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As President of AIA Ohio, one of the most meaningful duties I’ve been tasked with has been to recognize individuals for their accomplishments and/or service to the American Institute of Architects and the profession. This year has given me many opportunities to do this.

At the Institute’s Ohio Valley Region Convention, I was honored to award the AIA Ohio Gold Medal to a most deserving Peter L. Bardwell, FAIA, from Columbus. Additionally, Phil Steinberg, AIA from Akron and Jody van der Wiel, AIA, from Cleveland were presented the AIA Ohio Mentor Award, along with David Cook, AIA, of Dayton being awarded the AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Presidential Citations may be given at the discretion of the President. At this year’s AIA Ohio Annual Meeting, the following members whom I’ve experienced over the last few years or longer contributing to the advancement of the profession were presented with Citations:

Erin Curley, AIA, Toledo
Aaron Hill, AIA, Cleveland
Robert Livesey, FAIA, Columbus
Michael Mauch, AIA, Cincinnati
Eric Pros, AIA, Akron

Jodi van der Wiel, AIA
2017 AIA Ohio Mentor Award Recipient
On October 21, I presided over a reception to recognize those architects recently achieving licensure. Joining me in this recognition were Bruce Sekanick, FAIA, Doug Steidl, FAIA, Amy Kobe, Hon. AIA from the Ohio Architects Board, Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA and leadership from the AIA Ohio Board. Invited were those architects newly licensed since January 2016. The event took place at Studios on High in Columbus, and included design speakers Marc Manack, AIA and Frank Jacobus, AIA, from Silo AR+D. Over 60 people attended, including 25 newly registered architects:

Prince Brentuo-Acheampong
Richard Butera II, AIA
Eric Craig, AIA
Erin Curley, AIA
Aaron Dearth
John Fritsch, AIA
Brad Hosfeld, AIA
Sara Isha
Julia Jude, AIA
Christopher Keener, AIA
Elizabeth Leidy, AIA
Matt Lindsay, AIA
David Lippencott
David Maniet, Jr., AIA
Kurt Miller, AIA
Chris Mowen, AIA
Dave Osterday, AIA
Bridget Perino, AIA
Brian Peterson, AIA
Lawrence Pol, AIA
Krystin Schmid
Kyle Schneider, AIA
Brandon Shoop, AIA
Jeremy Smith, AIA
Matthew Teismann, AIA

It was a wonderful event and I look forward to following these individuals throughout their careers as they advance the profession of Architecture.
Federal & State Historic Preservation Tax Credits in Play

The time to act is now! During its tax reform process the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee removed historic tax credits. That action has spawned a national campaign to save them. Everyone who has used these credits or benefited from these credits needs to act now.

Though architects realize the importance of national tax reform, they also believe that historic preservation tax credits—that have provided a positive return to so many Ohio communities—should be retained. And architects aren’t alone. An October 24 Columbus Dispatch Editorial urged “Ohio’s Congressional delegation to push hard to restore and improve the Federal Historic Tax Credit — made permanent in the Reagan tax reform of 1986.”

In Ohio, the impact of historic tax credits has been truly phenomenal.

- 1976-2016 there have been 1,898 completed projects = Total Investment $4,091,824,967
- 2012-2016 Total Rehabilitation Costs $1,392 billion
- 2012-2016 historic tax credit projects created 24,616 Jobs

The risk is assumed 100% by the private sector, (the credit isn’t taken until 100% certified completion) ... and we’ve seen spectacular results in Ohio’s small towns: Chillicothe to Painesville, mid-sized towns Hamilton to Canton, and the biggest cities: Cincinnati to Cleveland economies—all have been transformed by historic tax credits.

Share this article with everyone on your team and with other community members.

A good resource for more complex questions is the NTCIC Historic Tax Credit Coalition.

Contact:
Ask them to put Historic Tax Credits back in, tell your story, tell what you’ve seen and experienced, let them know this is a vital tool for Ohio.

