution		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2130 Insurance	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,051.00	\$ 1,826.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2625 BWC Group Rate Coverage	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
2140 Supplies/Storage	\$ 2,843.44	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 3,015.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2150 Postage	\$ 125.82	\$ 500.00	\$ 64.09	\$ 121.03	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
2160 Printing & Copies	\$ 365.74	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 419.54	\$ 660.47	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
2170 Telephone	\$ 1,746.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,006.64	\$ 1,878.69	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
2210 Legislative	\$ 177.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2270 Member Communications (newsletter, etc.)	\$ 2,821.56	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 290.20	\$ 775.35	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,750.00
2310 AXP Coordinator	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
2320 Early Professionals	\$ 2,808.46	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,720.93	\$ 4,720.93	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2673 CARES Grants	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
2350 State Conv.	\$ 80,175.19	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 8,736.22	\$ 75,500.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 74,000.00
2676 Digital Lending Library	\$ 3,101.32	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
2360 Awards	\$ 15,300.09	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 9,012.50	\$ 18,546.59	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
2410 Board Retreat/Strategic Planning	\$ 24,598.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2420 Board/Committee Meetings	\$ 6,546.62	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,009.68	\$ 7,251.65	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
2450 AIA Ohio Advocacy Day	\$ 15,443.59	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,899.72	\$ 10,899.72	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
2455 Fellows Event	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
2510 AIA National Convention	\$ 14,009.03	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,988.92	\$ 8,988.92	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
2520 AIA Leadership Summit	\$ 5,707.43	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,572.44	\$ 6,572.44	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00
2535 State Local Government Network	\$ 2,801.54	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
2530 CACE Meeting	\$ 1,321.82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
2323 NAC Representative	\$ 1,821.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,073.80	\$ 4,073.80	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2325 YAF Representative	\$ 3,087.69	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,045.69	\$ 2,045.69	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2330 SC Representative	\$ 158.12	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 330.40	\$ 480.40	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
2610 Bank Charges	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
2620 Credit Card Processing	\$ 2,734.63	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,126.12	\$ 2,746.53	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
2630 Miscellaneous	\$ 135.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
2660 Prior Year Expense		\$ -	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2671 Schools Competition	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 488,410.03	\$ 465,777.00	\$ 260,731.89	\$ 480,916.21	\$ 474,819.50	\$ 501,140.50	\$ 507,619.35
NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (10,447.32)	\$ 588.00	\$ 130,127.38	\$ (2,091.29)	\$ 7,927.50	\$ 23.50	\$ 9.65



AIA Ohio Membership Engagement Work Group Report

Submitted by: Angela Mazzi, FAIA, Chair

Activities currently in progress:

The Member Engagement committee was formed as part of the strategic plan to look at ways to make membership more valuable and enriching. This year we embarked on an analysis of conventions to date to assess their cost versus value versus attendance. We also organized focus groups, where we had a chance to speak with firm partners, emerging professionals, and associate members about AIA Ohio. We were able to learn what specific things these members would like from AIA Ohio and how it complements what they get at their local component, as well as understand their current perception of AIA Ohio.

Questions covered things like communications role of AIA Ohio, networking events, and opportunities to be engaged as well as views on the convention.

The committee will make recommendations to the board about the convention as well as programs and opportunities based on the data collected in these focus groups.



AIA Ohio Organizational Vitality Workgroup

Annual Report 2025

Workgroup Members:

Charlie Setterfield, AIA, Chair
Karen Plant, AIA
John Orsini, AIA
Eric Pros, AIA

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA
Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA
Ted Ferringier, AIA

The Organizational Vitality Work Group focused on advancing AIA Ohio's financial strength, ensuring alignment with the 2025-2027 strategic plan, and defining strategies for long-term organizational health and fiscal stability of the organization.

Strategic Planning

- Reviewed and updated the Organizational Vitality goal within AIA Ohio's Strategic Plan; approved by the Board in March.
- Recommending extending the current three-year strategic plan to five years to support sustained progress. (November 2025 Board Meeting item)

Financial Strategic Plan (FSP)

- Ongoing work to develop a framework for utilizing a portion of the organization's excess reserve funds to further AIA Ohio's strategic plan.
- Recommending using a portion of reserve funds exceeding 100% of the annual budget (with a cushion) to fund strategic investments in AIA Ohio.
- Strategic investments shall improve AIA Ohio's vitality as an organization and support the organization's mission and strategic plan. Strategic investments shall have a measurable return on investment.

Non-Dues Revenue

- Reviewed existing sources: sponsorships, affinity programs, awards, conference, and directory.
- Explored new opportunities through enhanced Emerging Professionals Friendly Firm program and an exclusive Fellows event that is budgeted to provide additional non-dues revenue.

Program Evaluation

- Defined conference benefits to members (networking, recognition, leadership) and to the organization (visibility, financial return, cohesion).
- Began work on a rubric to evaluate program success, incorporating financial and engagement metrics.

Organizational Planning and Coordination

- Proposed a November Board planning session including incoming board members and component executives to set 2026 priorities and coordinate statewide events.
- Recommending forming work groups and selecting chairs in November/December for the next fiscal year with the goal of strengthening planning and continuity.

Next Steps

- Finalize and present the Financial Strategic Plan for Board approval.
- Complete the program evaluation rubric in partnership with Member Engagement.
- Guide 2026 planning discussions and align funding decisions with the extended strategic plan.



AIA Ohio Public Awareness Work Group Report

Submitted by: Mike Vala, AIA, Chair

Activities currently in progress:

In alignment with AIA Ohio's newly established strategic plan, the Public Awareness Work Group dedicated its efforts in 2025 to refining its initiatives to better support the organization's overarching goals. The group began by thoroughly reviewing the strategic plan and identifying areas where its activities could provide meaningful enhancement. Following this analysis, specific strategies and tasks were selected and initiated.

