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# President's Message



Mary Glowacki, AIA

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am Mary Glowacki, AIA, and I am the 2020 President of AIA Ohio. I have been an active AIA member in Toledo since 1982.

Under the leadership of our 2018 President John Weigand, AIA, we developed our three (3) year Strategic Plan, identifying our primary areas of focus that include Membership, Marketing and Advocacy. Guided by the goals established under the leadership of our 2019 President John Kelleher, AIA we were able to focus on these areas, an effort which

we will continue this year. From this Plan, our main focus will be on Membership. The number of Architects, and AIA members, keeps growing throughout the country. Unfortunately, the AIA Ohio Valley Region is not growing quite as fast as other regions in the AIA, and we have been on the verge of losing one of our two seats on the Strategic Council for the past few years. Our goal this year is to increase our membership by 200 members. So, we are looking at each chapter to help do their part of increasing their local membership. The Ohio Board will be working together on putting together some strategies that have worked in the past and finding new initiatives to help grow our numbers.

Last January AIA Ohio's management company, Accent on Management, was taken over by Kate Brunswick, CAE, Hon. AIA and her partner Peggy Blankenship, CAE. They and their staff have continued to support AIA Ohio throughout the year, and we look forward to their continued partnership in the future. They have moved from their downtown Columbus location into a new location in Worthington, Ohio. We are looking forward to seeing their new space and hosting some of our Board meetings there.

Luther Liggett, an attorney who has taken over the responsibility as our lobbyist, continues to work hard and keep us abreast of the political scene in Columbus. On February 4, 2020, leaders from throughout Ohio again converged on the Ohio legislature in Columbus for our Advocacy Day. Nineteen Architects from across the state met with twenty two Senators, Representatives or staff members. Issues that were addressed were SB 136 – Payment Assurance Legislation and HB 402 – Interior Design Licensing Legislation. With SB 136 we asked senators for their support to establish a payment assurance program for registered design professionals. This bill will apply

only to commercial property, and not to residential property. It will also apply only to private work, and not to public construction. Finally, it will be subordinate to any real estate mortgage previously filed. With HB 402 we asked legislators to oppose this bill. If this bill is implemented, it will ruin the Building Permit system established in Ohio. It would create an exemption from the Architect/Engineer Seal Requirement for construction documents by using an Interior Designer's Seal to pull a building permit to begin construction. This bill is unnecessary because chapter 4101:1-1 Board of Building Standards already addresses exceptions to the seal requirements that allows designers to provide "interior design services" for commercial buildings without a seal or building permit. It would also allow Interior Designers to make decisions involving the fire code. These are some of the points that were addressed on this bill.

February 18 – 20, 2020, members from around the country met in New Orleans for this year's Grassroots. This was an exclusive event for leaders of the AIA. This year's agenda emphasized component and community leadership with workshops designed to help component officers become more effective chapter and civic leaders. This event opens doors and provides opportunities for us to share knowledge, experiences and challenges, and network with our counterparts from around the country. Keynote speakers shared how both good design and leadership are fueling the success of communities and offering solutions to the most pressing needs facing cities today.

May 13 – 16, 2020, Los Angeles will host the 2020 AIA Conference on Architecture. This is a great place to get energized about Architecture, gain CEU's and enjoy the company of Architects from the region and from across the country. Anyone going to this conference who will be holding votes for their chapter must be in Los Angeles for the AIA Annual Meeting on Wednesday May 13 at 3:45 pm. Your votes count, and if you are not present, those votes are lost. You should also attend the Candidate Speeches which are at 1:00 pm and our Regional Caucus at 2:15 pm. At these sessions you will hear from the candidates and hear about the issues that you will be voting on at the Annual Meeting. It is important to be present at these sessions and represent your chapter and the region at this conference. I look forward to seeing you in Los Angeles in May!

I am looking forward to a great year, and hope you are too! If any chapter would like to have leadership from AIA Ohio attend a local chapter meeting or a local board meeting, please reach out to us and a representative will accommodate your wishes.



# Government Affairs Report



Luther Liggett

The Ohio General Assembly returns from the holiday break for the second year of the biennial session. Ohio's Constitution requires passage of Capital Appropriation legislation for construction funding in the next two fiscal years beginning July 1, 2020, primarily for agencies with large institutional facilities. Colleges, Universities, Local Schools, Prisons, Parks, and Highways all look for new funding.

