Autumn Social & Annual Meeting

Please join us as we host our first virtual Autumn Social/Annual Meeting on October 20.

We will announce our 2021 officers and directors, celebrate the achievements of our Honor Award recipients, recognize our new Fellow, W. Kenneth Wiseman, FAIA, and our newly licensed architects, and announce our ARE Scholarship recipients.

Tuesday, October 20 
6:00-7:00p

Join us as we congratulate our colleagues!

AIA Northern Virginia 2020 Honor Awards Recipients:

- Award of Honor – Robert M. Gurney, FAIA
- Outstanding Achievement – Al Cox, FAIA
- Outstanding Achievement – Eliza Beth Engle, AIA
- Distinguished Leadership – Joseph B. McCoy, AIA
- AIA Northern Virginia Chapter Award – Alison R. Mullins, Esq.
- Award of Special Recognition – Laura K. Lewis
- Service to the Chapter – John A. Burns, FAIA
- Service to the Chapter – Sydney M. Huibregtse, Associate AIA
- Service to the Chapter – J. Paul Lewis, AIA
- Service to the Chapter – Marium Rahman, Associate AIA
- Service to the Chapter – Charles J. Todd, AIA
- Craftsmanship Award – Dan Lepore & Sons Company

Information on accessing the online event online will be shared on our calendar: https://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=2120
We will also record the meeting and post it on our Chapter’s YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQm94ltWyn5Tw2Mr6LUwn9Q

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Six months into a pandemic that has profoundly changed the way we live, work, and relate to one another we have all collectively and individually found ways to adapt our previously normal routines to the restrictions of quarantine, remote working, and socially distanced interactions. We have also discovered some new ways to do things or interact with others, that without the limitations imposed by a pandemic, we might not otherwise have experienced. Our rapid embrace of technologies that allow us to work remotely have brought us together with people all across the country for educational seminars, collaboration, and information exchange. Geographic limitations and boundaries have dissolved and we are free to connect with just about anybody, wherever they may be. This new form of connectedness was born from limitations, but has resulted in a new understanding of what we know as community.

In my own adaptations to working from home and search for connection to others I came to discover the world of storytelling through short films. The annual AIA Film Challenge has for several years already encouraged architects to tell the story of their work and relationships with clients through the medium of short films. This year, in recognition of pandemic related restrictions the AIA Film Challenge revised their program to encourage broader participation with shorter length films, use of simple technology, and emphasis on a desire to convey a compelling story. My firm took up the challenge this year and made our very first short film. We discovered in the process that this medium gave us the ability to tell a narrative that people might not normally read in a written description and that would be impossible to fully convey through even the best photographs. Architects, of course, have always been good story tellers as we build relationships with clients and the work with them to craft a vision for what could be possible. And when projects are successfully completed we enjoy recounting the journey of what it took to get to that point from those early, initial discussions. With this new experience I have now become aware of other firms who already use this medium and have seen compelling examples of the power of film to tell the story of our profession’s positive impact on peoples’ lives through architecture and design.

Other adaptations to this new way of living in a pandemic have led to creative solutions in our built environment that could have a lasting effects on our collective priorities for public space. As I started venturing outside of the house over the summer I began seeing new outdoor areas spring up outside of cafes where previously there was only pavement or parking. With indoor seating not possible these new outdoor spaces have been a vital way to reengage patrons, but they have also had the transformative effect continues on page 4
Continuing Education Opportunities

Selecting the Right Window Material for Any Application
October 14, 12:00p

Windows are a critical element of architectural design. Window selection not only significantly impacts the aesthetics of the project, but also affects the energy efficiency, comfort, durability, and sustainability of the building once construction is complete. This presentation will address some of the more popular window choices available today and provide a comparative review of the features and benefits of these very important building elements. This session will also introduce learners to the standards, tests, and other performance metrics that will enable specifiers to select the right window for the right application.