One of the primary initiatives involved collaboration with *America ByDesign*, a video series affiliated with AIA National that showcases exemplary design globally. AIA Ohio was recommended to the producers as a rich source of architectural content, given the breadth of talent across the state. The committee developed selection guidelines and, after several rounds of discussion, curated a list of twenty diverse projects. These selections represent every AIA component in Ohio and encompass a wide range of firm sizes and project types. *America ByDesign* is currently in contact with the respective firms and project owners to begin production, and updates will be provided as progress continues.

The second major focus was increasing public engagement with AIA Ohio's board membership. To support this, the group created and distributed a questionnaire to all board members, forming the basis of a social media campaign. This initiative aims to highlight the board's diversity and foster greater public understanding of its composition. To date, four board member profiles have been published, with additional profiles scheduled for release in the coming weeks.

Lastly, the group was tasked with evaluating the effectiveness of the existing online directory. Feedback from a straw poll of architects indicated limited usage, primarily due to the lack of accessible information compared to the former printed version. In response, the group is exploring the feasibility of a digital flip-book format that replicates the printed directory's user experience while maintaining the environmental benefits of a digital platform. Further updates on this initiative will be shared in 2026.

Public Awareness Work Group members:

Mike Vala, AIA, Chair

Arsenio Rodrigues, AIA

Isabel Souza, Assoc. AIA

Gwendolyn Frank, AIA



Sponsorship Committee 2025 Annual Report

November 5, 2025

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, NCARB, Co-Chair

Dave Robar, AIA, Co-Chair

John Meegan, AIA

Erin Curley, AIA

The AIA Ohio Sponsorship Committee works throughout the year, in association with the Convention Planning Committee, the Member Engagement Committee, and the AIA Ohio Board of Directors in developing a sponsor program that supports AIA Ohio's annual conference and develops relationships with firms, vendors, and manufacturers within the design and construction industry. The work of the Sponsorship Committee changes annually as AIA Ohio defines the following year's annual conference venue and offerings. The Sponsorship Committee consists of a small group of individual members who do one-on-one outreach to suppliers and vendors from across the state. This effort focuses on two types of sponsors. In 2025, we had the following Annual Sponsors:

Platinum Sponsor: The Belden Brick Company

[\$5,000]

Gold Sponsors: Phillips Sekanick Architects, inc. Ipsa architecture

[\$3,000]

Engage Studio Architects

Silver Sponsors: Penchura

[\$1,500]

Bronze Sponsor: Rudolph Libbe Group

[\$1,000]

Support Sponsors: Accent on Management

[\$500]

KMA

Fabcon

DS Architecture

These nine firms provided the organization with the opportunity to provide additional support for this year's conference. While each sponsoring firm or organization was provided with the opportunity to be recognized in some way during the program, each of these organizations provided funding that directly assisted AIA Ohio in providing members with a well-planned, informative and enjoyable conference. We thank them for their commitment to the design profession and their support of AIA Ohio's member programs.

In 2024, AIA Ohio provided firms with the opportunity to be table sponsors. Due to changes in this year's format, that opportunity was eliminated. AIA Ohio did however continue to offer our highly successful LUs & Brews program that provided members a casual atmosphere to meet, greet, and become educated on some of the newest trends or products in the industry. This conference event has continued to grow over each of the last three years as AIA Ohio has worked to redefine the state's premier educational event and awards program.

This years participants in the LUs & Brews program included:

- LUs & Brews: The Belden Brick Company
[\$2,000]
- The Beauty of Block
Fabcon
Columbus Awning Architectural Metals
Hamilton Parker
KI
Senneca
Interface
Bradley
Cement Products, Inc.

On behalf of the AIA Ohio Board of Directors, the Sponsorship Committee would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Annual and LUs & Brews Sponsors. AIA Ohio would not have been able to offer the events and programs without their continued support.

While planning for 2026 is only in the early stages of discussion, the sponsorship committee will be working with the Government Advocacy Committee to develop two added sponsor opportunities. The first includes firm sponsors for AIA Ohio’s Advocacy Day, which is planned for next April. The second opportunity will include the sponsorship of a Fellows program planned for midyear. The committee looks forward to working with all of our partners statewide as we work to support AIA Ohio’s programming and member engagement opportunities.

AIA Ohio Sponsorship

Support AIA Ohio and Ohio's Architects
Become a 2025 AIA Ohio Sponsor Today

Similar to the AIA Ohio Sponsorship program last year, the new 2025 Sponsorship program has been designed to be easy and flexible. Just pick the Sponsorship Level you want and then choose the benefits that will be most valuable for you. AIA Ohio is also offering, separate from the sponsorship levels, an opportunity to join us at the AIA Ohio Conference for LUs and Brews that will be a featured event before the Annual Design Awards Presentation.



Sponsorship

Level:	Cost:	Benefits:
Support	\$500	Your company name listed on aiaohio.org and in all AIA Ohio conference promotions. You will also be given two tickets to the AIA Ohio Awards Celebration, where your company will be publicly recognized.
Bronze	\$1,000	Support level benefits + choose one benefit from the list below
Silver	\$1,500	Support level benefits + choose two benefits from the list below
Gold	\$3,000	Support level benefits + choose three benefits from the list below
Platinum	\$5,000	Support level benefits + choose three benefits from the list below + one Exclusive Benefit

Benefits

Benefits Available to Support Level Sponsors and Above:
Your company name listed on aiaohio.org and in all AIA Ohio conference promotions.

2025 Sponsorship Benefits

Benefits Available to Bronze Level Sponsors and Above:
1. **Sponsor Spotlight** - An AIA Ohio Sponsor Spotlight is an email sent to all 2,300 AIA Ohio members profiling your company and encouraging them to learn more about your products/services.
2. **Weekly Email Sponsor** - AIA Ohio weekly email sponsor for four weeks - The AIA Ohio Weekly Email is a listing of all events happening throughout the state that is sent to all 2,300 members each week. This benefit would include your company logo listed as the sponsor for four weeks. The Weekly Email has become popular statewide and has an open rate of 30%.
3. **AIA Year-in-Review Sponsor** - The AIA Ohio Year-in-Review is an annual publication distributed to all 2,300 AIA Ohio members. Sponsors of this publication will be recognized on the front page.

