



FALL 2023 Advocacy Newsletter

AIWA Gears up for 2024 Legislative Session

The 2024 state legislative session is fast approaching, running from January 8 to March 7. This will be a "short" session, with all legislative work condensed into a swift 60 consecutive calendar days. Despite its brevity, this session carries significant importance to our profession.

2024 Priorities:

Our AIWA team and committees are already actively engaging and advocating for our profession on key 2024 issues. These include embodied carbon, transit-oriented development, stock school plans, licensing, and more.

Stay Informed and Get Involved:

We encourage you to stay informed and participate in the legislative process. In upcoming newsletters, we will provide in-depth updates about our priority bills for this session. Your engagement is vital, and we want to hear your voice. If you are passionate about any of the topics mentioned and are not currently participating in an [AIWA committee](#), we invite you to get involved. Consider joining one of our policy groups for the best opportunity to influence ongoing legislation.

For more information and to get involved, please reach out to [Samantha](#).



2023 Bills Remain Alive in 2024

It's important to note that all bills that did not pass in 2023 are still in play for the 2024 session, alongside new bills that will be introduced. Bills that previously passed one or more committees will return to the highest committee they reached in their house of origin.

2024 State Legislative Session: Engagement Opportunities

Advocacy in Action

We are excited to announce the return of our **Advocacy in Action** series, an informative two-part webinar program designed to empower you as architect advocates. This series is tailored to emerging professionals and students but is open to everyone who is passionate about advocating for issues that matter to them.

Part One: Advocacy 101

- **Date:** November 9, 2023
- **Time:** 12:00pm
- **Location:** Online

In the first installment on November 9, you will delve into the essentials of advocacy. Discover how AIA works to safeguard our profession and address critical issues. Learn how you, as an architect, can play a pivotal role in shaping the future and engaging on matters important to you. This session will equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to become an effective advocate.

Part Two: 2024 Legislative Session Preview

- **Date:** December 7, 2023
- **Time:** 12:00pm
- **Location:** Online

Part two of the series will serve as preview of what to expect in the 2024 legislative session. Gain insights into the upcoming legislative agenda and how it impacts the architectural field. Stay ahead of the curve and be prepared to actively engage in the legislative process.

Whether you're an emerging professional, a seasoned architect, or simply someone who cares deeply about the issues that shape our profession, this series is for you. Join us to strengthen your advocacy skills and make a meaningful impact.

Please register [here](#). We look forward to your participation in the Advocacy in Action series.

Save the Date: Capitol Connections, January 23, 2024

Mark your calendars for January 23, 2024, and join us for an exciting day of connecting with your legislators and addressing critical issues affecting our profession.

This lobby day promises not only to be impactful but also an enjoyable experience for both members and legislators. Your participation is crucial in making our collective voice heard on matters that shape our industry's future.

Event Details:

- **Date:** January 23, 2024

We look forward to the meaningful discussions that will unfold. Save the date for what is sure to be a day filled with connection, advocacy, and shared passion for architecture.

Stay tuned for further details and registration information.



AIAWA Architects Political Committee



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POLITICAL COMMITTEE**

Support Your Profession: Invest in APC

Your advocacy matters, and so does your role in shaping the legislative landscape that influences our profession. AIA Washington Council is your advocate in state government, diligently working on key issues that impact the architecture community.

The legislative and regulatory environment is a critical arena that directly affects how we provide professional services. The AIAWA Architects Political Committee (APC) is a vital part of our advocacy efforts. It supports lawmakers who champion our priorities, endorsing their campaigns and raising awareness about issues crucial to architects.

What APC Does:

- **Supports Advocacy Priorities:** APC backs lawmakers aligned with our advocacy priorities and the values of our profession.
- **Builds Relationships:** By supporting campaigns and engaging with legislators, APC strengthens the relationships between AIAWA and lawmakers.
- **Amplifies Your Voice:** APC enables architects to become a powerful voice for the design and construction industry, positively influencing legislative decisions.