All pending legislation must pass both chambers before July 1st, when part-time legislators return to their Districts to campaign for re-election. Gun control and Pharmaceutical middlemen are hot topics likely to gain attention as well in this election year.

## **Interior Design Registration Legislation:**

Representative George Lang (R, West Chester) introduced House Bill 402, to create an optional Certificate for Interior Designers. Unlike prior versions, this legislation proposes an exception to the Architect's Seal Law for plans submitted to obtain a Building Permit.

The bill would define "interior design" and "construction projects" to include certification of designs involving the commercial building and fire codes, for which interior designers are not trained nor tested.

AIA Ohio immediately sent a letter of opposition to the sponsor and all members of the House State and Local Government Committee, where the legislation is assigned. Then, we met with the Ohio Building Officials Association, which also sent their objections to Committee members. We are meeting with other interested parties, and expect their opposition as well.

Another obstacle to the bill will be the new Licensing Board Sunset Law, which prohibits new licenses, Revised Code section 103.26. A Legislative Service Commission report must support the need for an Interior Design license based on the same criteria as considered for license board renewal, generally to protect the public safety and welfare without being anti-competitive.

The bill has yet to be scheduled for Proponent Testimony.

## **Payment Assurance Legislation (PAL)**

Senate Bill 136, the Payment Assurance Legislation for architects, landscape architects, engineers, and surveyors, awaits the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee vote to send it to the House for consideration. We are aware of no opposition or concern.





## Other Legislation

Also pending in the Ohio General Assembly are:

- House Bill 159: Endorsed by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) to require public contract indemnification clauses to be insurable for design professionals. The bill is pending third hearing in the House Civil Justice Committee, then moves to the Senate. We are unaware of any opposition.
- Senate Bill 7: To provide a temporary license to military members' spouses. Both chambers passed the bill unanimously, and the Governor signed it into law.
- House Bill 263, Occupational Licensing – Criminal Convictions: To revise the initial occupational licensing restrictions applicable to individuals convicted of criminal offenses, consistent with court case precedent. The bill awaits a fifth hearing in the House Commerce & Labor Committee.
- House Bill 432, Senate Bill 246 – Unilateral “Reciprocity”: To require Ohio licensing agencies to issue an Ohio license to out-of-state professionals holding a similar license in any other state. The bills would not require that those other states recognize Ohio's license.

## Licensing Board Sunset Law

Revised Code section 101.62 requires that,

*An occupational licensing board ... shall expire at the end of the thirtieth day of June of the following year after the board was triggered to expire. \*\*\*  
An occupational licensing board may be renewed by enactment of a law that continues the statutes creating, empowering, governing, or regulating the board.*

The legislature must review one-third of all licensure boards and agencies each year, and then every five years thereafter. The Architects'-Landscape Architects' Boards are included in the expiration list for its licensing functions.

The Speaker of the House designated the House State and Local Government Committee to review one third all other licensing boards in 2019. A Senate committee now will review an additional third. It is unclear what order or which boards will be included, or otherwise deferred to 2021.



# Call for Entries

## AIA Ohio Honor Awards

Submit

AIA Ohio is now seeking nominations for the AIA Ohio Honor Awards.

### **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

Deadline  
**June 12, 2020**



*Image: Brahler Residence, Robert Maschke Architects  
2019 AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm 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.



## 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 shall explain the individual's impact on the profession via mentorship. Local component support is highly regarded in consideration of this award.

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

# The deadline to submit is **June 12**

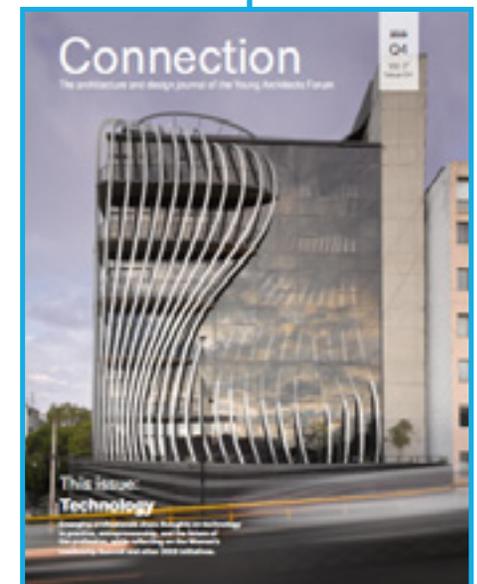
**Information** on eligibility, submission process and jury evaluations