Exclusive Benefits Available to Gold, Silver, and Platinum Level Sponsors:
1. **Educational Program Sponsor** - Choose to be the exclusive sponsor for an AIA Ohio educational program at the AIA Ohio Conference. Before the program begins, a brief introduction of your company will be made to the attendees. The same introduction of your company will be included in an issue of the AIA Ohio Newsletter. Expected attendance at each of the AIA Ohio educational programs is anticipated to be 30-50 design professionals.
2. **Event App Sponsor** - The AIA Ohio Design Community Conference is expected to bring 200+ architects to Columbus in September, 2025. The Event App will be used by all of them to navigate the conference.
3. **Refreshment Break** - The most popular spot at any conference is the Coffee Break! Sponsors will have their logo posted throughout the duration of the Conference at the Refreshment locations.
4. **Breakfast Sponsor** - Help conference attendees start their day off right with a healthy breakfast. Sponsors will be recognized with their logo on signage during breakfast.
5. **Name Badge Sponsor** - Have your company logo printed in the corner on every conference attendee name badge. This is an exclusive benefit that will be offered on a first come, first served basis.
6. **Awards Table Sponsor** - Sponsor a table at the AIA Ohio Awards Celebration. Your company's name and logo will be prominently displayed at a table for conference attendees.

Exclusive Benefits Available to Platinum Level Sponsors:
(Platinum Level sponsors may choose a maximum of one)
1. **The AIA Ohio Awards Celebration Sponsor** - Be an exclusive sponsor of the most talked about event of the year, the AIA Ohio Awards Celebration. Last year's event celebrated both Design and Honor Award Winners and included 175 attendees from all over the state. Your company's logo will be displayed throughout the venue, and you will have the opportunity to welcome attendees and be recognized by the AIA Ohio President.
2. **Conference Keynote Sponsor** - Be an exclusive sponsor of an AIA Ohio Conference Keynote Speaker. Your company will be highlighted at the program with a short presentation provided to attendees. A representative from your company will be invited to introduce the keynote speakers as part of this benefit. Over 150 design professionals are expected to attend.

2025 Sponsorship Benefits

ADDITIONAL AIA OHIO CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES



LUs & Brews
More engaging than a typical educational session, more structured than a sponsored happy hour. It's LUs & Brews! Each vendor is assigned a table that will have 6-8 seats available. Attendees will come in and find a seat and you will conduct a short, mini-educational session at your table for the small group gathered there. Once complete, you will give each participant a ticket for a 1/4 pour from a local brewery, and the participants will move on to a new table. Over the course of the event, you'll have small group face time with 80+ architects, who will walk away with 210 AIA Learning Units. It's a win-win! The LUs & Brews tables will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, at a cost of \$2,000.



Become an AIA Ohio Sponsor Today!
Submit your sponsorship information now and get a full 12 months of exposure to AIA Ohio members. While our sponsorship is focused around our annual conference, sponsors who commit early will have their firm name in front of AIA's 2,300 members for most of the entire year. We look forward to working with you as a 2025 AIA Ohio sponsor.

[Click here to begin your AIA Ohio Sponsorship!](#)



AIA Ohio Board Meeting Report Form

This form may be used by board members and committee chairs for each board meeting. Reports should be completed and uploaded to the shared drive in advance of each meeting. This will help us focus our discussions on issues that require significant time and attention. ***If you submit a report without items listed under the Board Action section of this form, you will not be required to give a verbal report at the board meeting. Instead, your report will be included in the Consent Agenda and will be reflected in the minutes as having been distributed prior to the meeting.***

Name: Alexandra Oetzel

Office/Committee/Component: Conference Planning Committee

Office/Committee/Component Update

Activities completed by me/my committee/my component since the last board meeting:

COMMITTEE SUMMARY

The Conference Planning Committee plays a vital role in advancing our organization's strategic goals, such as **enhancing member engagement**, fostering collaboration, and **elevating the profession** through meaningful programs and events. This year's committee demonstrated remarkable dedication and creativity in shaping a conference experience that reflects our shared values and aspirations.

Special thanks to our planning team:

- Graham Kalbli
- Mark Hensler
- John Orsini
- Eric Pros
- Bruce Sekanick
- Emily Steiner Little
- Brett Wedding
- Madeline Swain (Staff)
- Kate Brunswick (Staff)

2025 AIA OHIO CONFERENCE SUMMARY

INTEGRATE: Connecting People, Ideas, & Spaces
September 25–26, 2025 | Columbus, Ohio

This year's AIA Ohio Conference invited architects, educators, and industry leaders to explore how architecture, technology, and social impact intersect. INTEGRATE challenged traditional silos, encouraging participants to reimagine models of practice through a series of keynotes, panel discussions, hard-hat tours, and hands-on workshops. Together, these sessions revealed how integration, across disciplines, communities, and systems, shapes the built environment and drives meaningful change.