Your Congressman

Senator Rob Portman

Congressmen

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Members of House Ways and Means Committee
STATE Historic Tax Credits

On October 1, the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission released its 323-page report regarding the proposal to move Ohio toward a flat tax of either three percent or three and half percent. The Commission deferred any recommendation pending the outcome of the study of Ohio’s tax credits (including the Historic Preservation Tax Credit) and tax expenditures as mandated in last Session’s HB9. 2020 Commission Co-Chairs Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) cited several witnesses who maintained that “to implement a flat tax, the tax credits and expenditures need to be thoroughly reviewed to determine which ones can be eliminated or modified to free up some of the revenue needed to lower the rate.”

The commission said Ohio currently loses $7 billion in revenue annually through the more than 120 specific exemptions currently in the Ohio Revised Code. Part of the 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission included hearings which led to a final report summarizing recommendations regarding the state’s Historic Preservation Tax Credit (available upon request from AIA Ohio).

On October 17, the legislature’s Tax Expenditure Review Committee kicked off what’s expected to be a lengthy review of the state’s tax credit structure to determine which, if any, of the $9 billion-plus a year in tax credits, exemptions and discounts currently embedded in the Ohio Revised Code should be eliminated. See AIAOhio.org Legislative News for details.

Occupational Licensing Review Bill Introduced – HB 289

Nine members of the Ohio House of Representatives introduced HB 289 on June 26. The bill would establish a statewide policy on occupational regulation, to require standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review occupational licensing boards regarding their sunset, to require the Common-Sense Initiative Office to review certain actions taken by occupational licensing boards, and to require the Legislative Service Commission to perform assessments of occupational licensing bills and state regulation of occupations. The bill has been referred to the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee which began hearings October 17.

Go to AIAOhio.org/Legislative News for details.

Senate Committee Recommends Township Code Bill – SB 43

In June the Senate Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs Committee recommended for passage SB43 which would enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.

The bill’s sponsor, Sen. Kevin Bacon (R-Minerva Park), says his proposal would let residents and businesses in certain limited home rule townships obtain building permits at the township level, which would be more convenient than seeking permits from county departments.

He said the change was requested by Blendon Township, which would like to adopt its own codes. He said that township has a commercial building department because Franklin County doesn’t have one, but is unable to open a residential building department because the county does have a residential operation.

He says that having both departments would make the process more efficient because Ohioans would only have to visit one jurisdiction to address all their permit needs. The change, he added, would allow builders to work with a single inspector on all projects.

During hearings on the bill proponents included the Ohio Township Association (OTA), the Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) and the Ohio Home Builders Association (OHBA). Opponents included the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO).
Private Building Inspection – HB 128

A bill that would permit a general contractor or owner of specified buildings to enter into a contract with a third-party private inspector or a certified building department for building inspection was introduced March 14 as HB 128 by Rep. Kristina Daley Roegner. The bill has undergone three hearings by the House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee, none since May.

The legislation is opposed by the Ohio Municipal League as well as most Ohio building officials as interfering with the authority of local building departments. No hearings have been held since May.

Local Gov. Infrastructure Bond Bank – HB 54

The Ohio Senate is considering legislation to amend the Ohio Constitution, permitting local governments to borrow from a “Bond Bank” for infrastructure construction projects.

House Bill 54, which passed the House (93-1), is sponsored by Representative Bill Blessing (R, Cincinnati) and Representative Theresa Gavarone (R, Bowling Green). If signed into law, the bill would create the State Bond Bank to issue tax-exempt bonds, to be re-paid by local government borrowers. The localities would “pool” their needs rather than enter into smaller, uneconomical debt, creating economies of scale. The Ohio Treasurer would administer the funds. The Ohio Senate Finance Committee has held four hearings on the bill.

OFCC Advisory Meeting

The Fifth District Court of Appeals will determine if Ohio’s construction contract Statute of Repose applies to public authorities in preventing a cause of action from arising against Design Professionals after ten years.

