

2027 Call for Volunteers

Get Involved with AIA New Jersey

AIA New Jersey is the statewide chapter of the American Institute of Architects, representing and supporting architects across New Jersey. Through advocacy, education, professional development, and member engagement, AIA New Jersey works to strengthen the profession and advance the role of architects in communities throughout the state.

Volunteers are at the heart of this work. From serving on committees and task forces to contributing expertise and helping shape programs and initiatives, there are many ways to get involved and make a difference.

Do you prefer to get involved at the local AIA Chapter level? [Check out the separate call for volunteers here](#)





New Jersey

2027 AIA NJ Board Positions

Board of Trustees - 2027 Open call for At-Large Trustees

Looking for an opportunity to inform the direction of AIA New Jersey but not ready for an executive officer role? The At-Large trustee role is a great way to get involved, build leadership experience while supporting members of AIA New Jersey with resources and events.

At-Large Trustees are appointed for a 1-year term; attend quarterly meetings (in person and virtual); participate on at least one AIA NJ committee. Additional information about this position is outlined in Article 7 of the current AIA NJ bylaws. Please email [Jessica O'Donnell, FAIA](#) with questions related to the bylaws

Anyone interested in applying for an AIA NJ At-Large Trustee positions shall complete the online [HERE](#) by 5 PM on October 1, 2026.

Executive Board - Open call for officers will open in Q2 2027

Interested in serving on the Executive Committee in 2028? Let us know!

Connect with the Nominating Committee Chairs to learn more about getting involved and starting your path toward leadership in 2028. [Contact Jessica O'Donnell, FAIA](#)



New Jersey

Committees:

Awards (Design and Service Awards)

K12, College & University

COTE: Committee on the Environment

L&GA: Legislative and Government
Affairs

EPiC: Emerging Professionals Community

Public Awareness

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Resiliency/Homeland Security

Fellowship

SFx: Small Firm Exchange

HARc: Historical Archives

TAP: Technology in Architectural
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Architecture & Accessibility

Affiliated Organizations

AIA-NJ APAC

AIA NJ Educational and
Scholarship Foundation



Apply for a Committee



AIA New Jersey Committees:

COTE: Committee on the Environment

- **Charge:** Advance, disseminate, and advocate – to the profession, the building industry, them academy, and the public – design practices that integrate built and natural systems and enhance both the design quality and environmental performance of the built environment.
- **Time Commitment:** 30-minute virtual meetings, more when necessary to plan events such as East Coast Green (the annual two-day virtual conference)
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly virtual meetings

Design & Service Awards

- **Charge:** Oversee the annual Design and Service Awards, ensuring a fair nomination and judging process. It reviews categories, plans award events including DesignNite, DesignDay and annual awards announcement program, creates judging rubrics, and explores new opportunities to recognize excellence in architecture and service.
- **Time Commitment:** 3-4 hours per month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly

EPiC: Emerging Professional Community

- **Charge:** Provide support and resources for emerging professionals through opportunities for Continued Education, Community Service and Advocacy.
- **Time Commitment:** 2-4 hours per month total (including 60-minute virtual committee meeting)
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly (typically third Tuesday of the month); 1 in-person event

EDI: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

- **Charge:** Actively promote and implement strategies to create a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive architectural profession by addressing systemic barriers within the AIA and the broader design community, aiming to increase the representation of underrepresented groups like women, people of color, and other marginalized communities within the field of architecture.
- **Time Commitment:** 3-4 hours per month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly



AIA New Jersey Committees:

Fellowship

- **Charge:** Advocates for the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. It provides guidance on best practices, supports policy initiatives, and promotes awareness of architectural heritage. Participation in this committee is limited to Fellow's of the American Institute of Architects (FAIA)
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Scheduled when needed

HARc: Historic Archives Committee

- **Charge:** Preserves and celebrates the history, legacy, and contributions of the architectural profession in New Jersey. The committee works to collect, document, and share historic records and stories that connect the chapter's past to its future.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** 1 hour a month

Historic Resources

- **Charge:** Advocates for the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic buildings. It provides guidance on best practices, supports policy initiatives, and promotes awareness of architectural heritage.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Scheduled when needed

K-12, College & University Committee

- **Charge:** Connects architects with students and educators to spark interest in architecture and introduce young people to the profession. The committee works to create meaningful educational opportunities, mentorship, and pathways that inspire the next generation of architects.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** 1 hour a month



AIA New Jersey Committees:

L&GA: Legislative and Government Affairs

- **Charge:** Watch state and local issues and ordinances to protect the practice of architecture.
- Promote new legislation that will protect and/or enhance the practice of architecture.
- Looking into holding a legislative day in Trenton.
- Preparing training on how to lobby on behalf of AIANJ both at the state and local levels.
- **Time Commitment:** 60 min virtual calls. Review legislative items in advance of our meetings: 10-60 minutes depending on the current legislative schedule.
- **Meeting Cadence:** Varies depending on Legislative schedule. No more than monthly

Public Awareness

- **Charge:** Promote the value of architects and architecture to the public. Key duties include:
Educating the Public through the development and implementation of strategies to inform the public about the positive impact architects have on communities and the built environment.
- Highlighting the accomplishments of AIA New Jersey and its members through various communication channels.
- Utilizing diverse communication methods including advertising campaigns, public relations efforts, and online content, to reach a broad audience. The AIA NJ Blog allows the committee to leverage efforts across social media platforms.
- Collaborating with Media (journalists and publications) to publish articles and advertisements that showcase the expertise and contributions of architects.
- Promoting thought leadership of AIA New Jersey members on topics related to design, sustainability, and community development.
- **Time Commitment:** 60-minute virtual meetings. Some additional follow up time may be required depending on developing situations in the media.
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly



AIA New Jersey Committees:

Resiliency/Homeland Security Committee

- **Mission:** Explores how architects can help create safer, stronger, and more resilient communities. The committee connects members with resources, experts, and emerging strategies related to disaster preparedness, security, climate resilience, and the built environment.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** 1 hour a month

SFx: Small Firm Exchange

- **Mission:** Serve as a vital resource and advocate for small architecture firms throughout New Jersey. SFX aims to strengthen the role of small firms within the profession by addressing their unique challenges and opportunities.
- **Time Commitment:** 2-4 hours per month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly virtual meetings, alternating between webinar (7-9pm) and forum discussions (4-5pm)

TAP: Technology in Architectural Practice

- **Mission:** Promotes the integration of emerging technologies in architectural practice. It educates members on digital tools, BIM, and innovative workflows to enhance design and construction efficiency.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Quarterly



AIA New Jersey Committees:

WIA: Women in Architecture

- **Mission:** Champion the role of women in the architectural realm by cultivating a vibrant community, fostering fellowship, advancing educational initiatives, and conducting outreach efforts. We strive to promote, validate, and illuminate the invaluable contributions of women within the architectural field. We strive to:
- Raise awareness about women's impactful contributions to the built environment and promote cultural understanding.
- Create a networking hub that celebrates and supports the achievements of women in the field.
- Lead efforts to increase diversity by actively advocating for women's advancement into leadership roles.
- Serve as a vocal advocate for addressing and resolving issues that affect women within the profession.
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 60-minute virtual meetings

Meeting Cadence: Quarterly

2027 Task Force

Architecture & Accessibility Committee

- **Charge:** Promotes inclusive, accessible design that supports people of all abilities. The committee advances awareness, education, and best practices to help architects create equitable and welcoming spaces throughout New Jersey.
- **Time Commitment:** 1-2 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** 1 hour a month



Partner Organizations

APAC

- **Mission:** Advocates for policies that support architects and the built environment in New Jersey. It engages with legislators, monitors relevant legislation, and mobilizes support for key industry issues.
- **Time Commitment:** 2-4 hours a month
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly

AIA NJ Educational and Scholarship Foundation

- **Charge:** Support the Foundation's mission to advance architectural education through scholarships, educational opportunities, and programs that invest in the next generation of architects. Board members will help guide the Foundation's programs, outreach, fundraising, and stewardship.
- **Time Commitment:** 2-4 hours per month total
- **Meeting Cadence:** Monthly board meetings

Additional Engagement Opportunities

Volunteer as a College Design Juror or Critic

Share your experience, perspective, and professional insight with the next generation of architects! AIA New Jersey members are invited to volunteer as **guest jurors or critics for design reviews and studio critics** at architecture programs throughout New Jersey.

This is a great opportunity to connect with students, engage with emerging talent, and give back to architectural education while gaining a firsthand look at the ideas and work shaping the future of the profession. Whether you have experience serving on a jury or are new to the process, your professional perspective can make a meaningful difference to students.

Interested in participating? Let us know if you would like to be added to AIA NJ's pool of volunteer architects for upcoming college design juries and critiques. Details on schools, dates, and opportunities will be shared as they become available.



Apply for a Committee