Learning Objectives:
• Identify different window types based on the product’s base material, cladding, and finish
• Discuss some of the main criteria for evaluating window types commonly available today
• Describe the performance attributes of each window material
• Explain how different window materials contribute to energy efficiency and overall sustainability goals including recycling and low maintenance


Foresight 2020 - Presented by AIA Virginia
October 22 – Women in Design: Lunch & Conversation
October 26-30 – YAFCON 2020: The Empathic Architect
November 2-6 – Architecture Exchange East 2020
November 5 – Design Forum: In Praise of Shadows

Foresight 2020 Guide
https://www.aiava.org/foresight-2020-the-complete-guide/

Designing for Health Series

As America’s health care expenses continue to rise and we rebuild post-pandemic, creating healthier, more equitable buildings has never been more important. AIAU’s Designing for Health series takes you through the fundamentals in three timely courses led by leading architects, doctors, and public health experts.

• Just the Basics: Designing for Health and Well-being teaches you six approaches you can apply to any project to promote public health.

• Leveraging the Integrative Process for Health covers how to incorporate health into the integrative process and develop health-oriented goals and metrics.

• Brass Tacks: Planning a Successful IP Workshop guides you through planning and facilitating each phase of the IP workshop to ensure project success.

Take all three courses to earn 3 AIA LU / HSW / RIBA credits. https://aiau.aia.org/designing-health

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Architecture Month
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Charles Todd, AIA

Committee on the Environment
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Fellows
Kathryn Prigmore, FAIA

Golf Tournament
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Honors & Nominations
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Legislative/Government Affairs
Eliza Engle, AIA

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Small Firms
Matthew Guenther, AIA

Women in Architecture
Rebecca Pantschyschak, AIA
Katie Selis, AIA
Rebecca Mezny, AIA

Young Architects Forum
Toni Lem, AIA
Lara Fada, Associate AIA
Simone Saidel, AIA
AIA Northern Virginia Reduces Dues for 2021

Recognizing that 2020 has been a challenging year and that many are apprehensive about 2021, the AIA Northern Virginia Board voted to reduce chapter dues for next year.

This reduction rolls back dues amounts to our 2018 level for Architects and our 2016 level for Associates. 2021 dues for Architects are set at $185, a decrease of $10, and dues for Associates are $60, a $9 decrease.

AIA Virginia dues will remain the same as last year and AIA National dues will increase by an average of 2.3%, a standard cost of living adjustment.

It’s Membership Renewal Time

AIA membership renewal invoices will be sent in October. It’s fast and easy to renew your membership online, by phone, or mail.

https://www.aia.org/pages/151796-your-passion-our-purpose

Dues installment plans are available and allow you to pay your dues in up to 6 monthly installments. New members can take advantage of 15 for 12, getting the rest of this year free when they join now for 2021. The AIA also offers complimentary membership for New Grads. You can learn more about these incentives at

https://www.aia.org/pages/22941-current-aia-membership-incentives

Architectural Billings Still Show Little Sign of Improvement

Business conditions remained stalled at architecture firms during August as demand for design services continued to decline, according to a new report from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

The pace of decline during August remained at about the same level as in July and June, posting an Architecture Billings Index (ABI) score of 40.0 (any score below 50 indicates a decline in firm billings). Inquiries into new projects during August grew for the first time since February, and the value of new design contracts increased to a score of 46.0. As a result, fewer firms reported a decline in August, despite the fact that they remained negative overall.

“Unfortunately, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, many architecture firms are finding fewer inquiries that convert to billable projects,” said AIA Chief Economist, Kermit Baker, Hon. AIA, PhD. “While fewer firms reported declining billings in August than during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, the fact that the score has been unchanged for the last three months shows that the recovery from this downturn is not progressing at the pace we had hoped to see.”

Key ABI figures for August include:

• Regional averages: Midwest (41.7); South (41.6); West (41.3); Northeast (33.9)
• Sector index breakdown: multi-family residential (49.4); mixed practice (41.9); institutional (40.2); commercial/industrial (35.5)
• Project inquiries index: 51.6
• Design contracts index: 46.0

The regional and sector categories are calculated as a three-month moving average, whereas the national index, design contracts and inquiries are monthly numbers.

Visit AIA’s website for more ABI information.

https://www.aia.org/resources/10046-architecture-billings-index-abi

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of simultaneously reducing car parking and expanding outdoor green space. The spirit of the annual worldwide PARKing Day program seems to have suddenly exploded onto public streets as cars were being displaced by gardens. Areas that under normal circumstances would be subject to strict zoning regulations or face fierce opposition at the idea of removing parking, even temporarily, were now embraced by people who were anxious to reconnect with friends and again feel the energy of public spaces.