The case involves the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, which in 2015 sued an architectural-engineering firm for both professional malpractice and breach of contract for a project completed a decade earlier in 2005.

The Statute of Repose provides that no cause of action arises in the first instance after ten years. A statute of limitations differs, requiring that a party initiate a lawsuit within four years for property damage based on an accrued cause of action or claim.

With a novel ruling, the trial court ruled that neither a Statute of Repose nor a statute of limitations applies against a public authority. This ruling is inconsistent with case precedent. The State cannot claim sovereign immunity when it signs a contract. Such immunity would create terms outside of the contract, treating otherwise equal parties as unequal in enforcement.

AIA Ohio pursued the enactment of the Ohio Statute of Repose, concerned that unlimited exposure for claims is uninsurable and unfair. Other parties such as the owner remain liable for proximate harm, without having to sue the remote design professional.

This month AIA Ohio will file an amicus curiae “friend of the court” brief in support of the design firm, seeking reversal of the trial court decision so that the 10-year Statute of Repose applies to public authorities.

Statute of Repose Amicus Brief

During August AIA Ohio filed two amicus curiae “friend of the court” briefs seeking reversal of a trial court decision that the 10-year Statute of Repose doesn’t apply to public authorities. Oral arguments are expected before year end.

Architects Board

Attendees enjoy the light show provided at the AfterParty sponsored by Acuity Brands and Light Source.

Attendees converse at the Honor Awards Dinner.

The AIA Ohio Annual Business Meeting was well attended.

Attendees heard an inspiring keynote by Max Burton, Founder of MATTER.

Michael Bongiorno, AIA of DesignGroup, and Peter Bohlin, FAIA.

Tim Hawk, FAIA, of WSA Studio, Peter Bohlin, FAIA, Todd Boyer, AIA, of WSA Studio
Tim Hawk, FAIA presents pins to new Fellows, Tim Fishking, FAIA and David Meleca, FAIA. All told, Ohio recognized 8 new Fellows this year.

Carl Elefante, FAIA, AIA President-elect, presented to the AIA Ohio Valley Region on the AIA’s New Urban Agenda. On the panel discussion with him were (left to right) Craig Stough, AIA, Adam Theis, and Jeffrey Johnson, AIA.

Drew White, FAIA, member of the AIA Strategic Council, addressed the AIA Ohio Valley Region at the Awards Banquet.
Governor Announces Appointments to Architects Board

Governor John R. Kasich has announced the reappointment of John P. Rademacher and the initial appointment of Robert Larrimer to the Ohio Architects Board.

Rademacher, Loveland (Clermont Co.) was reappointed to the board for a term beginning October 3, 2017, and ending October 2, 2022. Mr. Rademacher has served on the board since 2013. He is a Principal at SFA Architects, Inc. in their Dayton office. Mr. Rademacher received a Bachelor’s of Architecture degree from the University of Cincinnati’s College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning (DAAP). He currently serves as Vice-Chair of NCARB Region 4 and Chair of the NCARB Architectural Experience Committee (AXP) and the Experience Advisory Committee.

Robert Larrimer, AIA, of Upper Arlington, succeeds Richard Bowen, Cleveland, whose term expired. Larrimer’s term ends on October 2, 2021. Mr. Larrimer is a Partner and Executive Director of Architecture for Moody-Nolan, Columbus. He holds an MArch degree from the Ohio State University.

Architect License Renewals Begin November 1

Renewals for Ohio architect licenses begin November 1, and end on December 31. This year, renewal notices will be emailed rather than sent U.S.P.S. Persons without a current email on file with the board will not receive a renewal notice. Renewal notices will be emailed on November 1; you will be unable to renew your license prior to November 1.

All renewals will take place through the Ohio eLicense Portal. Instructions on how to create an account in the Portal have been sent to all licensees; if you did not receive the instructions, please contact the Board with your email address.

