



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.

First, there are two new member promotions to consider:

Complimentary Membership for Recent Graduates

Recent graduates of an accredited school of architecture are offered complimentary AIA membership, at the Associate Level, for up to 18 months after graduation. This includes complimentary membership in the National AIA and AIA Northern Virginia. Virginia Society AIA offers complimentary membership from the date of graduation to the end of the year. Eligible individuals must use the Graduate application and provide a copy of their diploma or transcript with their application.

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 May 2012 convention. 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.

**Please note that this special offer is of particular interest to potential members of AIA Northern Virginia since the 2012 AIA Convention will be held in Washington, DC.*

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

Help Finding a Job

AIA Northern Virginia can help you in your job search. We have a resume bank that our firm principals really use and an email distribution list so you're the first to hear about new job openings. So if you're looking for work or just a new opportunity, be sure to send us your resume and request your email be added to our list. You can also search for jobs at the AIA Career Center, where members can post their resume free of charge.

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

Mentoring

From one-on-one matching to speed mentoring to vertical mentoring, we do it all.

ARE Prep Classes

Our Chapter offers a complete series of classes to help you prepare for the exams, including supplemental classes on a variety of subjects found throughout the tests. We also offer our Associate members the opportunity to borrow ARE study materials free of charge. Most importantly, our Chapter hosts Professor David Thaddeus' Structural Workshop every year. Members get a substantial discount on the fee and get to register first, before the class fills.

Get Licensed

AIA can connect you to resources to help you through the licensing process. Take advantage of IDP and ARE resources, and use the Emerging Professional Companion (EPC) Resource Center which offers information, support and credit opportunities for interns during the IDP process. Also, make the most of your free access to AIA CES Discovery to help track IDP 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*
- Design award just for Associate members
- Publications and communications, including *AssociateNews*, a newsletter produced by the National Associates Committee, and *Forward*, a scholarly journal produced by the National Associates Committee.
- Virginia Society's Emerging Leaders in Architecture program, an intensive program to develop leaders in the profession and community.