The upending effects of a world-wide pandemic have been chaotic and disrupting in so many areas of our lives, but the moments of discovery and creativity that have emerged in the midst of it all have been encouraging and a reminder that creativity and an energy for innovation are always needed and always relevant.
Design Awards (Cont.)

showcasing a wide array of outstanding projects.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8_ipUCzA6GD1qya-hQWtPMZxlvNndI00

COMMERCIAL ARCHITECTURE

Award of Excellence: Pier 4 by Studio MB
Award of Merit: The Washington Fish Market by Studio MB
Jurors’ Citation: 13th Street Sanctuary designed by Studio MB

COMMERCIAL INTERIORS

Award of Excellence: National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) by OTJ Architects
Awards of Merit:
333 John Carlyle Lobby Renovation by KGD Architecture
Convene – Hamilton Square by FOX Architects
Noblis Washington DC by SmithGroup

CONCEPTUAL / UNBUILT ARCHITECTURE

Award of Excellence: Pukou Hospital by U+ Design Partners
Award of Merit: Champion’s Park Hotel by KGD Architecture

HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

Award of Excellence: Folger Shakespeare Library by MTFA Design + Preservation
Award of Merit: Rouss City Hall by Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.
Jurors’ Citation: A Virginia Farm House by Muse Architects

INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

Award of Excellence: Tubman Elementary School by ISTUDIO Architects
Awards of Merit:
Children’s National Hospital’s Elsie & Marvin Dekelboum Family Foundation Molecular Imaging Center (MIC) by HGA
Loudoun School for Advanced Studies by Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.
Marvin Gaye Recreation Center by ISTUDIO Architects
Powell Elementary School by ISTUDIO Architects
Jurors’ Citation: Medical and Research Translation (MART) Building + New Bed Tower by AECOM

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Tubman Elementary School
ISTUDIO ARCHITECTS
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Renovation 1662
Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect
Photograph © Anice Hoachlander

Dual Modern
KUBE architecture
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RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTURE
Awards of Excellence:
Dual Modern by KUBE architecture
Renovation 1662 by Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

Awards of Merits:
3347 Sheffield Court by Cook Architecture
AUTO-Haus by KUBE architecture
Crooked Bow Tie House by Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.
Franzen House by Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

Jurors’ Citations:
St. Michaels Retreat by Jones & Boer Architects
studio.MP2 by Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect

Thank you to our 2020 Design Awards Committee

J Paul Lewis, AIA (Co-Chair)
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Student Scholarship Applications Open

Our Schools Connections Committee is pleased to announce they are accepting entries for the AIA NOVA Scholarship Program, which offers tuition support for local architecture students.

New this year, we are introducing a scholarship specifically for students enrolled in a community college architecture program. We are also continuing to offer scholarships to students enrolled in NAAB accredited architecture programs. Applicants are required to be enrolled in a program in Virginia or must live within the Northern Virginia boundaries and attend an architectural program elsewhere in the country.

The design challenge for this year is a graphic for standard ceramic coffee mug that promotes and conveys interest in architecture, architectural design and architectural education. Recipients will receive a monetary award to be used for tuition and supplies. Applications are due by November 20.

This Scholarship Program is supported through funding from AIA Northern Virginia and a grant from The American Institute of Architects.

The Call for Entries are available for download:
- NAAB Accredited Architecture Program  
  [https://aianova.org/pdf/cfeScholarshipNAAB.pdf](https://aianova.org/pdf/cfeScholarshipNAAB.pdf)
- Community College Architecture Program  
  [https://aianova.org/pdf/cfeScholarshipCC.pdf](https://aianova.org/pdf/cfeScholarshipCC.pdf)

2021 ELA Class Nominations due November 6

AIA Virginia is now accepting applications for the 2021 class of Emerging Leaders in Architecture (ELA): An Honors Academy of AIA Virginia.

