



Advocacy Advisory Council Service Description

Council Purpose

The Council is responsible for reviewing and advising in the broad area of government affairs, whether on legislative, regulatory, code, or other issues at the state level. In addition, this Council makes recommendations for candidates for gubernatorial appointment.

In addition to advancing elements of the Strategic Plan forward, the following activities are within the purview of the Advocacy Advisory Council:

- ARCHITECTS Speak Up! Planning and Execution
- Nominate deserving candidates for Honors and Awards
- Develop slates for gubernatorial appointments
- Attend legislative fundraisers
- Advocate the benefits of the Political Action Committee (PAC) and encourage participation
- Other programs and initiatives which elevate the value of architects and their impact in the public arena

The Role of a Council Member

Council members plan, execute, and evaluate existing advocacy initiatives and envision new opportunities to increase our relevance in public policy. A Council member may serve one or more successive two-year terms.

Ideal Qualities of a Council Member

The ideal Council member:

- Has a passion for communicating the value of the architecture profession and the role architects have in our communities
- Believes in the importance of the PAC and supports it
- Willingness to learn and support the organization's Policy and Position Statements
- Has an interest in the actions of the General Assembly
- Follows through on their Council commitments by designated deadlines.

Anticipated Time Commitment

The Council meets virtually approximately 6-8 times per year. These meetings typically do not exceed one hour. In addition, a Council member can expect to spend 6-8 hours per year outside of meetings conducting related work.