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# President's Message



John Weigand, AIA

On the heels of AIA Ohio's recent Strategic Planning session, I'm excited about several ideas for how we can continue to serve our community of architects across the state. As 2018 AIA Ohio President, it's my privilege to be able to take the lead on these initiatives and to serve on your behalf. Our recent planning session also reminded me that our leadership--both at the state level and in the components--is comprised of a group of people who care deeply about our collective success and who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to better the profession. A specific thanks to our immediate Past President Robert Maschke, FAIA, who championed several new steps forward for AIA Ohio. My five years on the state Board have also given me a better understanding of all that happens at the state level--to advocate for legislation and initiatives that support architects, to share best practices among the local components, to create programs that support membership, and to help communicate the value of architecture and architects to the public. AIA Ohio is alive and well, and we're busy.

As I learn more about all that AIA Ohio does on behalf of architects, I'm also reminded of how this sometimes stays under the radar for our membership. A priority for me will be to look for ways that AIA Ohio can become more visible and more transparent, better connect with the local components and with individual architects, and better communicate the services we provide. I also believe AIA Ohio can focus more on how and where it can share best practices among our seven local components, and in so doing become a conduit for collective improvement.

As an educator (I've been at Miami University now for over 25 years), I hope to continue efforts to connect our future architects with the profession and with AIA specifically. Much has changed for the positive just in the past few years, and I believe we can continue to grow this partnership. I'm also encouraged by the increased diversity I see in my student population, and I'm hopeful we can bring this diversity not only into the profession but into its leadership. I'm excited to make this a priority this year. As a practitioner for many years, I also know the profession and understand how and where AIA can support it. I'm fiercely committed to the value of what we do and our need to be rewarded commensurate with the value we provide.

I look forward to the year ahead for AIA Ohio and welcome your thoughts and ideas along the way!



# Government Affairs Report



David Field, CAE, Hon. AIA  
Executive Vice President

## Rep. Gonzales' DAS Proposal Could Jeopardize QBS – HB471

Rep Anne Gonzales (R-Columbus) has introduced HB 471 which is similar to the proposal that was added to last year's state budget bill and later removed after AIA Ohio and others opposed it. It appears to give the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) authority over some public improvements moving them out of Chapter 153 of the Ohio Revised Code-- *Qualification Based Selection of Architects (QBS)*--and into Chapter 123, which would trigger public procurement laws under Chapter 125 (*goods and services/maintenance*). In response, AIA Ohio has asked Rep. Gonzales to amend HB471 to make clear that nothing in it shall change or eliminate the requirements of section 153.65 through 153.73 of the Revised Code relating to the selection of professional design services.

## Certified Interior Design Bill Introduced – [HB504](#)

AIA Ohio is reviewing a bill introduced February 13 by Representative [Dorothy Pelanda](#) as [HB504](#). It would create the practice of interior design which would be administered by the Ohio Board of Building Standards (OBBS). The Board would issue certificates to applicants who have passed the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) examination. The OBBS also would establish rules of conduct for Certified Interior Designers and would monitor their activity and enforce compliance. The work of Certified Interior Designers would be confined to commercial (non-residential) projects. The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) has retained a Columbus lobbying firm to pursue passage of the bill.

### The bill defines the “Practice of Interior Design” as:

- (1) “...the preparation of a plan or specifications for, or the supervision of, the new construction, alteration, or repair of an interior space within a building when the core and shell structural elements of the building are not going to be changed and when such work takes place independent of an architect. “
- (2) “Practice of interior design” does not include making changes or additions to any of the following:
  - a. Foundations, beams, trusses, columns, or other primary structural framing members or seismic systems;
  - b. Structural concrete slabs, roof framing structures, or load-bearing and shear walls;
  - c. Opening in roofs, exterior walls, or bearing and shear walls;
  - d. Exterior doors, windows, awnings, canopies, sunshades, signage, or similar exterior building elements;
  - e. As described in the nonresidential building code, life safety equipment, including smoke, fire, or carbon dioxide sensors or detectors, or other overhead building elements;
  - f. Heating, ventilating, or air conditioning equipment or distribution systems, building management systems, high or medium voltage electrical distribution systems, standby or emergency power systems or distribution systems, plumbing or plumbing distribution systems, fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, security or monitoring systems, or related building systems.