ELA is an intensive program of educational sessions structured around presentations, discussions, team exploration, analysis, consensus-building, collaboration, and case study activities undertaken over the course of a year by a small cadre of participants selected for their potential to be outstanding contributors to the profession and the community. Facilitators and mentors who are established leaders in the building, finance, non-profit, development, university, legal, consulting, and design professions and in the community at large develop and deliver the sessions, designed to provide participants with advanced knowledge and skills related to specific areas of leadership and practice.

The program consists of monthly, day-long seminars, work sessions, or class project presentations, culminating at a presentation at Architecture Exchange East. The class project for 2021 will be in Richmond.  
[https://www.aiava.org/2021-ela-class-nominations-open/](https://www.aiava.org/2021-ela-class-nominations-open/)

WIA Autism Speaks Walk October 31

The Autism Speaks Walk is the world’s largest autism fundraising event dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism. Powered by the love of people with autism and the parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, relatives and providers who support them, the funds raised help ensure people of all abilities have access to the tools needed to lead ‘their best lives.’

Women in Architecture (WIA) is once again hosting a team for the Washington DC Walk, and our members will be walking socially distanced in our neighborhoods all around the DMV.

Sign up for our team or donate!  
[https://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=2144](https://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=2144)

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Sued? Being sued under a claim that is frivolous and without any legal basis. In an effort to prevent baseless claims against Architects and avoid wasting all involved parties’ time, roughly a dozen states have enacted what are known as Certificate of Merit Statutes.

Generally, the Certificate of Merit Statutes require the plaintiff filing suit against an Architect to consult with a neutral third-party expert prior to or within a specified number of days (typically 60 or 90 days). This neutral third-party expert must then file a written statement with the court that certifies the expert’s belief that the Architect breached its duty of care and that the suit against the Architect is reasonable under the facts at hand. Failure to meet this procedural requirement can serve as a complete bar to the Client’s claims against the Architect and be the basis for an early dismissal of the case from the court.

Certificate of Merit Statutes

Currently, the following states have a Certificate of Merit Statute: Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Minnesota, Nevada, Oregon, South Carolina, and Texas.

A Certificate of Merit Statute was recently the center of a lawsuit in Texas. The Texas statute requires plaintiffs to file with their complaint, an affidavit that “shall set forth specifically for each theory of recovery for which damages are sought, the negligence, if any, or other action, error, or omission of the licensed professional in providing the professional service, including any error or omission in providing advice, judgment, opinion, or similar professional skill claimed to exist and the factual basis for each such claim.”

In August 2020, the Texas Certificate of Merit Statute was put to the test as a procedural bar to claims against a design professional. The plaintiff was a property owner who sued their neighbor and the neighbor’s general contractor for professional negligence. After instituting lawsuit, the plaintiff amended its complaint to include a professional engineering company as a defendant. Plaintiff, however, failed to include an affidavit from an expert as required by the Texas Certificate of Merit Statute. The defendants filed a motion to dismiss, which was granted. The case was over. The design professional was dismissed from the litigation due to the plaintiff’s failure to comply with the procedural requirement to file a Certificate of Merit.

Contracting for Certificate of Merit Contract Clauses

Certificate of Merit Statutes sound great, but what should you do if you normally practice in one of the many states that does not currently have one? Architects (as well as all design professionals) can, and should, include a Certificate of Merit clause in their agreements with clients. Such provision would require the client obtain a written certification from a neutral expert stating that any claim against the architect is valid based on the facts as presently presented to that neutral expert. An example of such a clause could look like the following:

The Client shall make no claim (whether directly or in the form of a third-party claim) against Architect unless the Client shall have first provided Architect with a written certification executed by an independent architect licensed in the [Commonwealth of Virginia – or applicable jurisdiction of the project]. Such certificate shall: a) contain the name and license number of the certifier; b) specify each and every act or omission which the certifier contends constitutes a violation of the standard of care expected of an Architect performing professional services under similar circumstances; c) state in complete detail the basis for the certifier’s opinion that each such act or omission constitutes such a violation: and d) be provided to Architect at least thirty (30) days prior to the presentation of and as a precondition to any such claim or the institution of any judicial proceeding.

