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President's Message

By Charlie Setterfield, AIA

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through 2026. The year has moved quickly, and as I reflect on the past several months, I'm encouraged by the momentum we've built together. Across AIA Ohio, our members continue to volunteer, advocate, and find new ways to strengthen both our profession and the communities we serve. There is a great deal to be proud of, and even more to look forward to in the months ahead.

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AIA Ohio Conference

The 2026 AIA Ohio Conference has been planned by and for members, and has something to offer everyone. Conference events are thoughtfully scheduled into two full days of education, tours, networking, and celebration.

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Advocacy: One of AIA Ohio's Most Important Responsibilities

By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, NCARB

Architecture is shaped by more than design talent, technical knowledge, and professional experience. It is also shaped by the laws, regulations, building codes, public policies, and procurement practices that govern how architects work and how projects are delivered. For that reason, advocacy is not simply an additional service offered by AIA Ohio. It is one of the organization's most important responsibilities.

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AIA Cincinnati Update

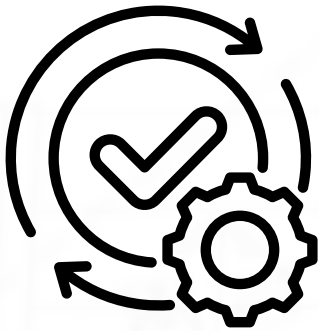
CRAN's upcoming programs include Designing for Tech: Planning Smart Home Infrastructure on August 11 and CRANawards Highlights Part 3 – An inside look at creating award winning projects on September 8.

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AIA Ohio Seeks Candidates for Strategic Council

AIA Ohio is soliciting nominations for AIA Ohio Representative to the Strategic Council. The nomination deadline is August 31, 2026.

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Building Resilience | Growing Ohio's Disaster Assistance Network

By Eric Pros, AIA

Most architects spend their careers designing buildings that will serve communities for generations. Few realize they can also help communities recover in the hours and days following a disaster. Over the past several months, I have had the opportunity to meet with disaster response leaders from across the country, reconnect with Ohio's Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Evaluators, and begin rebuilding a statewide network of architects prepared to serve when communities need them most.

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AIA Foundation Scholarship Recipient

By Faith Dalton, M.Arch | Miami University | '27

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "Your path is not a map someone else drew for you. It is a trail you blaze with your own footsteps, unique to your stride and destination." I have known for as long as I can remember that I wanted to be an architect; however, a unique opportunity presented itself to me and I first chose to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Olivet Nazarene University.

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Position Open on the Ohio Architects Board

The Ohio Architects Board is responsible for the regulation of the practice of architecture in Ohio. Members of the Board are appointed by the Governor's Office and include four architects and one public member. Architect members of the Board must be licensed in Ohio and have held their Ohio license for at least five years. The Ohio Architects Board meets five times a year, in person at the Riffe Center in Columbus.

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Investing in the Future of Architecture: Why Every Gift to the AIA Ohio Foundation Matters

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By Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, NCARB

Professional architectural foundations play a unique role in strengthening the profession.

While professional associations advocate for architects, provide education, and support members in practice, foundations, such as the AIA Ohio Foundation, are often able to focus more directly on the future—supporting students, emerging professionals, research, scholarships, community programs, design education, and initiatives that advance public understanding of architecture.

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Ohio Small Firm Exchange (SFx) Update

The next Ohio SFx meeting is the August 27 Zoom Part 2: Communicating the Value of Architects.

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AIA Columbus Update

June is AIA Columbus's time for community and showing up to many different public events. We started the month off with the 2026 Columbus Arts Festival.

AIA Columbus and NOMA Columbus welcomed hundreds of young creators to their Kids Activities Tent, where imagination and design took center stage. Families stopped by throughout the weekend as children explored hands-on activities inspired by architecture, community, and creativity.



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EP Director – Call for Nominations

AIA Ohio is soliciting nominations for the position of AIA Ohio Early Professional Director. AIA Ohio's Early Professional Directors serve as the voice of associates and recently licensed architects on the AIA Ohio Board.

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