ADVOCATE. EDUCATE. PARTICIPATE.

April 17, 2018 | Architects Action Day

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Agenda
AGENDA

• AIA Pennsylvania
• Political Process
• Action Day Goals
• Advocacy 101
• Action Day Visits
• Issues
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AIA Pennsylvania
AIA Pennsylvania

- Statewide component of AIA
- Representing nearly 3,000 members
- Advocating on behalf of those members to the public and to the legislature.
- Governed by a Board of Directors representing all 8 local components
- Staff of four
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**Mission Statement:** “In representing, serving, and communicating the interests of our local chapters and individual members, AIA Pennsylvania promotes the profession of architecture throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while striving for the highest quality in the built environment.”

**Primary Strategic Goal:** To protect and enhance a state legal and regulatory framework that fosters high quality sustainable development and is favorable to the architecture profession.
• **Advocacy:** public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy

• **Grassroots:** uses the people in a given district as the basis for a political or economic movement. Grassroots movements and organizations utilize collective action from the local level to effect change at the local, regional, national, or international level. Grassroots movements are associated with bottom-up, rather than top-down decision making.

• **Every person, cause, and business has a story to tell. There is strength in numbers.**
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• Legal
• Follow campaign finance and lobbying disclosure laws
• Important and vital for the profession
The Pennsylvania Architects PAC
The Political Action Committee of AIA Pennsylvania

THANK YOU

Your contributions have helped us to strengthen our relationships with legislators all over the Commonwealth.

2017’s legislative victories would not have been possible without your donations & collective voice!

Moved our Mandatory Continuing Education bill out of the house and into Senate Committee with 195 yes and only 6 nays. The last time our bill passed the house was in 2013 with 31 nay votes.

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Passed Act 36 of 2017 which will potentially update the UCC to the 2015 IBC codes and provides a provision for the City of Philadelphia to adopt the 2016 IBC.

Passed Act 40 of 2017 which closes the PJM boarders and ensures the growth of the renewable energy industry in the Commonwealth.

Two new pens courtesy of the Governor are set to hang on the AIA Pennsylvania wall. The most recent pen to grace our walls is 18 years old and commemorates AIA PA’s role in the establishing the UCC.

SUPPORT YOUR PROFESSION
CONTRIBUTE NOW
to help us reach $10,000 by the end of the year!
only $730.65 is needed to meet our 2017 goal!

Architects vs. Builders

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39% ↓

$7,157.49 $9,269.35

26% ↑
WHY Should I Donate to the PA Architects PAC?

Decisions affecting our profession will be made whether we are part of the conversation or not. It is critical we have a seat at the table to represent our membership, issues, and concerns.

Make YOUR VOICE Heard

The PA Architects PAC enables architects to approach vital public policy matters through a well-organized, well-informed, and united front. Through the PA Architects PAC, our members multiply their individual political effectiveness and increase the presence of your profession to ensure the PA legislature hears what YOU have to say.

STRENGTH in NUMBERS

When we join together, our effectiveness and influence increases. The PA Architects PAC allows AIA PA and its members to support candidates who understand and share architects’ concerns.

DONATE TODAY!

With a STRONG PA Architects PAC the profession is given a loud, collective voice.
PINS ARE IN, BARE LAPELS ARE OUT

Design the 2019-2020 Legislative Session Edition of the Pennsylvania Architects PAC pin

Submissions open April 17th
Submissions close September 30th

visit paarchitectspac.org/pac-pin-contest/ on April 17th to learn more
Political Process
“All politics is local”

Governor
Four year term

Pennsylvania General Assembly
50 Senators
Four year term
Represent approximately 246,000 constituents

203 House Representatives
Two year term
Represent approximately 60,000 constituents

Majority & Minority

Legis.state.pa.us
LEGISLATIVE PROCESS
• Bill introduced in Senate or House
• Referred to Committee
• Committee consideration
• Floor votes
• Referred to other Chamber
• Same process
• Concurrence vote
• Governor’s Desk
• Legis.state.pa.us
• **definition:** public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy
• Make your voice and the voice of your profession heard
• Administration & Legislators want to hear from you
Why is grassroots important?
Group of like-minded people coming together for a particular cause
Legislators depend on their constituents’ to let them know how policy affects their local community
Through constituent letters, phone calls, and face-to-face meetings, legislators learn what's important to the “people back home.”
Greater influence and impact is gained when large numbers of constituents speak with “one voice.”
Architects Action Day
# SCHEDULE

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GOALS

• Promote the profession – we are the voice of the construction industry.

• Build relationships with legislators and staffers.

• Establish AIA PA as a resource.

• Advocate for our issues.

• Have fun!
Advocacy 101
Health, safety, and welfare

- Architects have a duty to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare (HSW).
- Governments create laws regulating HSW issues.
- If we do not inform/guide/educate lawmakers, their “good intentions” (or their connections to special interests) may actually reduce protections for the public.

Practice

- taxes
- insurance
- rules and regulations for small business
DO ELECTED OFFICIALS WANT TO HEAR FROM ARCHITECTS?

YES!