We can't do it alone. Your expertise and advocacy are critical for the architectural profession. Investments in APC ensures face-to-face opportunities to educate legislators about our work and provides a platform to advocate for the priorities of Washington architects.

Benefits of Your Investment:

- **Education Opportunities:** Your support enables face-to-face interactions, educating legislators about the architectural profession.
- **Advocacy Platform:** APC provides a platform for architects to advocate for our priorities, ensuring our voices are heard.
- **Political Influence:** By contributing to candidates aligned with our values, APC gives architects a strong political voice in state offices.

How You Can Contribute: Your investment in APC is an investment in the future of our profession. Contribute to support candidates who align closely with AIAWA's legislative priorities and our shared values.

Visit the [APC Contribution Page](#) to learn more.

Save the Date: Pathway to AIA Fellowship Event

Mark your calendars for an informative event hosted by Rod Ashley, FAIA, on November 1 at 11:30 am. This event focuses on the pathway to AIA Fellowship, perfect for those preparing to apply in 2024 or contemplating their pathway in the next 5-10 years.

Event Details:

- **Date:** November 1
- **Time:** 11:30 am
- **Location:** Online

For detailed information about this event, please visit the [AIAWA website](#).



Opportunity to Represent AIAWA on the National Stage! Apply Now for the State/Territory Associates Representative to NAC Position

Are you passionate about representing the interests of Associate members and shaping national policies within the architectural community? If so, we invite you to consider applying for the State/Territory Associates (STAR) Representative to the AIA National Associates Committee (NAC) position.

As the STAR Representative, you will serve as the voice of Washington State's Associate members on the NAC, contributing valuable insights, feedback, and leadership to influence decisions at both local and national levels. This is a unique opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future of our profession.

Key Responsibilities:

- Represent Washington State at NAC Quarterly Committee Calls and Monthly Workgroup Calls.
- Contribute to NAC publications by sharing news and announcements from state and local chapter Associate member events.
- Attend major conferences, including the NAC Annual Conference, Grassroots Leadership Conference, AIA Conference on Architecture, and AIAWA Capital Connections Legislative Day.

Why Apply?

- Make a meaningful impact by advocating for the architectural profession.
- Build lasting connections with peers from around the country.
- Contribute to the growth and mentorship of emerging professionals.
- Receive financial support for travel from both the state and AIA National.

Eligibility and Application:

- Must be an Associate AIA member.
- Encouraged to pursue licensure during the term.
- Submit a one-page letter expressing your interest, a resume, and two letters of reference by **October 27, 2023**.
- Visit this [page](#) for all the details.

How to Apply: Email your application, including the required documents, to [Tammie Sueirro](#).

This is a fantastic opportunity to represent our vibrant architectural community on a national stage. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the current representative, [Katie Cherrier](#) Assoc. AIA.

AIAWA Civic Design Awards

The 2023 AIA Washington Council's Civic Design Awards, which took place on September 21, 2023, in Spokane, Washington, celebrated the best examples of what can be realized when architects and civic clients work together to achieve quality design.

AIA Washington Council showcases the clients and the architects who have demonstrated an appreciation for the excellent work done by AIA Members in the Washington Council. These projects represent the finest standards in innovation, sustainability, building performance, and overall integration with the client and surrounding community. View the Honor Award winners below and visit the [Civic Design Awards page](#) to learn more about all the 2023 winners.

Honor Awards



Liberty Park Library, Spokane, WA
Firm: **Integrus**



Health Sciences Education Building, Seattle, WA
Firm: The Miller Hull Partnership, LLC



University of Washington North Campus Housing, Seattle, WA
Firm: **KieranTimberlake**



Volunteer Park Amphitheater, Seattle, WA
Firm: **ORA Architects**

Honor Award for Equitable Communities

Ballard Food Bank, Seattle, WA
Firm: Graham Baba Architects



CHAPTER EVENTS

AIA Northwest Washington

- AIA NWW **Design Awards**: in-person event Oct. 26

AIA Seattle

- AIA Seattle **Honor Awards**: in-person event Nov. 6

AIA Southwest Washington

- AIA SWW **Honor Awards**: in-person event Nov. 9



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