



Hello!

AND WELCOME!

AIA Austin actively engages the expertise of its members to influence and shape the built and natural environment in the greater Austin area. With 25 active committees, AIA Austin directs ongoing efforts within the community to promote the value of design and the work of AIA architects. This guide presents an overview of AIA Austin's committees—we hope you will find a place to get connected!

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See our work in [AIA Austin's 2023 Impact Report](#).

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Public Role & Advocacy

PUBLIC ROLE & ADVOCACY COMMISSION

In addition to the members-only Commercial Advocacy Roundtable, Residential Advocacy Roundtable, and the open-to-the-public LDC Advocacy Roundtable, the AIA Austin Board Advocacy Commission meets regularly to discuss topics of importance to our members and the community. The commission has opened up some of these meetings to our members and allied members, in an effort to address issues of importance.

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COMMERCIAL ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

AIA Austin, through its Advocacy Commission, is actively engaged with City of Austin staff to keep updated as to zoning and building code changes, specifically including the Commercial Review and Inspections Departments. The purpose of the Commercial Advocacy Roundtable is to inform AIA Austin members of various code changes and City of Austin staff interpretations affecting architects and their practice.

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COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

The Committee on the Environment (COTE) reflects the profession's commitment to provide healthy and safe environments for people, and is dedicated to preserving the earth's capability of sustaining a shared high quality of life. COTE's mission is to lead and coordinate the profession's involvement in environmental and energy-related issues, and promote the role of the architect as a leader in preserving and protecting the planet and its living systems.

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HOUSING ADVOCACY

The intention of this group is to be proactive, not reactive, look for organizations to partner with on issues, and leverage our own expertise to promote affordable housing for all Austinites. The Housing Advocacy committee aims to influence codes, policies, and housing practices through research, advocacy and education.

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Public Role & Advocacy

JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (J.E.D.I)

The principles of justice, equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging are important priorities for AIA Austin, AIA National, and the profession of architecture. Our committee seeks to improve our organizations and our profession by imbuing these considerations into everything we do.

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RESIDENTIAL ADVOCACY ROUNDTABLE

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URBAN DESIGN

The AIA Austin Urban Design committee aims to improve the quality of the urban environment by promoting excellence in design, planning, and public policy in the built environment. The Urban Design committee, in concert with allied community and professional groups, promotes programs that teach and inform professionals and the public about the design and development of quality urban spaces and environments.

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Membership & Community Building



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ALLIED MEMBER ROUNDTABLE

The Allied Member Roundtable exists to recognize, educate, develop, and further the relationships with its members as they seek to support the vision of AIA Austin. Knowing how important allied members are to the success of all AIA Austin members, the Allied Member Roundtable meets quarterly to discuss ways to increase the value of Allied Membership for Allied Member businesses, and how Allied Members can best support the Chapter.

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EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

The mission of the Emerging Professionals committee is to provide an opportunity for discussion and growth for young architectural professionals as they work towards licensure, along with relevant resources for continued development after registration, and to foster a strong network of multi-disciplinary members and non-members and promote the value of architecture through its impact in the community.

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FELLOWS

The AIA Fellows are recognized with the AIA's highest membership honor for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society. Only three percent of architects are fellows worldwide. Fifty-three AIA Austin members have this distinction. Fellows seek to advance the profession of architecture, mentor young architects, and be of ever-increasing service to society.



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LATINOS IN ARCHITECTURE (LiA)

Latinos in Architecture's (LiA) goal is to serve and support our local communities, strengthen networks between design professionals and enrich our practices through diverse cultural views by fostering participation in educational, professional, and community-oriented programs.

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Membership & Community Building

LEADERSHIP COLLECTIVE

The mission of this program is to support visionary, diverse leadership for a more sustainable, equitable future in our profession. The AIA Austin Leadership Collective aims to catalyze change by cultivating emerging professionals with the necessary support and guidance as the next generation of leaders to achieve successes in their professional careers, pioneer new endeavors, and grow community partnerships.

Program content builds on the successes of similar leadership programs at other AIA chapters and aims to complement existing AIA offerings in Texas. Monthly sessions will provide professional development training on a broad range of communications and leadership topics and will vary in delivery to promote both sharing of expert knowledge and opportunities for deliberate practice. Joint sessions open to Allied Members in engineering and construction will foster interaction across professions to strengthen participants' networks and learned skills.

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LGBTQIA+ ALLIANCE

All are welcome to our committee at AIA Austin for LGBTQIA+ members and their allies. The mission of this new initiative aims to create a space for our LGBTQIA+ members to start conversations, build community, and foster diversity and inclusion within our profession and organization.

