



Consent Agenda

AIA Virginia | 15 AUG 2025 Board of Directors MTG

Membership (as of 8/1/2025)

1,624 Architects

534 Associates

285 Emeritus

2,443 Total

+25 over last month

-1.39% over the same time last year

19 allied members

Renewals:

as of 8/1/2025	Lapsed	Active	Total	% renewed
Blue Ridge	21	206	227	90.75%
Central Va	12	233	245	95.10%
Coastal Va	32	369	401	92.02%
Northern Va	138	1144	1282	89.24%
Richmond	46	491	537	91.43%
AIA Virginia	249	2443	2684	91.02%

(Lapsed members will be terminated 12/31/2025)

August 1 "active" numbers are used by AIA for component allocations for the next year.

AIAVA Foundation

Amber Book

12 licenses remain in our current bundle. Financial support is needed for this program. Donations can be made through the AIA Virginia Foundation.

Helene Combs Dreiling FAIA Fellowship

The Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA Fellowship will be awarded to up to three individuals each year. The award is for a maximum of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) to each individual awardee and is meant to cover, in part or in full, the selected candidate's registration and other related costs to attend AIA national and AIA Virginia programs and events. The call for applications will remain open until 22 AUG 2025.

<https://www.aiava.org/38961-2/>

AIAVA PAC BOT

Organizing a campaign to solicit investments.

Advocacy Advisory Council

The Council continues to meet and develop plans for AIA Virginia Hill Day TU 27 JAN 2026 (Alt: WED 28 JAN 2026).

Education Advisory Council

The council continues to meet regularly. Still need a Chair.

Member Services Advisory Council

Reviewed the member feedback survey, and Karen, Chair, will present the findings at the meeting. Three postcard designs have been chosen, and you'll see them in your mailbox over the next 3 years. Working on a promotional email to member prospects.

Outreach Advisory Council

The OAC is meeting regularly. Starting coordination for the 2026 VA Prize, looking for sponsors for the prize money (donation to the Foundation).

Design Committee

The 2026 Design Forum will be held on Friday, May 1-Saturday, May 2 at the Center for the Arts at Virginia Tech (formally named the Moss Center). The committee is currently working on sponsorships and confirming speakers. Marketing and promotional communications will start in December.

Emerging Leaders in Architecture Executive Committee

Applications for the 2026 Class will open August 13th and close November 12, 2025. Please share this information with your chapters, firms, and individuals who you think should apply.

Historic Resources Committee

The committee continues to meet monthly. The HRC created a social media campaign called "Throw Back Thursdays" where there is a theme for the month and we will post pictures on social of that theme. July was brick patterns and August is Heavy Timber. Please like, comment, and share these posts from our AIA Virginia social media channels to gain more traction. The committee is planning out a few more historic tours and then focusing on the Craftsperson's Crawl at ArchEx.

J.E.D.I. Committee

The committee is preparing a panel discussion for ArchEx, titled "Now What? A Conversation About Design Industry Culture," along with our coffee networking session with VANOMA on Thursday, November 6th. Also writing an article on the benefits of the IPAL program and another featuring a member firm and their best practices and innovations in EDI. Continuing the "perspectives" social media campaign with architecture school students featured this summer. EDI resources have been shared with members through the member newsletter in each issue this year.

VA Committee on the Environment (VA COTE)

The committee continues to meet monthly. They currently have a VA COTE member interest survey out to gather information about VA COTE programming and are working on plans for the coffee networking gathering at ArchEx. The committee will be collaborating with USGBC for building tours around the Commonwealth in 2026 and they have a LEED v5 webinar coming up on 8/19.

Member Roundtables

Lori Garrett, FAIA, has offered to chair the Large Firm Roundtable. Our thanks to Charles Piper, AIA, for his three years of service as chair of this roundtable.

ArchEx 2025 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. We will have 40 education sessions, kickoff/keynote panel discussion, keynote presentation workshop, annual meeting/lunch, 3 plenary sessions, 6-8 tours, an expanded design expo with 40 booths, and Visions for Architecture Reception & Gala on Thursday evening. We will also have an international design competition winner's exhibition. The opening Keynote Panel Discussion will be with Margaret Cavenagh, AIA, LEED AP (Perkins & Will), Elliott Felix (Buro Happold), and Peter B. MacKeith, Assoc. AIA (Fay Jones School of Architecture + Design, University of Arkansas) titled, Uncertainty to Opportunity: Designing Resilience in a Changing World. The day two Keynote Presentation Workshop will be with Dr. Mehdi Nourbakhsh who is an author, speaker, and CEO of [YegaTech](#), a technology consulting company in the AEC industry specializing in AI strategy, governance, and implementation for AEC companies. His workshop will be titled, The Transformative Role of AI in the AEC Industry.

Leaders in Architecture & Business

The class continues to have monthly sessions. Just completed session #4 Basic Accounting session in Northern Virginia and next session will be on 8/29 in Roanoke about Time Management. The Steering Committee will be focusing on the planning and timeline for 2026 applications next month.

Quarterly Component Leaders

Our next call will be in August. The format and structure of these meetings is being adjusted.

*****END OF CONSENT AGENDA*****