



2026 Advocacy Day

Wednesday, June 3, 2026



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, Westin Great Southern Hotel
Coffee and light breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. **Advocacy Speaker**, Mike Dittoe, Chief of Staff, Ohio House of Representatives
Here an insider's take on how state government functions. In his role as Chief of Staff to the Ohio House of Representatives, Mike Dittoe serves as the top advisor to the Speaker and House majority members, managing House employees, legislative policy, and operations.
- 10:15 a.m. **Legislative Panel**
The Importance of Grassroots Advocacy. Panel with Representative Bride Rose Sweeney (D-16) and Representative Brian Lorenz (R-60).
- 11:00 a.m. **Lunch and Advocacy and Issues Update**
AIA Ohio Lobbyists will give an update on the Statehouse and discuss how to conduct meetings with legislators. Members of the Government Advocacy Committee will discuss the Issue Briefs.
- 12:00-4:00 p.m. Meetings with legislators at the Statehouse and the Riffe Center
AIA Ohio is holding the George Washington Williams Room located on the 1st floor of the Statehouse for you to use during this time. Between meetings, you can take a break, check in with your office, etc.
- 3:45-5:00 p.m. **Light Bites and Debrief**, Batchelder Company | 20 E. Broad St. | 6th Floor
The debriefing session is incredibly helpful for AIA Ohio follow up. Come and check out this fantastic space right across the street from the Statehouse at AIA Ohio's lobbying firm, Batchelder Company. You'll be able to give an update on your meetings with Ohio legislators, then grab a snack and catch up with fellow architect advocates before you hit the road.