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WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE (WiA)

Women in Architecture promotes, validates, and illuminates the role of women in the architectural field through community, fellowship, education, and outreach.

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Outreach



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ARCHITECTURE: K-12

Architecture: K-12 invites the community to explore, create and learn about the value of architecture through youth and family program opportunities. We host Architecture in Schools as part of AISD's Prime Time after-school program offered in Title 1 schools. We also offer Box City at Earth Day and Family Workshops at the Center for Architecture, both great activities for children 12 and under. If you are interested in teaching children about architecture, your involvement is valued at any level!

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DESIGN AWARDS

The AIA Austin Design Awards recognize outstanding work completed by AIA Austin members that spans a diverse spectrum of project sizes, types, locations, and clients.

Each year, an invited jury of respected architects reviews submitted projects and selects exceptional projects. Compelling projects are commended for their architectural design, technical ability, environmental response, and/or social impact. Innovation is recognized at multiple scales, from urban strategies down to detail resolution. The jury's selections are announced and honored at the annual Awards Celebration. Winning projects are promoted within the Austin community, cultivating an ongoing public interest in architectural excellence.

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DESIGNVOICE

DesignVoice facilitates opportunities for design professionals to serve their community through collaborative design-focused events and informational programs. We invite anyone who has an interest in being a voice for the design profession in support of our local community to attend the monthly meetings. DesignVoice is a forum in which new projects or efforts are welcome—bring them forward!

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HOMES TOUR

Every year for 37 years, AIA Austin has produced what has become a nationally-recognized tour of new and newly-renovated homes designed by architects for specific clients. Diversity and design excellence are showcased in the AIA Austin Homes Tour held every October. The two-day self-guided tour celebrates the talent of Austin's local architects, with both traditional and contemporary designs. Homes are submitted by AIA Austin Architect members and selected by the Homes Tour committee.

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HONOR AWARDS

The AIA Austin Honor Awards recognize our Members and those outside the profession who have made a positive impact on our city, the profession, or the organization. The recipients receive their awards at the Austin Foundation for Architecture's Form:Function celebration and benefit, and are recognized at the Design Awards Celebration. The categories of nominations are: Firm Achievement Award, Alan Yamato Taniguchi Award for Public Architecture, Associate Member of the Year Award, Emerging Professional Achievement Award, John V. Nyfeler, FAIA, Community Service Award, and Community Vision Award.

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ACADEMY OF ARCHITECTURE FOR HEALTH (AAH)

The Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) committee's aim is to present strong programs and events that will benefit architects, owners, contractors, and consultants who are engaged or interested in the design and construction of healthcare facilities.

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BUILDING ENCLOSURE COUNCIL (BEC)

The Building Enclosure Council (BEC) is an interdisciplinary committee made up of architects, engineers, contractors, building owners, consultants, facility managers, code officials, educators, manufacturers, and those with a stake in building enclosure performance.

BEC promotes the exchange of information on building enclosures and related science specific to the climate of Central Texas through discussion, training, education, outreach, and awareness of energy efficiency, moisture control, indoor air quality, longevity, and durability.

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CUSTOM RESIDENTIAL ARCHITECTS NETWORK (CRAN)

The Custom Residential Architects Network (CRAN) is a resource for those who practice residential architecture. Special programs and continuing education are provided at each meeting. Our events are open to all, and we invite you to become more involved.

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SMALL FIRMS ROUNDTABLE

Members of AIA Austin Small Firms Roundtable (SFR), generally characterized as having 10 or fewer employees, meet monthly to learn and discuss architectural practice and continually reach out to a diverse community of emerging small firms owners.

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AIA Austin x Center for Design ATX

For several years, AIA Austin and Austin Foundation for Architecture (now Center for Design ATX) have envisioned a center for design in Austin, and planning is currently underway.

This center will engage and highlight a diverse community of designers and architects, foster creativity and understanding, and inform the curious public.

Our programming celebrates the endless ways design makes life better.

EXHIBITIONS AND EXPERIENCES

The Exhibitions Committee—a joint committee between AIA Austin and the Austin Foundation for Architecture—recognizes the unique and exciting potential to reach a broad public audience through environments conducive to learning and discovery. These experiences are intended to promote the critical examination and understanding of architecture, art, culture, and community, and influence, delight, and inspire curiosity.

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GUIDE TO AUSTIN ARCHITECTURE (GTAA)

The Guide to Austin Architecture is a joint venture between AIA Austin and the Austin Foundation for Architecture. The online, mobile-friendly guide documents significant Austin places and make them accessible to the public. Through walking tours, searchable categories, and curated text and images, the Guide reveals Austin's important places and spaces.

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