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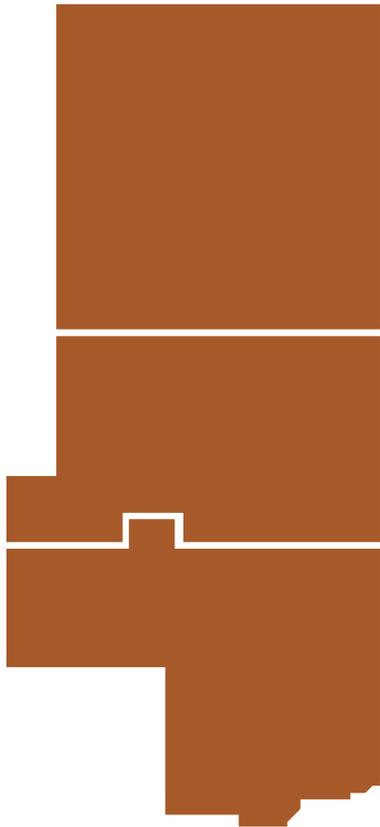
### Young Architects Forum **CONNECTION**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the latest issue of the YAF quarterly e-magazine, Connection, which features the accomplishments, programs and musings of Emerging Professionals from across the country.

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# What's In A Name?



**AIA Eastern Ohio**

There have been very few changes over the past 20+ years for the local components of AIA Ohio. Except for adapting to some of the new requirements of Core Member Services, much of the work within the chapters has focused on how each component can better serve their members. From the larger chapters like Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati, to the smaller chapters that serve our less-urban communities, AIA Ohio has remained much the same.

Until now that is. On March 19th, AIA Eastern Ohio will be looking to make a change. Maybe not a dramatic one, but one that will better connect the chapter with the local communities and with our geographic region in Ohio. If you have been around AIA Ohio for a while, you may not even realize that AIA Eastern Ohio is the only component that is not named for the largest city that it calls home. From Akron to Toledo (alphabetically of course), all of Ohio's components fit nicely into this template, except for AIA Eastern Ohio. Not widely known, the chapter was named Eastern Ohio for a good reason. In 1930, AIA Eastern Ohio was chartered by the Institute to serve yes, the Eastern part of Ohio, and in 1955, it was chartered by the State of Ohio as a non-profit organization serving the architectural profession. The big difference between then and today is the geographic area of the chapter. In 1930, the chapter consisted of the three (3) counties that now make up the Eastern Ohio area, as well as the eleven (11) counties that make up AIA Akron. In 1968, AIA Akron gained a charter from the Institute to start a chapter that better served the geographic area centered on eastern north-central Ohio and the thriving cities of Akron and Canton. With this

charter, the geography of the chapters changed, and the boundaries we recognize today were created.

So what is in a name? Since 1968, AIA Eastern Ohio retained its name as the eastern most chapter in the state. The question of course, is who even knows where Eastern Ohio is? In a recent discussion with a member from Texas, they asked the question, is Eastern Ohio near Dayton? The answer depends on whether you are comparing Youngstown to Dayton or Youngstown to Austin. As the smallest chapter in the state, AIA Eastern Ohio has worked to contribute in every way possible to the advancement of architectural profession. As the component looks forward to this year's celebration of its 90th year as a chapter of the AIA, a name change that better represents who the chapter is and where the members are from, makes sense.

From politics to community recognition, a name makes a difference. In just over a month, AIA Eastern Ohio will have the opportunity to, like the other chapters in Ohio, have their name better reflect who they and where they are from. As we place a higher priority on advocacy and communication, developing an identity that better defines who we are and where we are from becomes more critical. Voted to be advanced to the membership by the AIA Eastern Ohio Board of Directors, AIA Eastern Ohio may soon become AIA Youngstown. And maybe then, that member from Texas, as well as others in our communities, will have a better idea of exactly where Eastern Ohio is, and the value the chapter brings to Ohio's community of architects.



# “Dining Circles” Launched in December

AIA Columbus Women in Architecture launched “Dining Circles” in December with a luncheon. Dining Circles is a mentoring and networking program that provides women architects and designers with an opportunity to meet other women in the community and to share experiences in a comfortable environment. Each Dining Circle group consists of 7 to 10 women with varying professional backgrounds with the goal to meet once a month during the program year (2020). Groups meet over breakfast, lunch, dinner, happy hour, and during playgroup. The program is open to members and non-members and has over 70 women participating.