Conclusion

Whether a lawsuit filed against an Architect has merit or not, anytime an Architect is sued they are forced to dedicate significant amounts of time, money, and resources to resolving the dispute. Further, the dispute could do serious harm to an architect’s good name and professional reputation. Including the protection of a Certificate of Merit clause into your contract, even if there is an applicable statute in the jurisdiction of the project, can serve to protect the architect from groundless claims, while also saving the architect’s valuable time, money and resources.

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This article is not intended to provide specific legal advice, but instead as general commentary regarding legal matters. You should consult with an attorney regarding your legal issues, as the advice you may receive will depend upon your facts and the laws of your jurisdiction.
Welcome to our new feature – Partner Highlights – which will introduce you to our Chapter Partners and their products and services. This feature will periodically appear in both BLAST and AIA Northern Virginia News. We encourage you to get to know our partners and consider contacting them for product information and services when practical, and please reference AIA Northern Virginia when you speak with them. We thank you, our members, for your consideration and we thank our partners for their continuing support.

ECS Mid-Atlantic

Founded in 1988, Engineering Consulting Services (ECS) is a leader in geotechnical, construction materials, environmental, and facilities engineering. At that time, our goal was to raise the standards of professional consulting engineering by hiring industry professionals who understood the complexities of building and maintaining modern infrastructures. Our company success spans multiple industry sectors. Our steady growth comes from a deep belief in developing the people, systems, and expertise required to focus on client needs. Today, with 2,000 employees, ECS has grown to more than 65 offices and testing facilities spread across the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Southeast, and Southwest.

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Moseley Architects

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NCARB by the Numbers

The 9th edition of NCARB by the Numbers provides current insight into the architecture profession, including testing trends and the number of licensed architects in various jurisdictions. The data reported in this publication was captured at the end of 2019 and showed growth in the industry with continued increases in the number of licensed architects, higher demand for additional out-of-state licenses, increased diversity and gender parity, and a slight decrease in the time it takes to earn an architecture license. While some of these trends may change this year, it is reassuring to know that the profession was in excellent health going into this challenging time.

Each year, NCARB collects this data from its 55 Member Boards, which include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The number of U.S. architects continued to rise in 2019, and at the start of 2020, there were over 116,000 licensed practitioners across the 55 jurisdictions, a 1 percent increase from 2018. Architects also collectively hold over 137,000 out-of-state (reciprocal) licenses.

- 116,242 architects in the US, 1% more than last year
- 137,639 reciprocal licenses, approximately 10% more than 2018
- 3,986 number of candidates who completed core requirements in 2019, minus 20% change
- 12.7 years – time to complete core requirements for licensure, minus 2% change
- 32.6 years – average age at AXP and ARE completion
- 38,287 active licensure candidates, minus 6% change

In Virginia:

- Virginia has 39% resident licenses, 61% reciprocal licenses
- AXP – 274 licensure candidates reporting hours, 38 completions
- ARE – 288 active testers, 33 completions

Examination:

- 18,614 candidates tested in 2019, down 15%
- 3,909 candidates completed the ARE, down 21%
- 2.3 years – average time it takes to finish the exam, increase of 6%
- 61% of candidates overlap the ARE and the AXP
- 29 years is average age a candidate starts testing

In 2019, just under 4,000 candidates completed ARE 5.0. This is 21 percent fewer than the number of individuals who completed the exam in 2018, due largely to the retirement of ARE 4.0 on June 30, 2018 and the rush to test before the retirement.

Pass Rates:

Construction & Evaluation (CE) had the highest pass rate of all ARE 5.0 divisions at 70 percent, and Project Planning & Design (PPD) had the lowest at 42 percent.

For comparison, the average success rate across all six divisions was 52 percent.

The full report is available at https://www.ncarb.org/nbtn2020

ARE Remote Testing Launches November 16

NCARB is excited to announce that Architect Registration Examination® (ARE) candidates will be able to schedule remote-proctored appointments in mid-November 2020.

As test center closures and limited availability continue to impact candidates’ licensure progress, this new option will provide flexibility to take the exam in a location of your choice.

Whether you plan on testing in-person or online, here are several updates all candidates should be aware of.

- Expected Monday, November 16, 2020, candidates can schedule remote-proctored appointments through their NCARB Record.
- Candidates can still test in-person at Prometric test centers.
- The ARE’s content and division structure will not change.
- Aspects of the exam’s delivery are being updated for both in-person and remote administrations to increase exam security and provide a more efficient experience.
- We expect to release updated ARE Guidelines, ARE Handbook, and a new demo exam in October.