There is no mention of a “seal,” however Certified designers would sign documents they submit to a building official for the purpose of obtaining approval of plans and specifications pursuant to Chapter 3781 of the Revised Code and the nonresidential building code. AIA Ohio is reviewing the proposal.



## Proposal Would Codify Review of State Boards and Commissions – [SB255](#)

On February 13 Senator Rob McColley introduced [SB 255](#) which would establish a statewide policy on occupational regulation. It would require standing committees of the General Assembly to periodically review occupational licensing boards and require the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) to perform assessments of occupational licensing legislation as well as state regulation of occupations.

SB255 is the result of the legislature’s dissatisfaction with the process it used last year when it conducted a full-scale review of all Boards and Commissions following which it abandoned some and consolidated others.

## Payment Assurance Task Force

AIA Ohio has retained legal counsel to help its Payment Assurance Task Force draft a legislative proposal that would assist architects in collecting fees for work performed prior to construction.



## The 5th District Court of Appeals Upholds AIA Ohio Position on Statute of Repose

Architects applauded a landmark decision by the Fifth District Court of Appeals (Tuscarawas County) whose ruling affirmed that Ohio’s Architects’ Statute of Repose *ends all rights to sue architects after ten years from the date of substantial completion.*

The Court held that this law bars actions both in tort (personal injury) and in contract, a significant distinction. *AIA Ohio filed an amicus curia brief in support of this successful result.*

**Architects aren’t, however, applauding a ruling by the 3rd District Court of Appeals** that the Statute of Repose *doesn’t apply to public authorities.* In response, AIA Ohio filed an amicus Memorandum February 5 asking the Ohio Supreme Court to take jurisdiction of the case.

The Appeals court sided with a local school district, which sued a design professional for construction defects thirteen years after occupancy. The school district claimed that the Statute of Repose *doesn’t apply to projects in which the architect has a contract*, i.e. that a contract voids application of the Statute of Repose.

The lower Court’s decision is contrary to the Fifth District Court of Appeals’ decision barring a public agency from suing an architect after ten years. When the Ohio General Assembly passed the Statute of Repose, it included in the legislation its intent to protect architects who *“lack control over the improvement, the ability to make determinations with respect to the improvement, and the opportunity or responsibility to maintain or undertake the maintenance of the improvement.”*

In this case, the design professional appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court arguing that the conflict among courts creates a statewide issue requiring a statewide decision. *AIA Ohio filed its amicus in favor of the design professional to urge the Supreme Court to take the case.*

The Supreme Court will rule on whether to hear the case after opposition briefing from the school district.

## Capital Budget Bill In Progress

Ohio Budget and Management Director Tim Keen says he expects the capital bill to go to the Legislature by the end of February and be passed by April 1. That gets it in ahead of the General Assembly's break and 90 days out from July 1 when many of the provisions will need to be effective. After two previous rounds where Gov. John Kasich convened a panel of higher education leaders to pare down capital requests from institutions, the administration has changed things up for the upcoming capital budget.

Instead of using a higher education funding commission, Cleveland State President Ron Berkman is working with four-year institutions on a list of their needs, while Stark State President Para Jones is working with the community colleges. According to the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), both presidents are asking their colleagues for input and are narrowing the list of requested projects to those that align closest with the principles given to them by the administration.

Previously, Kasich had convened one panel representing both four-year and community colleges to help divide up the pot for capital budget dollars in higher education. Schools are also expecting to have a smaller pool of money to work with in this capital budget than under 131-SB310, the last capital appropriations budget.

ODHE said colleges and universities were asked to devote the vast majority of their capital requests to maintaining what they already have, "with an extremely high bar for new construction projects." **The institutions are also being asked to submit recommendations based on a number of guiding principles, including the following:**

- Help build world-class programs.
- Focus on maintaining the investment the state has already made in existing campus facilities.
- Stimulate creativity by advancing strategic collaborations through partnerships, both on campus and with others in the public and private sector.
- Reflect the needs of today's students by strengthening their learning environments, ensuring their safety and encouraging new degree and certificate completion opportunities.
- Increase Ohio's competitive advantage by capitalizing on existing strengths.
- Strengthen the ability to respond to new or increased workforce development opportunities in the state.
- Encourage joint efforts to reduce construction costs and generate ongoing efficiencies.

ODHE said it will review the funding proposals along with the Office of Budget and Management (OBM).