# AIA Cincinnati Update

Here's what's happening at AIA Cincinnati:

AIA Cincinnati is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year and the 10th anniversary of the VISION leadership program.

<https://www.aiacincinnati.org/about-us/150-anniversary/>

Upcoming VISION keynote speakers include:

**Ceary O'Leary, AIA** with the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, February 20 at Neihoff Studio

**Robbie Eleazer, AIA** with Trahan Architects, March 19 at BOOST!

**Daniel Vasini**, West 8, April 16 at 21c Museum Hotel

The lectures are from 5:30-7 pm and they are free and open to the public.

<https://www.aiacincinnati.org/programs/>

April 2, 5-9pm are the CRANawards celebrating residential architecture at Music Hall's Corbett Tower. David Darling, AIA with Aidlin Darling Design is the Jury Chair.

<https://www.aiacincinnati.org/cran-awards/>

April 7-27 CANSTRUCTION Cincinnati. Architects and engineers build structures out of canned goods at public venues in Downtown Cincinnati. The cans are donated to Freestore Foodbank at the end of the exhibit.

<http://cincinnaticonstruction.org/>



# DesignGroup Promotes From Within

*A group of six architects all promoted to associate principals*

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** – Six staff members at DesignGroup Columbus have been appointed to Associate Principal. These professionals successfully demonstrated a select set of criteria to qualify for the appointment. As Associate Principals, they will assist in elevating the financial, operational and cultural performance of the firm and participate in the development of projects, staff and client satisfaction.

Please help us congratulate our new Associate Principals:



**Christopher Haedt**



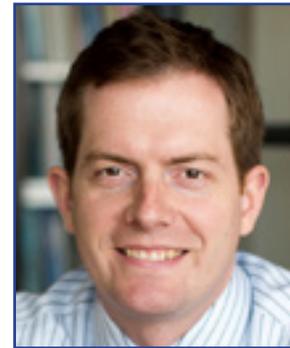
**Angela Kolosky**



**Joseph Mayer**



**Ben Niebauer**



**John Ryan**



**Nikki Wildman**

## About DesignGroup

Founded in 1972, DesignGroup is an AIA Ohio Gold Medal architecture and design firm with offices in the Discovery District of downtown Columbus, Ohio and in the North Shore neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The practice focuses on civic + cultural, education, library, healthcare and commercial projects. With numerous, award-winning projects located throughout the United States, DesignGroup's work is unmistakable, with a balance of stunning contemporary architecture, thoughtful renovations and sustainable building practices. Civic responsibility is integral to DesignGroup's philosophy; beyond bricks and mortar, the firm is deeply involved in community organizations and its design principals are recognized as thought leaders in design. Learn more at [www.designgroup.us.com](http://www.designgroup.us.com).



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# AIA Ohio Foundation – Expanding Outreach through an Expanded Role

Bruce Sekanick, FAIA

The AIA Ohio Foundation took on a new role at the end of 2019 as an organization that not only funds student scholarships, but one that embraces a larger role in the promotion of architecture throughout the state. While scholarships are still core to our mission, there are many other needs where we can have an impact. With a strong understanding of both how we can support students in AIAS chapters and how we are able to support students through scholarships, the Foundation has established a grant program that allows us to assist chapters, schools and individuals in providing meaningful events in service to the profession.

The charter of the AIA Ohio Foundation is intentionally broad, allowing us to adapt our funding efforts to current needs. As part of an ongoing conversation with students, architectural programs and local components over the past several years, we are better able to serve and have a meaningful impact in support of the profession through grants. While scholarships are badly needed to support students who might not be able to continue their education, we realized several years ago that support of AIAS chapters provides an outreach to a much larger group of individuals. In a similar way, support of well planned, meaningful programs can enhance the ability of our profession to tell our story, engage those who might not have an opportunity to work with our profession, and provide access to information that would otherwise be missed or ignored. In 2020, the Foundation hopes to meet our mission by helping our profession to better communicate with members and non-members alike.