Attendance Overview

- Conference Registration: 119
- Awards Celebration Only: 66
- Total Participants: 185
- 42 first-time participants
- Learning Units: 20.5 LU / 8 HSW

Signature Events

- LU's & Brews @ Strongwater Events
- Design Awards Celebration @ Strongwater Events
- Early Professional Happy Hour with NOMA Columbus @ Land Grant Brewery
- Fellows Happy Hour @ Land Grant Brewery

Design Awards

43 Green Phase 2

Honor Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: Moody Nolan – Principle Design Architect and LBBA Architects – Architect of Record

Project Owners: The Habitat Company

Project Location: Chicago, Illinois

Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library - Forest Park Branch

Honor Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: SHP

Project Owners: Cincinnati & Hamilton County Public Library

Project Location: Cincinnati, Ohio

Glenville Branch Renovation

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations and Restorations

Submitting Firm: Bialosky

Project Owners: Cleveland Public Library

Project Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Ford Nature Center

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations and Restorations

Submitting Firm: DLR Group

Project Owners: Mill Creek MetroParks

Project Location: Youngstown, Ohio

Calhoun & Siddall Hall Student Live-Learn Community

Honor Award for Additions, Renovations and Restorations

Submitting Firm: MSA Design

Project Owners: University of Cincinnati

Project Location: Cincinnati, Ohio

Cleveland Foundation

Honor Award for Interior Architecture

Submitting Firm: Vocon – Architecture, Interior Design, Brand Design & S9 – Design Architecture

Project Owners: Cleveland Foundation

Project Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Blacklick Woods Canopy Walk Tower

Honor Award for Small Projects (Less than 5,000 SF & under \$1.5 million)

Submitting Firm: Paros Architecture + Design llc

Project Owners: Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks

Project Location: Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop

Merit Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: AECOM

Project Owner: Mid-Ohio Food Collective

Project Location: Columbus, Ohio

Global Impact STEM Academy, Upper Academy

Merit Award for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: WSA

Project Owner: Global Impact STEM Academy

Project Location: Springfield, Ohio

Fahrenheit

Merit Award for Interior Architecture

Submitting Firm: Vocon

Project Owner: Fahrenheit

Project Location: Cleveland, Ohio

Lozick Cancer Pavilion at Hillcrest Hospital

Merit Award for Additions, Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: Cleveland Clinic Buildings + Design (in Partnership with Perspectus Architecture)

Project Owner: Cleveland Clinic

Project Location: Mayfield Heights, Ohio

Astor Park Garage

Honorable Mention for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: Moody Nolan

Project Owner: City of Columbus

Project Location: Columbus, Ohio

Ann & Thomas Hoaglin Wellness Center

Honorable Mention for Newly Completed Buildings

Submitting Firm: The Collaborative

Project Owner: Denison University

Project Location: Granville, Ohio

The Liberty Theater

Honorable Mention for Additions, Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: drawing dept

Project Owner: City of Lawrenceburg, Indiana & Dan McCabe

Project Location: Lawrenceburg, Indiana

Factory 52 US Playing Card Redevelopment

Honorable Mention for Additions, Renovations, & Restorations

Submitting Firm: MSA Design

Project Owner: PLK Communities

Project Location: Norwood, Ohio

Cincinnati Bengals Locker Room Renovation, Paycor Stadium, Hamilton County

Honorable Mention for Interior Architecture

Submitting Firm: michael mcinturf ARCHITECTS – Design Architect & MSA Design – Architect of Record, Co-designer

Project Owner: Cincinnati Bengals, INC

Project Location: Cincinnati, OH

The Grove Lodge

Honorable Mention for Small Projects (Less than 5,000 SF & Under 1.5M):

Submitting Firm: Paros Architecture + Design LLC

Project Owner: Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks

Project Location: Grove City, OH

Wellness Park Campus

People's Choice – 1st Place

Submitting Firm: PMBA Architects

Project Owner: Blanchard Valley Health System

Project Location: Findlay, Ohio

The Cliffs

People's Choice – 2nd Place

Submitting Firm: ArcFluence

Project Owner: Jonathan Kimball

Project Location: Hocking Hills, Ohio

BeAligned Health

People's Choice – 3rd Place

Submitting Firm: ArcFluence

Project Owner: BeAligned Health

Project Location: Powell, Ohio

Jonathan Barnes, AIA

2025 AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award

Hannah Evwaraye, AIA

2025 AIA Ohio Emerging Professionals Award

Jeffrey Meyers, AIA

2025 AIA Ohio Public Service Award

Mark Diekmann, AIA

2025 AIA Ohio Mentor Award

Conference Sessions

- Refabricating History: 21c St Louis YMCA Pool
- Early Design Decisions: Priming Mass Timber Projects for Success
- Achieving Platinum: An Integrated Approach to Transforming the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.
- Acoustics for the Built Environment
- Reimagining Progressive Field: A Grand Slam Home Run
- Detailing Light: Navigating the Intersection of Design Disciplines
- Uplighting the Voices of Truth: Revolutionizing Mentorship Models through Storytelling
- The Push and Pull of Design: A Roadmap for Integrated Architectural and Interior Practice
- Integrating Historic Buildings with Contemporary Urban Development
- Many Forms, Many Futures: A Flexible ADU for Cleveland Heights
- Integrated Living: ADUs as Catalysts for Community & Sustainable Growth in Columbus
- Learn. Design. Implement. The Youth CoLab: A New Model for Engaging Youth with Design
- University-Community Design Engagement: Architectural Education as a Win-Win Scenario

Tours

Conference tours offered immersive experiences in Columbus' evolving urban landscape:

- One Peninsula Tour – A large-scale mixed-use development redefining urban living.
- Dorrian Green Park & National Veterans Memorial and Museum – Exploring civic space, landscape, and memory.
- Ohio Supreme Court Building Tour – A case study in civic heritage and adaptive reuse.
- Open Studio Tours – Visits to WSA Studio and Meyers + Associates, highlighting local design culture and workplace innovation.

Keynote Speakers

- Carol Ross Barney, FAIA – The People's Architecture
Reflected on the transformative power of public spaces and the collaboration necessary to create equitable, inspiring places for all.
- Ann Lui, AIA – Future Firm
Proposed reimagining the role of architects through civic design, democratized practice, and the concept of the Office of the Public Architect.

NEXT STEPS

Following INTEGRATE, the committee initiated a post-conference review to assess successes, challenges, and areas for improvement.