• These changes will maintain the exam’s rigor, while providing candidates with greater flexibility and accessibility.
• In summer 2021, NCARB will switch to a new test administration vendor, PSI, for both in-person and remote testing.

What is remote proctoring?
Remote (or online) proctoring enables candidates to take the ARE in a private location of their choice that meets the necessary requirements for delivery, during a scheduled appointment time. To ensure the ARE’s security and validity, exam appointments will be closely monitored by a live “remote proctor,” who will ensure compliance with testing conditions.

Information on the Remote Platform is available at https://www.prometric.com/proproctorcandidate

Addition information on Remote Testing is available on NCARB’s website: https://www.ncarb.org/blog/exam-evolution-when-can-we-expect-remote-proctoring
Power Moves: WLS Virtual Series

Power Moves is a new virtual series that aims to help women architects overcome the challenges they’re facing right now. Based on AIA’s Women’s Leadership Summit, Power Moves presents three powerful professional development sessions designed to help women architects build virtual networks with other women in architecture, get tips and successful tactics for overcoming professional and personal challenges, and learn key strategies to succeed in end-of-the-year negotiations.

October 6, 2:00-3:00p
Build Your Foundation NOW: Transforming a Setback into Your Greatest Comeback

October 28, 2:00-3:00p
Leadership in Uncertainty: An Honest Conversation on Challenges & Change

November 19, 2:00-3:00p
Negotiate with Confidence – Even in a Downturn!

CE credits are offered. Tickets: Individual webinar $25 member/$40 non-member; Series $50 member/$80 nonmember (buy 2 get 3rd free). Learn more and make reservation at https://crm.aia.org/s/lt-event?id=a1Y1U000002qeyk
AIA Member Benefits
(that you might not know about)

AIA Policy Platform 2020

AIA’s Policy Platform addresses issues important to architects, focusing on three primary topics:
- A Future Economy
- Climate Action
- Healthy Communities

With this policy platform, AIA calls for decisive policies to eradicate inequity, fuel economic recovery, eliminate carbon emissions, and nurture individual and community health. In addition, the platform calls for leaders to address crushing student debt, offer support for disadvantaged businesses, and make real progress to end systemic racism in our nation.

The focus of AIA’s lobbying effort at the national level concentrates on issues that are paramount to the architecture profession and the health, safety, and welfare of the public and building occupants. Specific issues, defined as priorities for AIA, are determined by the Government Affairs Committee (GAC), with member survey input, and are approved by the Board of Directors.

This is the first year that AIA National has provided such a policy platform to all Members of Congress, the major presidential candidates, both the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee, and the wider public. AIA is a bipartisan organization and many of the policies in the platform are based on bipartisan legislation, while some are based on historically Republican ideas, and others are based on historically Democratic ideas.

Learn more on the AIA’s Policy Platform page
https://www.aia.org/pages/6315362-policy-platform-2020

To read the complete Policy Platform PDF, visit
http://content.aia.org/sites/default/files/2020-08/Architects_policy_platform_2020_FINAL.pdf

Show Us Your Work!

We are looking for projects to publish in this newsletter and BLAST. We offer three features to showcase our members’ work:
- On the Boards
- Featured Projects
- Sketches

On the Boards -- Each issue of AIA Northern Virginia News features a project currently “on the boards” being designed by chapter members. These can include theoretical, conceptual and unbuilt projects or projects currently in the planning or design phase. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and at least four images at print resolution. Include project name, location and photographer credit, where needed.

Featured Projects -- Each issue of BLAST features a recently completed project designed by a chapter member. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and at least four images. Include project name, location and photographer credit.

Sketches -- Sketches is a feature in AIA Northern Virginia News showcasing the artistic talents of our members. We encourage you to share your sketches. Please send high resolution images of one to five sketches with brief captions and information on how we should credit you, the artist.

We will generally publish work on a first-come, first-served basis. Photos and images may be resized or cropped to fit the formatting and it may be necessary to edit the description. Please let us know if you wish to review any changes before publication.

To submit for any of these features, just email all material to aianova@aianova.org

Thanks for sharing!