At the January meeting of the AIA Ohio Board of Directors, the Foundation presented the organization's recently adopted Special Grants Policy that details the process and the intent of the Foundation grants. Along with the policy, a new

grant application form was made available to all of the AIA Ohio components. The application process is based on a rolling review and can be made at anytime throughout the year. As with most grant programs, the applications will be evaluated for impact and return on investment. In order for the Foundation to help ensure that the funding made available is able to reach the highest number of applicants, applications are limited to \$5,000. In a similar manner, project type, geographic diversity, and the target audience will impact the funding provided. One of the most important parts of the application is its ability to communicate with the trustees. When reviewing an application, the board needs to understand that a program has been well planned, that an outreach has occurred to those who might mutually benefit from the program, and that the program aligns with the mission of the AIA Ohio Foundation. By following the grant policy and by providing information requested on the application form, requests will have a much higher chance of being successfully funded.

The Foundation understands the challenges and needs of components and individuals who work to support the profession. Through this grant program, we believe that impactful programs that expand the reach of the AIA and member architects, might now be better positioned to not only succeed, but to be offered to members and communities that most need our support. Questions on these programs as well as the mission and strategic goals of the Foundation can be directed to our Board of Trustees. Our contact information is available on the AIA Ohio website at [www.aiaohio.org/the-aia-ohio-foundation/aia-ohio-foundation-board-of-directors/](http://www.aiaohio.org/the-aia-ohio-foundation/aia-ohio-foundation-board-of-directors/). The Board thanks you for your ongoing support of our mission and our desire to better serve the architectural community in Ohio.

*Sekanick is the president of the AIA Ohio Foundation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission focuses on supporting student scholarships, AIAS chapters and the advancement of programs that enhance the awareness of architecture.*





**Ohio**  
Construction Conference  
Connecting the Industry

**Wednesday, March 11**

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Ohio Union ■ 1739 N. High St.

For more information, contact Deb Murphy  
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## 2020 Programs:

- Industry Trends & Expectations
- Construction 2025: Mega-Trends Today & Tomorrow
- Six Degrees of Design & Construction Risk
- Game of Zones: Using Gaming to Understand Commissioning
- Making Sense of New Technology
- The Danger of Living in a Connected World
- What's the Hype...Hyperloop, Smart City & Steady Growth!
- Improving Collaboration Through Preconstruction Innovations
- Data Analytics to Transform Your Company & Transition the Industry
- Culture Shock – It's Really Not That Shocking
- Columbus: 2020 and Beyond
- You CAN Find Good Help
- Guns, Drugs & Cybercriminals – Avoiding Modern Risks
- Owner Roundtables: Connecting the Industry

Program descriptions, speaker information and online registration are available at [www.bx.org/ohio-construction-conference](http://www.bx.org/ohio-construction-conference).



# The Parts and Pieces of QBS: Getting It Right

For just about anyone practicing architecture or engineering in Ohio in the last twenty years, we have all become very familiar with the QBS professional design services selection process. AIA Ohio, along with organizations like ACEC, have long supported the QBS selection process and work regularly to help Ohio public “authorities” address the minimum expectations.

As most know, there are really several forms of the QBS selection process – one for design build and one for the typical design-bid-build. There are also requirements for projects whose projected fees are under \$50,000, and a process for projects whose fees are over \$50,000. Found in sections 153.65 to 153.73 of the Ohio Revised Code, the QBS process is carefully defined for those in need of professional design services. Recent history has shown that most entities try to comply with the QBS process, although sometimes, it may require the design professional to remind them of the requirements to help stay compliant. Unfortunately, mostly complying with the requirements, as opposed to fully complying, generally doesn’t count. In our efforts to provide services, we have found that there are three general areas where public entities generally run afoul of the expectations. In no particular order, they are listed below.