- Preliminary feedback was positive overall, especially regarding keynote quality and thematic coherence.
- Some respondents suggested revisiting conference format, date, and location to better accommodate attendance.
- Both the Design Awards Celebration and LU's & Brews events would have benefited from a larger venue to support greater participation.
- The post-event survey received 11 responses, representing a 6% reporting rate, indicating a continued opportunity to strengthen member feedback and engagement.

Planning for 2026

The committee is now turning its attention to the 2026 AIA Ohio Conference, building on lessons learned from past conferences. Key focus areas include:

- Enhancing outreach and participation across AIA Ohio's diverse membership.
- Expanding interdisciplinary content and equitable representation in programming.
- Increasing opportunities for emerging professionals and first-time attendees.
- Identifying host city and venues that support growth and accessibility.

Opportunities for Participation

The success of the AIA Ohio Conference depends on the enthusiasm and ideas of its members. All members are invited to participate in next year's planning efforts - whether by joining the Conference Planning Committee, assisting with programming, or contributing as speakers, sponsors, or reviewers. Members interested in joining the 2026 planning committee or offering feedback are encouraged to contact the AIA Ohio office or reach out directly to the committee chair. Together, we can continue to advance AIA Ohio's mission.

The AIA Ohio Foundation

2025 Annual Report

The logo for the AIA Ohio Foundation is displayed within a white rectangular box. It consists of the text "AIA" in a bold, dark teal font, followed by "Ohio" in a lighter teal font, and "Foundation" in a dark teal font on the line below.

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The AIA Ohio Foundation

2025 Annual Report

The AIA Ohio Foundation continues to work toward fulfilling an expanded mission of serving the architectural profession. Now in our 57th year, the Foundation is aligned with the work of AIA Ohio and builds upon the strengths of each to strengthen the standing and awareness of architecture in Ohio. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organizations, we strive to support the architectural profession by supporting those who will become next generation architects.

Scholarships

While the AIA Ohio Foundation's charter enables the Foundation to be a broadly focused entity, the organization for much of its history has focused almost exclusively on architectural scholarships. We continue that work today with both our school scholarships, and our new Legacy Fund scholarships. Each year, the Foundation Board of Trustees allocates \$15,000 in support of scholarships for students at the five professional degree programs in Ohio. Since 2023 The Foundation has now distributed \$254,000 in scholarships to over 115 students enrolled in these programs. With the rising cost of higher education, the Foundation understands the importance of maintaining scholarships as our top priority.

AIAS Chapters

The AIA Ohio Foundation Scholarship program is an significant part of the Foundation's programming. Its ability, however, to reach a broader audience of students is limited, due to its overall annual cost. Developed as a way to expand the professions reach to a broader cross section of students, the Foundation initiated an AIAS grants program in 2017. This program provided \$500 to each of the AIAS chapters. Since then, the program has grown significantly. The AIA Ohio Foundation now provides grants to each of the five professional degree programs \$1,500 annually to support programming at each chapter. While directed toward meeting the needs of chapter, these funds help the organization attract speakers, send students to quads, and similar activities. With cuts to student organization funding by many universities, these funds have become a welcomed community resource.

AIA Ohio Foundation Grants Program

As you will read elsewhere in this report, the AIA Ohio Foundation re-imagined our grants program that was suspended in 2023 and reintroduced it earlier this year with new objectives and timeline. The first recipients of these grants were announced at the AIA Ohio Award Program at the AIA Annual Conference. At a meeting of the Board in late August, we continued to examine this program to in the hope of making it easier to understand and as accessible to members and chapters as possible.

AIA Ohio/AIA Ohio Foundation Student Design Awards

Also announced at the AIA Ohio Awards Program were the recipients of the Student Design Awards. While highlighted later in this report, the Student Design Awards is a joint program of AIA Ohio and the AIA Ohio Foundation and awards students from any of the professional degree programs in Ohio for their work throughout the year. There is more to come with a few changes in the works for 2026.

AIA Ohio Foundation Legacy Fund

Last year, the Foundation announced the creation of the AIA Ohio Foundation Legacy Fund scholarships. This year, the Foundation has been actively working to grow contributions to make these scholarships available to students.

Thank you...

The Foundation Board of Trustees is excited to work with chapters, schools, and members to help build awareness of the profession. We are also proud of our work in elevating the future of the profession. Above all else, we are grateful to the membership of AIA Ohio for supporting our programs and efforts. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the AIA Ohio Foundation, we thank you for your continued support.

STUDENT DESIGN AWARDS

In July, the Foundation, with funding provided by AIA Ohio, reviewed the submissions for 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. This year, 18 projects received from three of the five accredited architectural programs in Ohio were juried with five projects recognized for the quality of the design and the presentation provided. Students from all standings within the architectural programs are eligible, including those within the graduate programs.

The jury for the Student Design Awards included members from across the state, representing a variety of firm sizes and career stages. This year's jurists were, Isabel Souza, Assoc. AIA, PMBA Architects, Perrysburg, OH, Manuel Granja, AIA, SOL Design + Consulting, Cincinnati, OH, Mark Hensler, AIA, BBCO Columbus, OH, and Michele Schwartz, AIA, Phillips Sekanick Architects, inc., Warren, OH. The Foundation would like to express our thanks to each of the jurists for their time and efforts in reviewing the student submissions.

This year's winners included:

First Place: Art in Motion – Bailey Nixon and Lauren Perry | University of Cincinnati

Second Place: Celestial Ascension – Carmela Buffone | Kent State University

Honorable Mention: Confluence – Ryan Shaw | Kent State University

Honorable Mention: Kinetic Skin – Garrett Scott | Kent State University

Honorable Mention: Urban Cultivation – Dylan Carson | Bowling Green State University

We would like to congratulate the winners and the programs on the quality of all of the submissions. These projects represent a rich future for the architectural profession in Ohio. The winners were recognized at the AIA Ohio Design Awards program at the AIA Ohio 2025 Conference.