Bruce Johnson, president of the Inter-University Council of Ohio, said higher education institutions are expecting to have \$400 million in the capital budget, with \$300 million for four-year institutions and \$100 million for community colleges. He said that is about 10 percent less than what schools had in 131-SB310. While there is more need than funding available, Johnson said schools understand the constraints of the budget this time around.

He said Berkman has asked the IUC's executive committee to help him review projects that are submitted and make the recommendations to the state. He expected the list of projects to be submitted early in the new year.

### 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 a half percent. However, 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.



### Occupational Licensing Review – [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 was referred to the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee which held a hearing on it October 17 and again on January 30.

### Senate Committee Recommends Township Code Bill – [SB43](#)

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.

### Local Gov. Infrastructure Bond Bank – [HB54](#)

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 latest meeting between Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) officials and the AIA Ohio/ACEC Ohio OFCC Advisory Committee took place December 20 during which state construction processes were discussed.



# Ohio Construction Conference

Wednesday, March 14

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Credits are pending, as applicable, with:

- ▶ American Institute of Architects
- ▶ Green Building Certification Institute
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Professional Engineers may also submit OCC participation for professional development hours.

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details and online registration.

# Call for Entries

## AIA Ohio Honor Awards

Submit

Last year AIA Ohio set up a task force to review the policies and procedures for the AIA Ohio Honor Awards Program. That group met regularly and drafted new language that the AIA Ohio Board ultimately approved. The intent of the changes was to make the process more open and transparent, while keeping the history and tradition of these prestigious AIA Ohio awards.

*Image: Fairfax Addition, Jonathan Barnes Architecture & Design  
2015 AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm*



## **AIA Ohio Honor Awards include:**

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award

AIA Ohio Public Service Award

AIA Ohio Mentor Award

## **Gold Medal Award**

The Gold Medal is the highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on a member. The AIA Ohio Board of Directors confers this award, which recognizes the exemplary contributions and significant accomplishments of AIA Ohio members, in fulfilling the criteria in one or more of the following categories:

### **Design:**

Candidate shall demonstrate that their body of work has made a significant positive impact on the profession of architecture and/or the community. The work shall be widely recognized for excellence, innovation in design, and the elevation of the practice of architecture. The depth and breadth of the work shall have had a cumulative effect on architecture over time.

### **Leadership:**

Candidates shall demonstrate that through vision, creativity, organizational skills, and perseverance, they have created a positive impact or improvement in the profession, the Institute or in their community, and that their passion, long-term commitment and contributions are widely recognized as having elevated the profession of architecture.

### **Service:**

Candidates shall demonstrate service to the Institute, having a significant impact on the profession over time, and that this service has significantly elevated public awareness of architecture. A candidate's service shall demonstrate great depth, having a cumulative effect over time.

## **Gold Medal Firm Award**

The AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award is the highest honor AIA Ohio can bestow on an architectural firm. The AIA Ohio Board of Directors confers this award, which recognizes the exemplary contributions and significant accomplishments of firms lead by AIA Ohio members. This award recognizes a firm's ongoing commitment to a focus on design excellence, innovation in practice and design, or the advancement of firm culture, each of which contribute to the firm's unique place as a leader in the profession. Through this Award, the Board of Directors recognizes exemplary efforts and significant accomplishments in one or more of the following criteria:

### **Design:**

The firm's body of work shall demonstrate design excellence as exhibited by projects having a significant impact on society and elevating the standard of design within the profession. Through published work, peer recognition, awards, presentations and the application of innovative design, the firm, over an extended period of time, shall have evidenced a cumulative positive impact on the built environment.

### **Firm Culture:**

The firm shall be widely known as a leader in the development of innovative firm culture within the ever-changing environment of the design profession. The firm has made a notable impact in the profession having successfully created a unique work culture recognized for valuing mentorship and promoting diversity and individual growth leading toward firm leadership. The firm's work illustrates the value it places in elevating its employees and acknowledging their contributions to improving the built environment.

### **Innovation:**

The firm shall have established itself to be a leader in the development and implementation of significant innovations in the design of the built environment through the use and application of new approaches to design, planning, research and materials applications. Through testing, applied research and field application, the firm is a recognized pioneer in the utilization and application of innovative techniques, materials or technology.



