



Consent Agenda

AIA Virginia | 11 APRIL 2025 Board of Directors MTG

Membership

AIA Virginia membership as of April 1, 2025:

1,726 Architects

625 Associates

286 Emeritus

2,637 Total

+6 over last month

+2.49% over the same time last year

18 allied members

383 left to renew for 2025

We are participating in the AIA MVO program statewide; they call all non-renewals to update info/renew
2024 Membership Summary Report (included)

AIA Virginia Foundation 501(c)3

The Foundation will continue to be funded by AIA Virginia 501c6 until solvent.

Amber Book

Please promote this program to any associates seeking a jump start on studying for the ARE and consider supporting this effort with your tax-deductible donation to the AIA Virginia Foundation.

<https://www.aiava.org/amber-book-discount-subscriptions/>

Design Awards

Entries will be accepted starting April 16, 2025 with the announcement in the April member newsletter. For member convenience, our submission requirements have been updated to align with all other local Virginia AIA chapters. Entries close Friday, June 27, 2025 at 5 p.m.

AIA Virginia Honors

Nominations will open April 16, 2025 announcement in the April member newsletter. A reminder that current AIA Virginia Board members and Honors Committee members are not eligible for any *individual* award. Members of the Honors Committee may not be used as a reference or advisor on *any* award or be solicited by the candidate or the candidate's advisor. But they can and should encourage others to nominate and/or submit. Nominations close June 13, 2025 at 5 p.m.

Leaders in Architecture & Business (L.A.B.)

We have opened applications for our new mid-career professionals program called Leaders in Architecture & Business (LAB). Applications will close on Friday, April 18. We are currently organizing a steering committee for this program (one person from each local component) and will have a kickoff meeting the week of April 7. We have two supporting level sponsors and are looking for more sponsors to help offset any expenses.

Council and Committee Updates

Advocacy Advisory Council

Developing Advocacy Framework to coordinate with local components. Developing SME Portal to solicit interests and expertise of members.

Advocacy/Joint Legislative Committee

Bills pertaining to Alternate Path to Education Requirements pursuant to architectural registration passed. Colley, Dreiling, Bootsma, Vasquez, and Battaglia have been appointed to a workgroup established by APELSCIDLA Board to develop specifics of process and requirements.

Design Committee (Design Forum)

A theme has been selected, title and summary are still being refined but it centered around the idea of highlighting iconoclasts in the field who have unconventional practices, currently called "Against the Grain". Blacksburg, Va has been selected as the site and the architecture school at Virginia Tech is on board to collaborate in putting on the event. We are exploring weekends in April 2026 to schedule the event, pending location availability, and have narrowed our venues down to a few options.

Disaster Assistance Committee

Searching for new chair/leadership.

Education Advisory Council

The council has not been able to successfully meet this year yet due to scheduling conflicts. A doodle poll has been sent out to secure a new monthly meeting date and time that should work better for everyone to start meeting consistently. The EAC needs a Chair ASAP.

ArchEx 2025 + Visions for Architecture Update

ArchEx is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5 through Friday, November 7 at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond, VA, and our theme this year is **Design the Future: Advancing Technology, Community & Business**. Our program will continue to be a 2.5-day event and Visions for Architecture on Thursday evening. The EAC will be exploring different keynote speakers for the event next month. The call for presentations is now open and will close on April 30.

Fellows

Fellows Fete was held in Virginia Beach SAT 29 and SUN 30 March 2025.

Finance Committee

Met to review and discuss proposed BUDGET on WED 2 April 2025.

Honors Committee

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J.E.D.I. Committee

From Committee Co-Chair Hayley Owens, "The committee is very much aware of the tension between bending language as is needed so that folks aren't derailed from doing their important work (i.e. safe word: "broaden participation"), but also not losing sight of our values and the progress on equity and inclusion that our profession still needs to make. With so much under attack, it is hard to know what the right steps to take are (and they are certainly subject to change). Individual firms need to do what is right to manage their risk, but they can look to the state and

national chapter for support. AIA National has a clear stance supporting equity and inclusion that our committee supports, and we encourage firms to read this on our resources page <https://www.aiava.org/edi-resources/> and learn about how they can continue to support EDI efforts from this lens.” This resources page on aiava.org will be added to and highlighted in every issue of the member newsletter this year.

Member Services Advisory Council

Has finalized the member feedback survey and will launch to the membership on April 30th and stay open through May 30th. We anticipate being able to share key takeaways with the board in the August meeting. Also working on creating a design contest for member birthday postcard art.

Outreach Advisory Council

The OAC is meeting regularly. They will be hosting a virtual lunchtime Architecture Month Trivia on Wednesday, April 23rd. Resiliency Week has been moved back to May 19th – May 23rd and they are brainstorming how to increase the pot of money awarded for the 2026 Virginia Prize. The OAC is contributing to the monthly newsletter by creating articles to highlight architects and projects. Topics will try to compliment current themes or happenings for that month. April will feature the Eastern Shore VIMS building by VIA Design.

PAC Board of Trustees

Working towards fundraising goal of \$45K.

Secretary’s Advisory Council

No update.

Knowledge Communities

Historic Resources Committee

The HRC has a wonderful historic tour of the Bloomsbury house and retreat on 2/22 in Orange, VA. The committee added 6 new members this year and is meeting regularly. The following educational programs are in development:

- 3-4 web series collaboration with VA COTE on Embodied Carbon – targeting summer time
- Historic tour in Waterford, VA: 4/12 at The Old Mill of Waterford
- Craftsperson’s Crawl at ArchEx: Places TBD
- Holiday Trivia Mixer: Date TBD

VA Committee on the Environment: VA COTE

Continues to meet monthly and is planning to send a survey to members interested in VA COTE to ask about topics programming they are interested in for this year. VA COTE will also be collaborating with the HRC on the Embodied Carbon web series this summer.

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