The 2026 AIA Ohio Foundation Student Design Awards

Two years ago, AIA Ohio and the AIA Ohio Foundation agreed to jointly run the Student Design Awards program. Funding for the awards would be provided by AIA Ohio and the management of the program would be the responsibility of the AIA Ohio Foundation. This was an experiment and each group committed only to the two year trial period. The joint program has gone extremely well, and we all wish it could continue in the same format. But with changing needs and responsibilities, this program will need to change as well.

The good news is that the program will continue, and to most, it will look the same as it always has. The only real change is that the AIA Ohio Foundation will assume the funding of the awards in addition to the programs management. The Foundation has enjoyed the opportunity to work with AIA Ohio, the students and the schools and we hope to maintain this great program for the foreseeable future.

The AIA Ohio Foundation Legacy Funds

As reported from time-to-time throughout the year, the Foundation has initiated a separate scholarship and grants program call the AIA Ohio Foundation Legacy Fund. This fund is intended to be the means by which members and other interested individuals can initiate scholarships in support of their interest that can be managed by the Foundation. Funding is in place for one of the accounts and a second is more than 60% funded. These funds will ultimately provide named scholarships or grants in support of the Foundations mission. The Board is currently working on the Memorandum of Understanding associated with the funds, but hope to finalize the documentation process before year end. Watch for more information in the first quarter of 2026.

AIA Ohio Foundation Abbreviated Financial Statement

The AIA Ohio Foundation operates on January to December fiscal year with its budget presented and approved at the February meeting of the Board. The Foundation funds are invested and managed through Merrill Lynch.

The following is a summary of the financial position of the organization as of 10.1.2025:

•	Checking, cash on hand	\$31,758
•	Investment Account, current balance:	\$727,973
•	Anticipated dues income:	\$30,637
•	Annual Scholarship Expense, 2026	\$15,000
•	Annual AIAS grants:	\$7,500
•	Annual Student Design Awards	\$4,000
•	Annual Component Grants:	\$7,500

Student Scholarship Recipients

The AIA Ohio Foundation Student Scholarships are an annual event that is core part of the AIA Ohio Foundation mission. The Foundation works closely with the professional architectural programs scholarship committees each year to help ensure that the Foundation scholarships adequately address the needs to the students and the programs. The scholarship grants made to each school are valued at \$3,000 and the final awards determination is made locally by the scholarship committee. The recipients of the 2025 AIA Ohio Scholarships are:

Addison Carter, Bowling Green State University
Audrey Kocel, Bowling Green State University
Brooke Lesko, Bowling Green State University
Jackson Plante, Bowling Green State University
University of Cincinnati – McKenzie Sykes

Saida Akhter, Miami University
Mason Cessna, The Ohio State University
Kourtney Geiger, The Ohio State University
Quinn Schreiber, The Ohio State University
Olivia Zaletel, The Ohio State University

Congratulations to each of these very deserving students.

The Charles Marr Citation

The Foundation once again recognized individuals who support the Foundation with the Charles Marr Citation. The Charles Marr Citation is given to an individual, component or firm who supports the Foundation with a cumulative donation of \$1000 or more. This year, we are proud to have been able to recognize four individuals with the AIA Ohio Foundation Charles Marr Citation. Each of the following individuals are being recognized with a Marr Citation by an AIA component, who contributed to the Foundation in recognition of their leadership this year as president:

Jacob Miley, AIA, recognized by AIA Toledo

Eric Pros, AIA, recognized by AIA Ohio

Michael Ruscitti, AIA, recognized by AIA Youngstown

Paul Shirley, AIA, recognized by AIA Cincinnati.

Congratulations to each of these leaders for their dedication to the profession and their willingness to lead. The Foundation would like to thank the chapters for their support of their Presidents and their support of the AIA Ohio Foundation.

The AIA Ohio Foundation

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The AIA Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees is a diverse group of individuals from across the state, representing most of 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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The Board of Trustees would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Executive Director, Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA. Kate has for many years provided outstanding guidance and support to both AIA Ohio and to the AIA Ohio Foundation, and we are grateful for the time and energy she provides to our organization and the profession. We could not do the things we do without Kate's hard work and valuable input.



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AIA Ohio Board Meeting Report Form

This form may be used by board members and committee chairs for each board meeting. Reports should be completed and uploaded to the shared drive in advance of each meeting. This will help us focus our discussions on issues that require significant time and attention. ***If you submit a report without items listed under the Board Action section of this form, you will not be required to give a verbal report at the board meeting. Instead, your report will be included in the Consent Agenda and will be reflected in the minutes as having been distributed prior to the meeting.***

Name: Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA

Role: Strategic Councilor – “10-Year Reflection on Council” Committee, Equity Task Force

Date: September 16, 2025

Strategic Councilor Update

Activities completed by me/my committee/my component since the last board meeting:

Equity Task Force (Strategic Council) – See attached Memo for a summary of this work to date. I presented the proposed AIA Code of Ethics amendments to the National Ethics Council (NEC) at their quarterly meeting on September 4, 2025. The NEC will deliberate on their next quarterly meeting, so we anticipate no movement on this for 3-4 months. The possible pathways are:

- NEC supports none of the amendments – then I believe this initiative dies.
- NEC supports all or some of the proposed amendments. The NEC then proposes the amendment(s) to the Board.
 - The Board votes – The majority vote would amend the Code of Ethics.
 - The Board votes – It is rejected. There is a pathway then to a delegate vote at an annual meeting (with speed, it could be the 2026 Annual Meeting)
 - Delegates approve by majority vote, this would amend the Code of Ethics.
 - Delegates reject – then this initiative is a soft-death. It is unclear if it is able to go through the cycle again.