Licensees needing help with the eLicense Portal can now contact the eLicense Help Desk for assistance creating an account or completing an application. The Help Desk is available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM by calling 855-405-5514.

Please do not wait until the last minute to renew your license! The renewal period ends on a Sunday this year and no one will be available over the weekend or on New Year’s Day to help you. The last day staff will be available is December 29; the Board office reopens January 2, 2018. Late fees will be charged beginning 12:00 AM on January 1. Lapse notices will also be sent that day.

A transaction Fee of $3.50 will be added to all license renewal transactions. The revenue generated from this eLicense System Transaction Fee is paid to the State of Ohio and supports the operational and maintenance costs of the eLicense Ohio portal. Licensing boards do not receive revenue from this eLicense System Transaction Fee. This fee is nonrefundable and is charged in accordance with ORC 125.18(E) as amended by Am. Sub. HB 49 and temporary law Sec. 207.40 of Am. Sub. HB 49.
Continuing Education Reminder for Architects

The board wishes to remind every architect, who has not been exempted by the board, is required to complete 12 structured Health, Safety and Welfare Continuing Education hours EVERY calendar year.

AIA Emeritus Architects are not automatically exempted by the Board. They must apply and qualify for Emeritus status with the Board.

Architects newly licensed by examination or licensed by reciprocity prior to November 1, 2017 are also not exempt.

The deadline to complete the hours is 12/31/2017, which is also the date your Ohio license expires. You have about three months to complete the requirement, which can be done entirely for free on your computer.

You must complete your CE requirements prior to renewing. Failure to complete the requirement can lead to discipline by the board, including reprimands, fines, suspension or revocation of your license to practice architecture in the state of Ohio.

Certificates of Completion for each course completed or an AIA transcript will be required during an audit. Audits will be conducted randomly, beginning in January 2018.

Please do NOT submit any CE documents to the board until you are notified of an audit.

RFQ and Design Competition

for Cleveland Public Library’s new MLK Jr Branch in University Circle

Cleveland Public Library is inviting qualified domestic and international professional design firms to submit their qualifications for architecture and engineering services to participate in a design competition for the construction of an iconic and architecturally-innovative new branch library that will honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Located in the dynamic University Circle neighborhood, this new branch library will replace an older, outdated building, better serving the community by its location on a major transit route and by providing flexible space that meets the needs of nearby residents. The new MLK Branch will become an integral part of a large, residential and commercial mixed-use project at the confluence of four distinct neighborhoods and districts: the Hough and Fairfax neighborhoods, the University Circle educational and cultural district, and the vast Cleveland Clinic hospital campus. This offers the Library a unique opportunity to create a library design that sets the tone for the larger development project that will serve as a gateway amongst these distinct neighborhoods.

- RFQ responses due by November 27, 2017
- 3 Finalists will be paid a $20,000 stipend to develop and present a design concept for the new MLK Jr library branch
The AIA EO SMARTS: Designing Communities

AIA Eastern Ohio has partnered with SMARTS, Students Motivated by the Arts, to develop a program that provides experiences and opportunities to learn about the Arts. SMARTS is a local community based art program funded through grants and donations which seeks to motivate students to succeed in life through a focus on the arts. Other programs offered by SMARTS include visual arts, music, dance, theatre and creative writing. Through the SMARTS program, any student in grades 6 through 12 in the three county Eastern Ohio area is eligible to attend the instructional session.

Through the efforts of past president Denise Holt, AIA, the sessions on architecture have been developed to expand the students’ understanding of architecture in our communities. As part of this year’s program, AIA Eastern Ohio has developed sessions on the elements of cities. Dividing the city into a variety of building types, students have the opportunity to learn more about the buildings that architects design. The program includes the exploration of five parts of a city: row houses, churches and religious structures, sports complexes, parks and monuments, and civic buildings. The weekly sessions provide students with an overview of various buildings along with the opportunities and challenges that architects encounter in design. For instance, the first class learned how successful space planning is a process of multiple iterations. The program will end with a final project that brings all of the building types together into a single city plan.