AIA Offers K-12 Activities Online

Whether building forts, learning about their hometowns, or studying core design principles, students discover what it means, and what it takes, to be an architect.

Through design-based activities, students learn critical thinking skills and nurture their creativity while gaining a richer understanding of their potential to shape the world around them.

Visit the AIA’s K-12 Initiatives page for engaging design-based lessons and activities for educators, parents, and students.
https://www.aia.org/resources/154816-k-12-initiatives
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Alexandria, Virginia  
KGD Architecture

The structural frame of the new Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) building is visible on Route 1 south of National Landing, one block from the future Potomac Yard Metrorail Station. IDA developed the masterplan in 2012 before the area became the hub of Virginia Tech’s innovation campus and Amazon selected nearby National Landing for their headquarters.

After more than 10 years of planning, groundbreaking for the 370,000 SF office building occurred in August of 2019. Designed to house over 1000 employees, the building is expected to open in early 2022.

KGD Architecture designed the headquarters to fit into the mixed-use neighborhood of office and multifamily residential buildings. Lobbies, conference center, and amenity areas occur on the first floor and office towers on the upper floors. The amenity areas have views of the courtyards which include gardens, river views, and recreation areas.

The two wings of office buildings are splayed apart allowing natural light to permeate the office floors which are connected at multiple levels, including a pedestrian bridge at the upper levels providing views to the landscaped courtyards below.

Integrated natural materials, patterns, shapes, and colors are found throughout. The mission of IDA in binary code is reflected in the perforated panels screening the garage, while the history of the railway yard is celebrated in the amenity areas walls made from salvaged wooden ties. The mathematical patterns of the auditorium and light spirals of infinity in the open stairwells tie with the scientific and analytical expertise of IDA’s research staff, celebrating the mission of the company.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis which while the building was in construction, KGD collaborated with Arup to identify and implement strategies that reduce the risk of virus transmission and build overall organizational resilience while the project was in construction.

The design team identified an array of resilience-building strategies, including enhanced filtration, ultraviolet germicidal irradiation (UVGI), bi-polar ionization, and 3D modelling of epidemiological scenarios and space usage patterns.
Future Forward: AIA’s Focus on Justice, Racial, and Gender Equity – AIA is taking steps to advance justice and equity in our organization, profession, and communities. Visit the Future Forward page for news about the Institute’s progress.  
https://www.aia.org/pages/6303978-future-forward

Submissions open for the following AIA Award Programs:  
- Due October 26 – Innovation Awards  
- Due November 17 – Housing Awards  
- Due November 24 – Twenty-five Year Award  
https://www.aia.org/pages/11531-award-submissions

AIA Northern Virginia Job Board – While Chapter members can always post job opportunities free of charge, we are opening free postings to everyone. So if you are looking for work, be sure to check our job board and share your resume with us for our resume library.  
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Reopening America: Strategies for Safer Buildings – As communities reopen, AIA shares design strategies to provide design professionals, employers, building owners, and public officials with tools and resources for reducing risk when re-occupying buildings during the pandemic. Resources include:  
- Reopening America: Strategies for Safer Offices  
- Reopening America: Strategies for Safer Schools  
- Reopening America: Strategies for Retail Stores  
- Strategies for Safer Senior Living Communities  
- Strategies for Safer Multifamily Housing  
- Strategies for Safer Polling Places  
https://www.aia.org/resources/6299247-reopening-america-strategies-for-safer-buildings

Designing for a Pandemic – In this new video, AIA Contract Documents staff members talk with an architect, mechanical engineer, and an owner’s representative about design strategies for re-opening office space in the wake of COVID-19.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmezgi4CWos&t

COVID-19 Frontline Perspective – This white paper and checklist cover design considerations to reduce risks and support staff involved in direct patient care, including surgeons, physicians, specialists, nurses, therapists, and social workers, among others.  

