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President's Message

By Charlie Setterfield, AIA

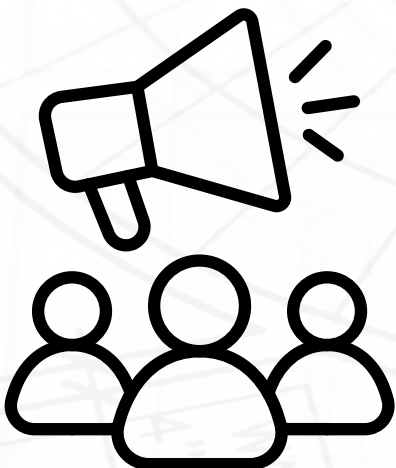
As we begin 2026, I am honored to step into the role of President of AIA Ohio and to serve alongside such a committed and engaged membership. A new year brings both reflection and momentum, and I am excited to build on the strong foundation already in place while continuing to evolve how AIA Ohio supports our members, our profession, and our communities.

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The AIA Ohio Early Professional Friendly Firm

This AIA Ohio program celebrates firms who offer exceptional support and opportunities for their early professionals. Additionally, the program seeks to foster a dialogue within firms across the state with the objective of creating new policies and practices that promote innovation, development, and progressive workplaces for the future members of the design profession.

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A New Year, A New Direction: AIA Ohio Advocacy

With the new year already well underway, AIA Ohio continues to build on a strong advocacy presence—advancing legislation and regulatory efforts introduced last year while responding to new challenges emerging in 2026. As our work moves forward, we're doing so with fresh partnerships, renewed focus, and updated strategies designed to better serve our members and the profession.

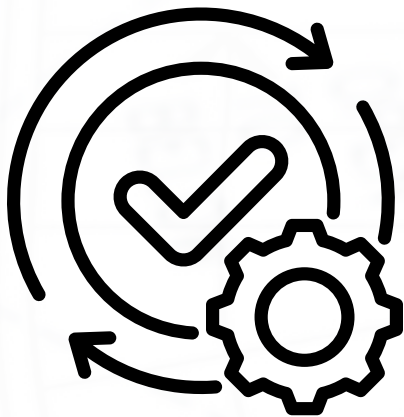
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AIA Columbus Hosts Inaugural Healthcare

Design Student Charrette

The AIA Columbus Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) recently hosted a healthcare design student charrette for fourth-year, fifth-year, and graduate architecture students from across Ohio. The event brought together the next generation of healthcare designers for a fast-paced, collaborative experience focused on reimagining the future of health and wellness environments.

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State Disaster Assistance Coordination Update

By Eric Pros, AIA

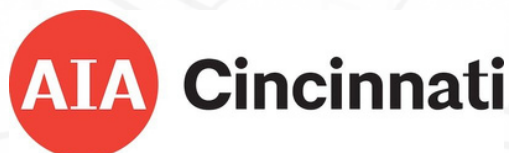
AIA Ohio is advancing efforts on Natural Disaster Assistance and Resiliency. I am honored to step into the role of AIA Ohio State Disaster Assistance Coordinator, building upon the important foundation established by Rick Posey, AIA, and Sam Marcum, AIA, who initiated this effort in 2019.

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AIA Ohio Honor Awards Program

There are five [AIA Ohio Honor Awards](#) which recognize Ohio's best and brightest architects and firms. Nominations can come from individuals or from local components. The deadline for each of these is July 1, 2026 – so there's plenty of time to put together a nomination packet. Consider an outstanding Ohio firm or architect that you know and plan to nominate them for an AIA Ohio Honor Award!

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AIA Cincinnati Update

Efforts to encourage AIA Cincinnati's Associate AIA members on their path to licensure include launching a shared subscription to the [PrepARE](#) study materials and an upcoming [ARE Trivia](#) social (March 5) organized by the Early Professionals.

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The AIA Ohio Foundation: Strengthening the Profession Through Financial Support

By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Anyone who's spent time around AIA Ohio over the past several decades has likely heard of the AIA Ohio Foundation. But how well do you really know what the Foundation does? Its impact may be broader—and deeper—than you realize.

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The logo for the AIA Ohio Foundation, featuring the text "AIA Ohio Foundation" in white on a red rectangular background.

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High School Design Competition Focuses on Missing Middle Housing

The 76th Annual AIA Toledo High School Design Competition officially launched on January 7, continuing a decades-long tradition of connecting students with local architects and educators through hands-on design mentorship. Students will produce comprehensive design submissions that emphasize creativity, technical skill, and problem-solving. This year, participants are challenged to design a two-family residential duplex on a vacant South Toledo lot for the Lucas County Land Bank, exploring how Missing Middle Housing can support neighborhood revitalization and expand affordable housing options.

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GBBN Announces Strategic Data and Advisory Service

GBBN announces that its longstanding internal division focused on data, strategy, and the built environment has been rebranded as Atmys. The Atmys name, brand identity, and website were crafted to bring increased awareness to the division's 30-year track record of helping clients use the data in their physical spaces to guide strategic decision making

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