10-Year Reflection on Council Committee (Strategic Council) – This work group presented our recommendation to improve / evolve Council to be primarily a Representative / Leadership Advisory role as opposed to Visionary Researchers. This conclusion came from over a year of research: interviews that engaged over 400+ stakeholders (CACE Leaders, Past and Current Councilors, AIA Staff, and AIA Presidents). We explored in depth the four options: (1) Retain the Representative-Visionary model with improved best practices (2) Be Representative and Advisory Leaders (3) Be Visionary Researchers (4) Eliminate Council and distribute the work to other AIA bodies (KCs, staff, etc). We proposed amended bylaws in our presentation.

Activities currently in progress:

Equity Task Force (Strategic Council) – Anticipate no movement on this for 3-4 months due to NEC review.

10-Year Reflection on Council Committee (Strategic Council) – My group is holding office hours three times in the week of September 15 for Councilors to give feedback to this recommended direction.



Memorandum

Date: August 27, 2025

To: Kathy Fraizer, Sarah Adiutori for delivery to National Ethics Council (NEC)

From: Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA, Councilor (Ohio), Member of Strategic Council's Equity Task Force

Subject: Strategic Council Report | Executive Orders Action Plan

Copies: Garfield Peart, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB, Councilor (Georgia), Chair of Strategic Council's Equity Task Force, EQFA Member
Jessica O'Donnell, AIA, 2025 Moderator of Strategic Council

Origin of the AIA Code of Ethics Review

In April 2024, the AIA Strategic Council Equity Study Group reviewed the AIA Code of Ethics through a DEI lens. The goal was to assess the Code against reasonable standards relating to equity in practice, the profession, and in the built environment. This review was conducted specifically by Equity Study Group Members, Councilors Alyanna Subayno, Assoc. AIA; Karen Lu, AIA; Mary-Margaret Zindren, CAE, and Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA. Work Group Members not directly involved in the review endorsed the amendments. When presented to the full Council in September 2024, the general sentiment of Councilors was an endorsement of proposed amendments. Under Moderator Jessica O'Donnell, AIA, a Equity Task Force was created as an extension of this group with the specific task to plot implementation pathways to many recommendations, a proposed revision to the Code Of Ethics being one of them. The marked-up Code was reviewed and endorsed by EQFA (Member Dwight Yee, AIA, NOMA, NCARB led the effort) in July 2025. This co-reviewed Code was on the agenda for Secretary Advisory Committee's meeting at AIA Annual Conference, where they advised this review be placed in front of the National Ethics Council, as this did not fall under the SAC's purview.

AIA Code of Ethics Review Summary

The 2024 AIA Code of Ethics mark-up document is submitted with detailed notes and justifications for proposed amendments and observations. The three overarching themes of the proposed changes address (1) Microaggressions, which tend to disproportionately affect underrepresented people. Equity Task Force and allied Councilors argue as written, this does not meet the ethical standards for the Institute. (2) Architect's duty to communities. The Code states the architect's responsibility to their client in a narrow, transactional way. Despite a heading of "Obligations to the Public" as a Canon header, communities or public entities are absent from this section. By adding "affected communities" in appropriate areas, a more ethical standard is met. (3) Environmental Justice is minimally addressed in the current Code. A suggested expansion includes more specific examples of environmental injustice and an acknowledgment that such actions often occur in historically disadvantaged communities.

AIA Code of Ethics Discussion

Hallie Crouch, Assoc. AIA and Garfield Peart, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB look forward to a dialogue on these findings at the NEC Quarterly Meeting on September 4th at 2pm, where they will appear as guests.

Young Architects Forum



AIA OHIO YAF REPORT

November 2025

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 evolutions.** Young architects experience a pivotal career phase with unique challenges and opportunities. YAF prioritizes supporting professional and career growth and evolution 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. **Driving Wellness: Mitigating Burnout, Redefining Wellness.** YAF is committed to fostering a culture that prioritizes well-being, balance, and sustainability in professional life. By addressing burnout and expanding the definition of wellness beyond the individual to include collective and organizational health, YAF seeks to empower young architects to thrive personally and professionally.

The annual report has yet to be published. I have included an abbreviated list of our achievements below:

- Launched "Bridging Generations Forum" at AIA '25 in Boston
- Continued "Taking Care of Business" (formerly Mini MBA) at AIA '25 in Boston and 2025 NOMA Conference in Kansas City.
- Relaunched *Connections* in collaboration with AIA Architect
- Awarded the fourth recipient of the \$10,000 Future Forward Grant through partnership with the AIA Large Firm Roundtable
- Continued valuable programming, such as the Align Mentorship Program, Open Mic Nights, and more
- Included a YAF representative to serve on each of the Strategic Council study areas for the second year.
- Compiled the YAF By the Numbers Report (release forthcoming)
- 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 5
- AIA Colorado Workshop "Practice Simulation Lab" with Seth Duke, YAF Community Director
- 22nd Century City Workshop with AIAS BGSU + OSU, NOMAS BGSU + OSU, NOMA Columbus, and AIA Columbus

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Margaret Beecroft, AIA Dayton, who will be stepping in to this role as Ohio's Representative to the Young Architect Forum in 2026.

Sincerely,
Alexandra Oetzel, AIA



AIA Ohio Annual Meeting Report – Ohio Small Firm Exchange (SFx)

Name: Sarah Kleiner, AIA

Office/Committee/Component: 2025 Ohio Small Firm Exchange (SFx)

The Small Firm Exchange is a National AIA Member Group whose mission is to

1. Advocate the value of small firms
2. Curate and disseminate pertinent information and resources
3. Inform the AIA of issues facing small firms.

The Ohio SFx is wrapping up its third year in Ohio. I am the first Ohio SFx Representative. I began the programming in Ohio as simple 30-minute Coffee Chats, giving small firm owners a place to meet other small business owners across Ohio. This gave me the opportunity to learn what interests people had so I could create programming to meet Ohio's small firms' needs.

In 2024 the coffee chats continued every other month and on alternate months we introduced programs that were an hour long. The really nice thing about SFx is that we encourage interaction and leave time for questions so attendees can get answers that are pertinent to them.