## **AIA Ohio Honor Awards include:**

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award

AIA Ohio Public Service Award

AIA Ohio Mentor Award

## **Public Service Award**

The AIA Ohio Public Service Award recognizes a member who has made a significant impact in his/her community, as well as to the profession, through public service.

The nomination of an individual for this award shall explain the individual's impact on his/her community. The nomination shall list the candidate's participation in community boards, panels or other community-related activities. Local component support is highly regarded in consideration of this award.

## **Mentor Award**

The AIA Ohio Mentor Award recognizes a member who has demonstrated strong leadership, guidance and service in the support of mentorship to fellow professionals or in her/his community. This award recognizes the exemplary contributions and significant accomplishments an individual has made to the profession via mentorship.

The nomination of an individual for the AIA Ohio Mentor Award award shall explain the individual's impact on the profession via mentorship. Local component support is highly regarded in consideration of this award.

# The deadline to submit is **June 1**

Plan now to nominate a colleague and help us recognize Ohio's most deserving architects and firms.

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# CONNECTION

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## SOUP TO NUTS

This issue focuses on the various aspects of architectural education. We will explore the lifelong learning process throughout the life cycle of an architect.

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# Where We Stand

## AIA Shares Collective Values of the Institute

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

In today's environment, it is very easy to say the wrong thing. It can even be the right thing in the wrong way or, not saying anything at all when you should have said something. You can only be assured of one thing; whatever you say will make someone unhappy. Last year, AIA was faced with the same issue and the same concerns.



*Image: Summit Park Community Canopy and Pavilions, MSA Architects*

These matters led to the development of AIA's "Where We Stand" statements. Through the development of a set of standard values, the AIA will continue to advance issues that affect the profession, the built environment and the needs of communities, in much the same way we have for the past 160 years.

In early 2017, the AIA Board of Directors issued our first "Where We Stand" statement. With uncertainty embracing the country on political issues, the AIA felt there was a need to better define our basic values. These are the values from which we do not waiver. They are the model for behavior and beliefs that we put into action every day. While "statement" issues since then have been sometimes controversial, the statements are all carefully analyzed, discussed, debated and ultimately affirmed by AIA's leadership, board and staff. Realizing that there will never be full consensus on a number of issues, the issuance of each statement is balanced against the alternative – to remain silent. In many cases, it is often necessary for the AIA to make statements that while controversial, may significantly impact the practice of the profession. Even subject matter that most would consider easy topics, like licensure, faces opposition from some who believe that a completely free and open market, without testing or licensing, would better serve our profession. With the possibility of potential disagreement, one might ask why the AIA makes statements at all. The reason is surprisingly simple. Like the

thirteen architects that gathered in New York in 1857 to start what is now the American Institute of Architects, there is much more that binds us together, than that which separates us.

Throughout 2017, the AIA's efforts were focused principally not on those issues that create controversy, but rather those that bring us together. While some items like climate change, licensure and immigration might cause consternation for some, it is the collective whole that defines the AIA, an international organization that represents as many view points as it does members. Our first statement, "Where Architects Stand: A Statement of our Values", was written not because we didn't know what our values were, but instead because we remained silent, never clearly communicating them to members or the public. Published clearly under the 'About AIA' tab on the [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org) website, our values are front and center and form the foundation for everything we do. Like a strategic plan, they help guide us as an organization and they remind us why we exist. If, over the past fourteen months, you haven't had the opportunity to look at the [aia.org](http://aia.org) web site or to read through the AIA Architect issues on values, I've listed our core values below. These are a reminder to us, each and every day, that the AIA is more than policies and position statements. It is an organization of people, concerned with common needs and concerns.



As we continue through 2018, we will be faced with many unexpected challenges and opportunities, however, through this year and beyond, this is **“Where We Stand”**:

- We stand for equity and human rights.
- We stand for architecture that strengthens our communities.
- We stand for a sustainable future.
- We stand for protecting communities from the impact of climate change.
- We stand for economic opportunity.
- We stand for investing in the future.

If you'd like to read more about “Where Architects Stand”, details on each of our values along with additional statements on policies can be found at [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org) under the “About AIA” tab at “our values”.

*This article was prepared by AIA Ohio member Bruce Sekanick, FAIA who is currently serving as the 2017-2018 Institute Secretary and a member of the AIA National Board of Directors and the AIA Strategic Council.*



# The City for Tomorrow

Dear Friends of the City,

On November 19, 2017, AIA Columbus with other prestigious partnering organizations hosted over 100 professionals and community leaders to talk about our City at an event called The City for Tomorrow: New Urban Agenda for Franklinton.