Free Staff Sharing on AIA Career Center – AIA is leveraging the AIA Career Center’s jobs board to provide a platform for staff sharing to help during this period of uncertainty. This is a free service to help firms avoid layoffs and keep projects moving forward.  
https://network.aia.org/components/viewdocument/free-staff-sharing-feature-on-aia-c

AIA Climate Action Plan Available – Based on input from AIA’s membership, the Climate Action Plan reiterates dedication and commitment to designing a sustainable, healthy, and equitable world.  
https://www.aia.org/resources/6307290-climate-action-plan

Free Legal Consultation – AIA Virginia and O’Hagan Meyer Attorneys + Advisors have partnered together to provide up to 30 minutes of Employment Law Counseling for AIA Members regarding COVID-19.  

Minimize Your Risk When Reopening your Architecture Firm – Watch this important discussion on key risk management methods for design firms to keep in mind when re-opening during COVID-19.  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2hSrMzXBi9M&t=28s

AIANY+ASLANY Transportation + Infrastructure Design Excellence Awards due November 2 – The New York chapters of the AIA + ASLA’s awards program celebrates design excellence in transportation & infrastructure architecture.  
https://www.aiany.org/architecture/competitions-grants/aiany-aslany-transportation-infrastructure-design-excellence-award/
Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C. sponsored some recent local exhibits at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. Through this fall, the MSV’s seven-acre gardens will be home to a 10-foot-tall daddy long legs, an 18-foot-long praying mantis, and more gargantuan bugs from David Rogers’ Big Bugs! Inside the museum, An Adventure in the Arts presents a “who’s who” of twentieth-century American Art and includes works by Childe Hassam, Roy Lichtenstein, and Andy Warhol, among many others. The firm is also excited to be working with Habitat for Humanity on five new houses, which will add to their 1992 North Kent Court affordable housing project (now known as Norris Village). In addition, the firm was again featured in Home & Design Portfolio’s 100 Top Designers. You can view their online portfolio here.


The Future of Shared Spaces is a critical aspect of moving forward in a post-Covid world, in business, and as a society. DBI Architects and FitzGerald Architects have teamed to imagine and explore this future, using a hypothetical mixed-use building as the testing ground. These design studies combine practical, short-term changes for the post-pandemic era with more ambitious, beyond-the-horizon elements, to look at how we might come together in the days, months, and years ahead, across residential and commercial properties. This installment’s focus is on the Lobby, featuring an innovative transportation system and sustainable, healthy elements throughout.

https://issuu.com/dbiarchitects/docs/2020-07-27_panels_for_linkedin_sma_bd8163f2683bbe?fr=sYzJiZiE3NTIxMzU

Winstanley Architects & Planners are pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Balaban as Managing Director of the firm’s design workshops. As Managing Director, Balaban’s role will include: joining the firm’s founder (Michael Winstanley, AIA, AICP) shaping and directing the strategic vision of the firm; managing day to day operations, including supplementing the firm’s project leadership teams; and business development. Balaban brings a long track record providing strategic leadership to real estate acquisitions, development, construction, and property management programs. Balaban holds an MBA from the Wharton School and a Master of Architecture degree from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Design.

AIA Recognized for Pandemic Response – Leading industry publication, Associations Now, recognized AIA as one of the “100 Associations That Will Save the World.” The American Society of Association Executives (ASAE) selected associations across 12 categories, including Consumer Protection, Safety, and Workforce. AIA was recognized in the Coronavirus Response category for their task force work. Read more >

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Calendar

At this time, all chapter events are being held virtually.

October
12 | AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting, 4:30p
14 | Selecting the Right Window Material, 12:00p
15 | CAE Meeting, 5:30p
20 | AIA NOVA Autumn Social/Annual Meeting, 6:00p
21 | YAF Lecture Series: Invisible Frames, 5:30p
29 | AIA Virginia/AIA Northern Virginia Town Hall, 12:00p
31 | WIA Autism Speaks Walk

November
2 | WIA Committee Meeting, 6:00p
4 | AIA Virginia Annual Membership Meeting, 4:15p
20 | AIA Northern Virginia Scholarship Applications Due
21 | Board Retreat and Committee Chairs Meeting, 8:30a

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The AIA Northern Virginia’s Online Job Board can help.

Chapter members can easily post job opportunities free of charge. And those looking for a job should regularly check the postings. Just visit the job board to get started:
www.aianova.org/jobs.php

The Chapter also maintains a digital resume library. If you wish to include your resume, please send a PDF to aianova@aianova.org

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