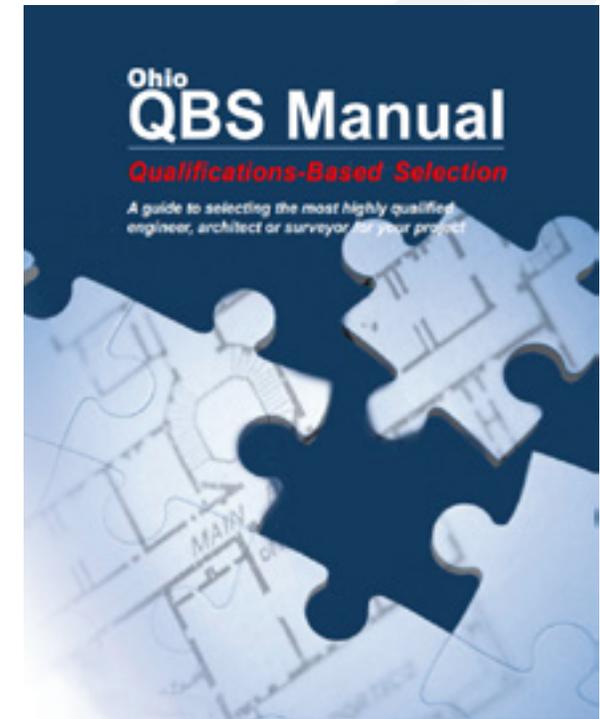
First, when the requirements indicate that design services under 153.69 say the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) shall not “require any form of fee estimate, fee proposal, or other estimate or measure of compensation prior to selecting and ranking professional design firms”, it means that a “range” or “ballpark” of fees should not be provided (with the exception provided in 153.68). Somehow, some entities believe that the skilled use of a thesaurus changes the intent of the requirements. Some public entities, it seems, cannot control the urge to get some idea of what design services might cost. This of course puts the design professional between a rock and hard place. No estimate or fee proposal means **no estimate or fee proposal**.

The second somewhat common mistake seems to be that public entities select “a” design professional for projects under \$50,000 based on a single request for proposal. The part in 153.71 (B) about selecting the design professional from

those that have submitted a statement of qualifications within the preceding year commonly seems to be missed. As indicated, entities CAN pick a single design professional for these smaller projects, but only after they have established a pre-qualified list that is listed in 153.68, and the list must be current (within the immediately preceding year). The devil really is in the details.

Finally, when dealing with design professionals, there seems to be a failure to understand requirements relating to Ohio’s public records requirements. Like anyone seeking work, we are curious in understanding what we did right and what we did wrong. It’s human nature. But many public entities don’t understand that Ohio public records requirements may apply to them for design services as well as the many other records they already make available. You won’t know unless you ask.

The QBS law was created to help ensure that public buildings are designed based on the skills of the design professional and not price. By making sure that public entities adhere to QBS requirements, we reinforce our ability to better serve the public. As with any subject related to law and compliance with legal criteria, you should get the advice of an attorney to guide you through the QBS process and requirements. AIA Ohio, as well as other design organizations such as ACEC, are here to help you inform our public clients of what they need to do to “get it right.”



Are you interested in using your skills and training to help your community thru a time of disaster? Architects are an integral part of achieving community resilience in the built environment; their work lies in the intersection of planet, places and people. **The AIA Disaster Assistance Program (DAP)** is a committed group of volunteer architects, working to help their communities mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural disasters.



The program is always in need of volunteers who would like to be trained and engaged when disaster strikes, but also to engage in the other aspects of the program. We are also in need of volunteers to serve an enhanced role in their local AIA chapters as Local Disaster Assistance Liasons.

If you'd like to learn more about the program you can contact either of your state program coordinators, or check out the website: <https://www.aia.org/resources/69766-disaster-assistance-program>.

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## AIA Ohio Advocacy Day

On Feb. 4, two dozen architects from across the state came to Columbus to advocate on behalf of the profession. They participated in 22 meetings with members of the House Committee on State and Local Government and the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. These two committees are instrumental to the success of AIA Ohio's advocacy program because they will be hearing legislation that directly impacts architects. The House Committee on State and Local Government will hear HB402 – proposed legislation that, if passed, would license interior designers in Ohio. AIA Ohio members met with legislators on this committee and explained to them how this would negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Ohioans. The feedback we received from these meetings was very positive.

Meetings with members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee were held specifically to ask legislators to vote for SBI36, AIA Ohio's Payment Assurance Legislation. Sponsored by Sen. Vernon Sykes, this proposed legislation, if passed, would establish a payment assurance program for registered design professionals (architects, landscape architects, engineers and surveyors). Feedback from these meetings indicates that legislators were receptive to passing this proposed legislation.

Overall, it was a very productive day for AIA Ohio's advocacy program.



AIA Ohio members enjoyed speaking with SBI36 sponsor Sen. Vernon Sykes. Seen here left to right are Elizabeth Corbin Murphy, FAIA; Sen. Sykes; Kate Brunswick, Hon. AIA; Earl Reeder, AIA.



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