Through SMARTS, the Eastern Ohio chapter believes that those completing the program better understand the architectural profession and the various types of architecture encountered daily. AIA EO President Chad Ramkey noted that the program has sparked an interest in architecture by those who attend the program. 2017 is the first time for the Eastern Ohio chapter to provide this program, and it hopes to expand the courses in the future.
WHAT: The 2017 Cleveland Design Awards honor excellence in design by local architecture firms. Selected projects will be revealed and celebrated at the red-carpet event where jury chair and world-renowned architect, Marlon Blackwell, FAIA, will deliver the keynote address. His Fayetteville-based firm, Marlon Blackwell Architects, received the 2016 Cooper Hewitt National Design Award in Architecture and was named “the best architectural design firm in the U.S.” by Architect Magazine. Radio icon, best known for hosting “The Sound of Applause”, Dee Perry, will emcee the event.

The design awards event showcases newly-completed, diverse design projects across Northeast Ohio. This is a must-attend event for anyone interested in Cleveland’s rich architecture, interior design, and industrial design.

WHEN: Friday, November 10, 2017

SCHEDULE:
5:30 – 6:30 pm Keynote Address
6:30 – 7:30 pm Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres
7:30 – 9:00 pm Ceremony
9:00 – 11:30 pm After Party

LOCATION: Tenk West Bank, 2111 Center Street, Cleveland, OH 44113
Phone: 216-626-5755

TICKETS Includes 3 course plated dinner, (2) complimentary drink tickets, and complimentary valet parking.

- Date Night Package for 2 $195
- Guest Admission $120
- AIA & Affiliate Members $105
- AIA Associate Members $60
- Students $30
- Keynote Address Only $20

WHO: The event is open to the public.

For ticket sales and additional information please visit [www.aiacleveland.com/designawards](http://www.aiacleveland.com/designawards)
As part of the Institute’s leadership structure, the AIA Strategic Council is charged with surveying the evolving climate of the profession, engaging in strategic planning that informs the overall goals of the Institute, and informing the Board of Directors and other Institute bodies about important professional issues and opportunities. Although it’s not a governing body of AIA, the Council’s work is vital to AIA’s ability to serve the profession.

Because the Council is dedicated to connecting with and informing the membership at large, they have created the Strategic Council Handbook as a resource for the relationships that advance the work of the Council and the framework establishing its actions.

For a more specific overview of the Council’s endeavors throughout this year, members are also invited to review the 2017 Strategic Council Yearbook.

Get To Know the AIA Strategic Council

Miami University
Architecture + Design Career Fair

Mon, December 11 • 1–5PM • Shriver Heritage Room
The two most significant differences between the two bodies are size and function. While the board has become much smaller, now at 16 members compared to the 64 members previously elected to the At-Large Director positions, the Strategic Council currently is composed of 52 Councilors, but may include up to sixty persons. While many of these are elected through the regions, there is a process in place for elections to the Strategic Council, by the Strategic Council. This alternate path was designed to provide the opportunity for more diverse participation within the Council. In addition to those Councilors elected from the regions, the Institute President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and past-President are each also equal, voting members of the Council. The AIA’s CEO/Executive Vice President is an ex-officio member as well.

While the Board of Directors deal principally with the governance and fiduciary responsibilities of the AIA, the Council was designed to be less structured and more generative in its thinking. As is true with many boards, the requirements of governance take precedence and the AIA’s experience was no different. With little time to concentrate on new ideas and long term goals, the board was unable to dedicate the time to address future needs. Realizing those limitations, the concept of the Strategic Council was born. With strategy in mind, the Council’s charge is to look beyond the limitations of governance and explore opportunities for both the profession and our members. This is not necessarily about programs, but rather the ability to generate new ideas that could lead to changes in the way the AIA, or the profession, does things. From the New Urban Agenda to emerging technologies, the Council members can explore, research and develop information for the board’s and management use in maintaining the AIA’s leadership in the design community. While some of the issues explored may be advanced, many more will be set aside for either future consideration or for inclusion in other, similar concepts.