• You are the expert

• You have information that is useful to their decision making process

• You are a reliable and trusted source
DO ELECTED OFFICIALS WANT TO HEAR FROM ARCHITECTS?

YES!

• You are a constituent

• You bolster and help them explain their position to other constituents

• You are “on the ground floor” and know what’s going on
“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu.” – Senator Michael Enzi, WY

WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

Decisions made at the local, state and federal level overlap with all aspects of our profession.

Design Excellence
Solar Energy
Taxes
Liability
Building Codes
Sustainability
Energy efficiency
Resilience
WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

All politics is local.”

Advocacy = Service

It will build your skills

Other architects have advocated before you ... do the same & pay it forward
WHAT’S IN IT FOR YOU?

One thing leads to another ... involvement will lead to new opportunities & new relationships ... resulting in – Stronger relationships

Stronger community

A stronger profession where ARCHITECTS BECOME SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS on the built environment
BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUR ELECTED LEADERS

Build relationships with your elected leaders
- Meet with your legislators
- Invite legislators to visit your office
- Invite legislators to tour projects
- Get to know their legislative staff
- Be prepared, accurate and honest
- Follow-thru and information sharing is critical
- Take the long view – building relationships takes time
- Maintain a sense of humor
ADVICE FOR ADVOCATES

• Introduce yourself
• Talk to their staff
• Let them know if you are a constituent
• Leave your business card
• Tell them what you do and what AIA does
• Promote the profession
• Offer AIA Pennsylvania as a resource any time they have questions about the construction industry
• Say thank you
LEGISLATIVE VISITS

• Each person will be assigned to a team.
• Each team will have several office visits and drop-offs.
• Capitol maps and Issue Briefs will be provided
• You will be responsible for:
  • Speaking about the issues
  • Providing our issue briefs
• Establish future relationships.
• 40 members registered
• 36 meetings scheduled
WHAT TO EXPECT

• The legislator may not be able to attend the meeting. You may be meeting with staff.

• Expect legislators and staff to know very little about our issues. You are the subject expert!

• Explain the issues, but keep it brief.

• If they ask you a question you do not know the answer to, tell them you will research it and follow up with them.

• Extremely busy day.
Additional Tips

*Introduce Yourself*
Remember to tell the legislator or staff member who you are, where you are from, what you do, and that you are a member of the AIA. Do not assume they have this information.

*Be Flexible, Be Polite*
Members of the legislature have very busy schedules that change constantly. It is important to stay flexible and understand that you may have to meet with staff, your meeting may be cut short or interrupted, or that you may be meeting with someone who may disagree. Always maintain flexibility and be polite, regardless of your personal opinion.

*Make it Personal*
You are the expert on the design industry, and you should utilize this opportunity to educate your elected officials about the needs and concerns of the industry. Legislators want to know how a specific issue will affect their district, so use personal or local experiences to emphasize your points. Members of Congress relate most to issues that have a direct impact on the constituents they represent.
Additional Tips

*Set the Expectation for Future Interaction*
Invite the representative to take part in future in-district activities in the district (component meeting, site visit, etc.). Let the legislator know that this is the first of (hopefully) many future interactions.

*Say ‘Thank You’*
We are always asking our legislators for something, so thank them for their hard work and ask what you can do for them.

*Follow Up*
Take the time after your meeting to let AIA PA staff know how your meeting went and if they should follow up with the legislator’s office. And send your legislator a thank you note reviewing the issues you discussed.

*Have Fun!*
This is not only a great opportunity for you, but it’s a great opportunity for legislators and staff to hear from their constituents. Enjoy it!
Please Don’t...

*Feel Slighted*
You may have to meet with staff or only have three minutes to talk in a crowded hallway. Remember, every opportunity to communicate with legislators and their staff is a great opportunity to show our commitment to our profession and to our issues. Take advantage of it.

*Feel Like You Need to Know Everything*
If someone asks a question, and you don’t know the answer, offer to have AIA staff follow up with the requested information. Don’t make answers up or feel like you are expected to be an expert on legislative issues.

*Miss the Opportunity*
Don’t just say “hi” or read from the talking points. Share your story – that is the one the legislator wants to hear.

*Talk About Money ... it’s illegal*
Keep fundraising and campaign conversations separate. Have those conversations back in the district outside of a member’s office.
THANK YOU

• Attending our Lobby Day and meeting with your legislators is absolutely vital to advance architects and architecture.

• No one else knows our issues like you do.

• Legislators want to hear from the experts and their constituents.

• There is no better advocate for the profession than you!
2018 Issue Briefs
Mandatory Continuing Education
MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

AIA Pennsylvania recognizes that continuing education in architecture is crucial to advancing and improving the profession and to protecting the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Architects are professionally licensed by the Commonwealth and endeavor to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public by skillful use of planning and design concepts, building codes legislated for the various jurisdictions, and for the innovative use of new materials and technologies. Continuing education is critical.

The AIA makes continuing education a requirement for all members and believes it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth for the legislature to mandate continuing education for all architects in order for them to advance their skills.

