



AIA Northern Virginia

Member Benefits

Architect Members (AIA)

Associate Members (Associate AIA)

International Associate Members (International Associate AIA)

AIA Northern Virginia provides professional resources that enable you to collaborate with colleagues, broaden your professional knowledge, and compete more effectively in the local market. The Chapter offers you the opportunity to make a significant difference for yourself, your community, and the profession as a whole.

When you join AIA Northern Virginia, you also receive valuable benefits through the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and AIA Virginia. The following information gives you an idea of the benefits you will receive as an AIA member.

Information

Be more effective by staying informed of the latest events, trends, and issues in the design profession through our newsletters, websites, event calendars, membership directories and social media connections.

You will receive several publications, free of charge, as a benefit of membership including:

AIA Northern Virginia News

BLAST

Inform Magazine

AIA Virginia Member News

ARCHITECT – The Journal of the AIA

AIA Architect

Education

Expand your knowledge and satisfy your continuing education and licensure requirements through professional development offerings, such as forums, seminars, building tours, lunch series, ARE Prep workshops and conferences. AIA Northern Virginia offers many free or inexpensive continuing education opportunities throughout the year.

Enjoy free and discounted on-demand courses through AIAU, an AIA educational portal, offering a wide selection of highly rated online courses.

Receive member discounts to:

AIA National Convention

Architecture Exchange East

DesignDC

Members also receive free access to AIA's Continuing Education System. This online platform tracks your continuing education record, provides a transcript which can be used to document your credits for license renewal, helps you find the best courses and generally makes your professional education journey a little easier.

Networking

AIA Northern Virginia offers you networking opportunities throughout the year, helping you connect and collaborate with your colleagues and your community.

Events include our annual open house, happy hours, mentoring events, firm tours, our design awards gala and our annual membership meeting. We offer the opportunity to participate in numerous Chapter committees to discuss topics of common interest, plan events, get to know your fellow members and enhance leadership skills.

It is also important to connect with the community as responsible citizens and to demonstrate the value of architects and design to the public. AIA Northern Virginia organizes several outreach programs including Architecture Week, our annual Construction® competition, Architecture Lab, Architecture in the Schools, and numerous programs with local architecture schools.

AIA Knowledge Communities are your opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals to learn, collaborate and share ideas in areas of professional interest. Knowledge Communities help to increase your understanding of a specific area of the profession, from sustainable design to technology in practice.

AIA KnowledgeNet is a social networking platform that emphasizes member to member communication, including discussion forums and professional resources authored by members. Join AIA Knowledge Communities to connect with other professionals who interests with you. There are 21 difference KCs to choose from.

Practice

Having AIA after your name presents a recognizable symbol of your professional standing to your clients and colleagues. Your membership can also help increase the visibility of your practice and drive new business to your firm through collaboration with fellow members and marketing opportunities provided by the AIA. You will be kept informed of the latest professional and business news and trends, allowing you to be better equipped to make wise business decisions.

Business Development:

- Free access to the AIA Northern Virginia online referral service where potential clients can search for local architects by areas of specialization
- Notification of competitions and design awards
- Firm and individual recognition by local, state and national design awards and honors programs

Practice Tools:

- Up-to-date practice information from local, state and national publications and websites
- Economic information, like the Architecture Billings Index and the AIA Compensation Report
- Business information like the AIA Firm Survey, AIA Home Trends Survey and the AIA Foresight Report
- Discounts on AIA Contract Documents
- Discounts on industry publications, such as the Handbook of Professional Practice, and many more through the AIA Store

- AIA Trust services, including risk management, insurance, financial programs, and legal information
- Free job postings on AIA Northern Virginia's online job board
- Free classified ads for employment opportunities in AIA Northern Virginia News
- Access to the Chapter's resume library

Career Development

- Help finding professional and internship opportunities to advance your career
- Resume library and employment opportunity information
- AIA Northern Virginia's Small Firm Roundtable, Young Architects Forum and Women in Architecture Committee
- Salary Calculator
- AIA Career Center
- Networking opportunities
- Mentoring

Advocacy

The AIA represents its members before Congress and with federal agencies to help shape the issues that determine how our members practice and the business climate in which they practice. Members working with the National AIA Advocacy Team have developed a legislative agenda that calls on Congress and the Administration to pursue policies that will stimulate work for architects. The AIA continually works to educate the public about the value of architects and the profession's role in the building industry.

AIA Virginia represents architects at the state legislature and regulatory agencies. They keep you informed about state concerns and decisions that affect your professional practice, while AIA Northern Virginia watches issues that affect your practice and business locally. The Chapter also strives to elevate the public's exposure to and appreciation of architecture and design through public outreach programs like Architecture Week and our Canstruction® competition.