Through the Strategic Council, the AIA now has two bodies that dedicate time and energy in two different areas. The board concentrates on working with management to ensure the organization is functioning in a way that meets member needs, while the Council looks to the future to expand the role, and develop the value that architects will bring to future generations.
Effective November 1, 2017, the Ohio Building Code (OBC) will be updated and based upon the 2015 International Building Code (IBC).

As part of this update, significant Ohio changes will be made to Chapter 3 (Use and Occupancy Classification), especially to the classification of Groups I and R care facilities.

These changes are intended to help code users properly classify buildings that are used to provide personal, custodial, and medical care services to individuals occupying these buildings.
Over the past twenty years, organizations have slowly, but significantly, changed the way they operate. Gone are the large boards, an endless list of committees and the ongoing series of committee meetings that repeat themselves each month whether they need to or not. Understanding the needs and the demands of today’s members, many organizations, including the AIA, have changed their operating structure to a more direct approach. For this reason, the term “standing committee” has for many organizations, become a larger part of their past than their future.
While chapter and other allied membership groups often schedule regular board meetings, most of these meetings focus around the reporting and critiquing of efforts done outside of the regular meetings. While “committees” of the recent past have functioned more like the traditional “Task Forces”, the presence of an even smaller group – often referred to as Task Groups or Work Groups – take on an even more focused perspective. While the Task Force was designed to review and provide a solution for one particular issue in a given time frame, it still meant a series of regular meetings that often stretched on month after month, and sometimes year after year. In contrast, the Task Groups are often designed to solve or discuss an issue quickly, with multiple meetings occurring over a series of weeks instead of months. Some Task Groups will even hold two or three meetings a week as a way to assemble, discuss, update and re-communicate information and data. While not the right format for everything, Task Groups introduce one more tool for chapters to use in meeting member needs.
While committees and Task Groups may be created to address a particular issue or need, they also provide chapters and other groups with the opportunity to engage members. Committees have traditionally focused inward as a “Committee of the Board”. Task Groups, while board initiated, generally include a wider, more diverse group of members who can not only address the issue, but offer a broader perspective than what is often gained from a less open, more internal discussion. The Task Groups also provide an opportunity for those members who are simply unable to dedicate the time to a larger yearlong commitment of board service. While in some instances the time dedicated to the effort can be demanding, the commitment is often limited to months and often, just weeks. In addition to this member benefit, and the benefit gained from a more diverse perspective, the chapter gains leadership. A natural trait of Architects, the path to becoming a leader usually requires the act of being asked. The utilization of Task Groups provides each chapter with a means of reaching out to a broader group of their members and developing future leaders.

The Task Group is not a foreign concept to Architects – we use it every day in our practices. We as a profession, however, have been slow in adapting it to the needs within the AIA. While not appropriate in all instances, Task Groups allow us to design solutions, engage members and develop leaders. If you haven’t utilized this approach in the past, you just might be surprised with the results.
A new accredited course specifically designed for architects and engineers debuts in Columbus, OH on November 16th. The training includes design considerations for incorporating solar photovoltaics (PV) into buildings, how to speak with clients about the benefits of solar PV, where to find information on financial incentives, and much more.

The one-day training was developed by the Building Codes Assistance Project (BCAP), the Center for Sustainable Energy (CSE), and national solar energy experts, in partnership with American Institute of Architects (AIA) and ASHRAE. The cost of the training includes lunch and is reduced due to sponsorship by the U.S Department of Energy’s SunShot Initiative: regular price is $125; AIA and ASHRAE members pay just $100; NGOs, veterans - $75; and students - just $15.

**Special offer:** Register with a friend and both tickets are 50% off.

**Continuing education credits:** 6.5 AIA LU/HSW, 0.65 ICC Preferred Provider CEUs, and 6.5 GBCI, are provided.

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