In 2025 I made the effort to reach out to members in other components to highlight members of our group, find out what others are doing, share knowledge, and broaden our reach.

January – Angela Mazzi from Cincinnati

March – Nate Bailey from Akron

June – Erin Curley from Toledo

Upcoming in November – David Craun of Cleveland

I hosted SAME – an Allied Member, in August, and will be hosting Sam DeBiasi of ArchiCPA in October, who is a chapter sponsor. We also had a handful of coffee chats, most notably in July – Rita Amonett, Allied member from Cleveland hosted our discussion.

Attendees have come from across the country, once we had an attendee from Switzerland. At least one other state SFx began Coffee Chats based on our model.

Three members from across the state, in three different chapters, submitted a program for consideration for the Ohio AIA convention.

Since I accepted the appointment as Ohio SFx the program started from nothing (there is no list of small firms in Ohio) and has grown to an email list of 139 people.

None of this would have been possible without the inimitable Julie Carpenter whose dedication and organization is key to the success of the program. She has been instrumental in introducing me to the other chapters across the state and always has her ear to the ground on potential programming opportunities. Her Zoom skills are untouchable, mine are nonexistent. Thank you Julie!

Thank you to the Cincinnati AIA Board for continuing to support Ohio SFx.



The AIA College of Fellows – Ohio Valley Region

2025 Annual Report

November 5, 2025

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Regional Representative

Lisa Gomperts, FAIA, Regional Representative

The AIA College of Fellows in the Ohio Valley Region has been working to expand our presence within the region this past year. While the College saw only limited success in 2025, we look forward toward expanded opportunities in the next year.

The Ohio Valley Region consists of 95 Fellows. Seventy of those are from Ohio, sixteen from Indiana, and nine from Kentucky. The region was pleased to have two new Fellows elevated this year, with both of those members from Ohio. They are Chris Meyers, FAIA and Jonathan Moody, FAIA, both from AIA Columbus. This year, a total of 82 members were elevated to the College of Fellows along with 2 Honorary Fellows.

The College of Fellows is represented by the Regional Representatives who generally meets 3-4 times per year. Only one of these meetings are face-to-face which occurs at the annual AIA conference. The Regional Representatives hold meetings within the region 2-3 times a year. All of these meetings are virtual.

OVR Fellows

- As part of the College of Fellows effort to better communicate and engage members, the OVR is looking to add a third Regional Representative. Because all members of the COF are voting members, the addition of a Regional Representative does not skew voting. Ohio currently has one representative and Indiana/Kentucky have one. It is our hope that all three states will be approved to have separate representatives.

COF Fellows Fund

- All Fellows within the region are asked to contribute to the COF Fellows Fund. The Fellows Funds helps support grants provided by the College of Fellows, including the component grants, YAF programs, the Latrobe Prize, and the Upjohn Research Initiative. The goal for 2025 is \$200,000. Each Fellow has been asked to make a contributions to the COF through the COF site on the Network for Good

Fellowship Submissions

- Fellow submissions for this year closed on October 8, 2025. The notification to recipients will take place in Mid-February 2026, with the public announcement made in late February 2026.

Fellowship Submission Assistance

- The Chair of the Fellows Jury, Sanford Garner, FAIA, from AIA Kentucky issued a letter outlining important items to consider in the submission of their application. The letter outlines items that submitters should understand as they move through the submission process.
- While submissions continue to be provided in numbers consistent with past years, it should be noted that there are some concerns within the COF community that members have fewer opportunities to be involved

with the larger national organization due to the reduction in national meetings. The national or regional “ripple” effect appears in some instances to be affected by this limited ability to engage.

- The Fellows Jury which was increased to 11 member last year, will return to 9. This will take place over the next few years as the added member three-year terms expire.
- AIA Indiana and AIA Kentucky have a joint Fellowship committee. In Ohio, there are multiple independent efforts. Groups active in Ohio include Columbus/Dayton (David Meleca-Current Chair) and Cincinnati, who are currently having monthly meetings. Efforts continue to re-connect members of the NEO College of Fellows. The group will be reorganized in early 2026, with a schedule and program established for the year. Plans also include a statewide meeting of Ohio Fellows groups in mid 2026 as part of a new AIA Ohio Fellows program.

Investiture

- In 2026, the College of Fellows will take back the planning of the investiture ceremony that has for the past three years, been run by the AIA. This past year, both new Fellows and existing Fellows came together at the AIA25 Conference for lunch before the investiture. This will continue at the AIA26 Conference in San Diego.

For more information on the College of Fellows and our programs, members can reach out to either Lisa Gomperts or myself.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce Sekanick, FAIA



2025 AIA Ohio Slate of Officers

**Proposed by the AIA Ohio 2025 Nominating Committee:
John Meegan, AIA (Chair); Eric Pros, AIA; Joe Bissaillon, AIA
Approved by the AIA Ohio Board, July 18, 2025**

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2024 AIA Ohio Convention
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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
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2019 Chapter President Elect
2019 – 2022 Scholarship Committee Chair
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2015 – 2019 AIA Dayton Student Design Competition

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Dave Robar, AIA
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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

2024-2025	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

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

2025 AIA Ohio Secretary
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

Treasurer**Jonathan Morschl, Assoc. AIA****Member of AIA Ohio since 2020*****Four Points Architectural Services***
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2024-2025 AIA Leadership Summit

2024-2025 AIA Conference on Architecture

Service to AIA Ohio

2022-Present AIA Ohio Board, Alternate for AIA Akron

2022-Present AIA Ohio Government Advocacy Committee

2022-2025 AIA Ohio Advocacy Day

2022-2025 AIA Ohio Conference

Service to Chapter

2021-Present AIA Akron Board of Directors

2025 Chapter President

2025 Design Awards Committee

2024 Chapter President Elect