As the City is bound to grow, we want to think big and imagine new opportunities for a better future. In many ways, technology has brought us closer together but we still find constraints related to economic and job access, climate and resiliency issues, access to transportation, diversity, civil rights, equity, education, healthcare and food availability. It is an overwhelming list, but we remain positive that architects, landscape architects, artists, developer, designers, planners, community activists and visionaries can team to harness the talent within our community and work together to solve some of these issues and make big plans.

We are very excited and hopeful about the outcome of this event and hope that this is one of many events that will continue the conversation. We want to thank all of our partners and ask that you continue your commitment and great contributions. Here is a video of the event and we hope that you can share with others as we will continue the conversations.

Cheers!

Yanitza Brongers, AIA  
Chair of the City for Tomorrow: New Urban Agenda for  
Franklinton



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# Core Member Services 2.0

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

Only a few short weeks ago, we started a new year. A year with new goals and new programs, and one that would see continued growth, renewed efforts and the expansion of ongoing projects. Within the AIA, efforts have also been ongoing to elevate the work that we do and the programs that we offer. These efforts include the development of the criteria to be used as part of Core Member Services 2.0. While many in component leadership are aware of Core Member Services, many members may have not been exposed to the efforts of the last two years to develop Institute wide standards for all components. Simply put, Core Member Services define what every member can expect to receive from the AIA at all three levels (local, state and national), regardless of where they live or work.

Over a five year period, the AIA researched the programs and services being offered by components, and realized that all was not equal from one part of the country to the next. While the size of a chapter certainly factors into the ability to offer services, there will always be core standards that should be expected from any interconnected group within an association such as the AIA. The Core Member Services were created to define exactly what those expectations should be.

Of significant importance to volunteer leaders are the standards in place that focus on protecting those who serve in a role as a board member or component officer. While many chapters meet the standards for Directors and Officers insurance, proper tax filing and the adoption of updated bylaws and policies, just as many did not. Of equal concern was the ability of each component to guarantee that members receive the same basic programming opportunities as those in other components throughout the AIA network. These concerns, along with other organizational needs, were the basis of the Core Member Services originally defined by the Member Resources Service Task Force and adopted by the Board in 2015.



AIA's first accreditation of components took place in 2016 and all eight components in Ohio received a full three-year accreditation. There were other components across the country that received only a limited one-year accreditation to permit their chapter time to comply with the full range of services defined. Throughout this process, some chapters merged, some became sections of other chapters, and still others became sections of state chapters, an option not previously available under the Institute's old Bylaws. With these changes in place, the AIA was able to accommodate the needs of all members while building a stronger network of 217 components servicing more than 91,000 members throughout the country and within our International Region. Each of these components provide the Core Services and meet the core standards on which the AIA can continue to build and grow the organization.

All of which leads us to Core Member Services 2.0. Developed throughout the fall of 2017 and approved by the Board of Directors in January, these standards reflect the experience gained in implementing the program through its first iteration in 2016. While many of the standards remain the same, there are some that have been eliminated, some clarified and some added to expand the effort to elevate the services provided. Some of these changes include the following:

- If hosted on the AIA Digital Platform, contribute content to the component website
- Provide at least 4 hours of continuing education annually under the components provider account
- Updated requirements on Design Awards or member recognition
- Adopt new policies or statements that reflect Institute goals
- Update bylaws at least every ten (10) years and strategic plans every five (5) years
- Seek member feedback at least once every five (5) years
- Adopt updated financial reporting requirements and audit or review policies

While many of these should have a minimal impact on the operation of components, they have all been created to better serve members. In order to make this transition from 2016's effort to Core Member Service 2.0 as smooth as possible, training and coaching will be made available throughout 2018 with the submission portal expected to open in September. This will allow components nearly four months to prepare and submit information. As part of the effort to better facilitate this process, the AIA will be holding programs at Grassroots for all-volunteer, mid-sized and large components to better describe the changes, and the submission requirements, for these new standards.

The AIA is continuing its effort to address member needs and services. As defined in the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, the AIA is committed to continuous improvement and organizational effectiveness. Through this effort of providing a consistent experience for all members, the AIA is dedicated to component excellence.

