



AIA

Northern Virginia

Associate Member Benefits

Associate Members enjoy all the same member benefits as Architect members, but there are some benefits specifically geared towards Associate Members that bear additional note.

AIA resources can help you advance your career and professional development by offering help in finding job opportunities, mentoring, educational programs, help getting your architect license, leadership opportunities and networking events.

Complimentary Membership for Recent Graduates

Recent graduates are offered complimentary AIA membership, at the Associate Level, for up to 18 months after graduation, based on your graduation date. The offer applies to graduates from NAAB degree programs, non-NAAB degree programs and IDP holders working under the supervision of an architect in a professional or technical capacity directly related to the practice of architecture. This includes complementary membership in AIA Northern Virginia, AIA Virginia and the National AIA.

Graduated Dues Program for Newly Licensed Members

To support our newly licensed Architect members, we offer a graduated dues program, at all three levels of the Institute. This allows for a gradual increase in dues amounts over three years.

Free Convention Registration for New Members

This offer is valid only for first-time new Architect, Associate and International Associate members who join the AIA between now and the convention date. Lapsed members of five years or more who join the AIA again are also eligible. Membership dues must be paid in full to receive convention registration.

Help Finding a Job

AIA Northern Virginia can help you in your job search. We have a job board on our website where you can peruse current job offerings in the metro area. We also offer a resume library that our firm principals really use. So if you're looking for work or just a new opportunity, be sure to send us your resume. You can also search for jobs at the AIA Career Center, where members can post their resume free of charge.

AIA Center for Emerging Professionals

This is a key resource for architecture students, recent graduates, and newly licensed architects providing information on testing, licensing, jobs, leadership opportunities and entrepreneurial issues.

Young Architects Forum

Besides organizing a winning volleyball team, our Chapter's Young Architects Forum (YAF) is very active, planning happy hours, ARE Prep classes, mentoring programs and building tours.

(The Chapter's YAF serves interns, Associate Members and Architect members licensed 10 years or less.)

Mentoring

Expand your support network, with one-on-one mentoring, speed mentoring and 360 mentoring.

ARE Prep Classes – Awarded the 2015 CACE ARE Excellence Award

Our Chapter offers a series of classes to help you prepare for the exams. All our ARE classes offer continuing education credit and our program is designed to help and encourage you to complete your testing during the 5-month program. We also offer our Associate members the opportunity to borrow ARE study materials free of charge.

ARE Scholarship

The Chapter offers a scholarship program to support testing and help defray the costs for the ARE.

Get Licensed

AIA can connect you to resources to help you through the licensing process. Take advantage of AXP and ARE resources, and use the Emerging Professional Companion (EPC) Resource Center which offers information, support and credit opportunities for interns. Also, make the most of your free access to AIA CES Discovery to help track AXP credits.

Networking

With over 1,200 members in AIA Northern Virginia, you will have many opportunities to interact with colleagues, from interns to firm principals. Expand your network at happy hours, committee meetings, firm and building tours, seminars and even a volleyball game.

Leadership Opportunities

Chapter committees offer excellent opportunities to develop leadership skills, plus you could be sitting on a committee with the principal of your favorite firm. Participating in community service projects not only make you feel good, they contribute to your professional development. So consider volunteering to help organize events at our local architecture schools, work with elementary students on architecture projects or join us at our next Canstruction® competition.

Professional development

- Continuing education sessions
- ARE Prep classes
- Featured work in *AIA Northern Virginia News*
- A design award category just for Associate members
- Publications and communications, including *Forward*, a scholarly journal produced by the National Associates Committee.
- AIA Virginia's Emerging Leaders in Architecture program, an intensive program to develop leaders in the profession and community.