In today’s rapidly changing landscape of building codes, standards, and new products and materials, architects must maintain an awareness and understanding of an ever-increasing amount of information. Clients and the public benefit from the expertise of architects for the development of solutions to the problems facing the built environment.

Currently, there are no mandatory continuing education requirements for architects in the Commonwealth. SB 432 and HB 223 amend the Architects Licensure Law by adding language requiring each licensee to complete a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education as a condition for renewal of the biennial license.
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MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION
School Safety & Construction
ISSUE BRIEF

SAFER SCHOOLS BY DESIGN

Architects are responsible for safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public; so they design the structures in which we live, work, and play. As a professional organization that represents architects, we do not have all the answers to solving the problems of violence and terrorism in our schools. One thing we can provide is our voice as designers, creators, thinkers, and guardians of public health, safety, and welfare.

The recent school shooting in Florida continues an unsettling trend of assaults on students in their neighborhood schools. While the debate will continue at the national level on proposals for arming teachers and “hardening” our schools in Pennsylvania, we need to have the conversation on what can be done to make our students safer at the schools in our communities while maintaining a nurturing learning environment.

Two ideas that can be implemented immediately are: the establishing of a statewide emergency management plan for the design and configuration of school buildings and security infrastructure, and the piloting of an assessment tool to use as a guideline for school districts to gauge priorities. We suggest a group to develop these assets that would be made up of architects, contractors, teachers, students, and law enforcement.

As school architects, our members have walked through numerous facilities that do not have any of the most basic safety measures. Examples include administration offices remotely located from emergency school entrances, exterior doors that lead directly into classrooms, classrooms unable to be properly locked down, and lack of security cameras both on the campus and inside the building.

School safety and security can be addressed through comprehensive planning and by integrating building features that also serve to provide comfortable learning environments, address environmental design criteria required of specific geographical locations, and fire and wind resistance. Architects do all this and foster places that are interactively and mentally uplifting, promote social well-being, and community pride.

The conversation about keeping our children safe is complex and spans many subjects. But there are specific steps we can take right now to make our buildings safer: teachers, students, schools, schools districts, municipalities, emergency preparedness, and school architects must come together to implement current safety practices as well as continue to develop new methods to keep our children safe. AIA Pennsylvania intends to continue our ongoing dialogue to find workable solutions to safeguard our school children.

AIA Pennsylvania recommends updating safety assessments that focus on school facilities in the Commonwealth to gain a better understanding of the scale of work that needs to be done to secure our schools.

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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

SENATOR PAT BROWNE, PEDRO RIVERA & REPRESENTATIVE STAN SAYLOR
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SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

Architecture improves student success and health. Thoughtfully designed buildings and spaces enhance learning outcomes by allowing teachers and students to focus on their education.

Currently, the most important component of the state education funding that appears to be at risk is the PlanCon program for school construction reimbursement. The current PlanCon program must be reformed. The state must continue to provide reimbursement for school construction and renovation projects.

We support the current PlanCon process which is lengthy and burdensome and must be streamlined. We strongly believe that the state must continue to play a role in providing reimbursement for school construction and renovation. Maintaining such a program ensures that all school districts can provide appropriate school facilities and safe and secure learning environments for their students.

In an Act 1 of 2008 environment, in which school districts cannot raise property taxes above the index, it will be nearly impossible for most school districts to ever fund a needed construction or renovation project without state reimbursement. Coupled with that the fact that some school districts are also facing downward bond ratings, due mostly to rising pension and charter school tuition costs, making borrowing an even more expensive endeavor for schools and taxpayers.

Without some program for state reimbursement, it will be educational programs on the chopping block to fund needed renovation projects—such as projects to fix leaking roofs, replace failing HVAC systems or over-stressed space to deal with growing enrollment.

We believe that the PlanCon Advisory Committee offers unique opportunity to craft a reformed, efficient, and streamlined process for school construction and renovation reimbursement going forward, one that we think that would look very different than the current PlanCon process.

With school districts in mind, we ask that you continue to provide state funding for school construction both new and through future programs. Instead of eliminating the PlanCon program, we urge you to take this opportunity to craft a program for school construction reimbursement that will benefit the Commonwealth, school districts, the built environment, and taxpayers into the future.

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Statute of Repose
AN ACT
1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in limitation of time,
3 further providing for construction projects.
4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:
6 Section 1. Section 5536 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
8 § 5536. Construction projects.
9 (a) General rule.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a
10 civil action or proceeding brought against any person lawfully
11 performing or furnishing the design, planning, supervision or
12 observation of construction, or construction of any improvement
13 to real property must be commenced within [12] 6 years after
14 completion of construction of such improvement to recover
15 damages for:
16 (1) Any deficiency in the design, planning, supervision
17 or observation of construction or construction of the
18 improvement.

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AIA PA SUPPORTS:
SB 1064 Wagner

BASICKALLY:
AIA Pennsylvania would like to reduce the Statute of Repose for PA to 6 years.

ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, AND CONTRACTORS PRACTICING IN THE COMMONWEALTH FACE A
SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF LIABILITY EXPOSURE FOR PROPERTY DAMAGES AND OTHER
CONSTRUCTION CLAIMS.

WE AGREE THAT SOME AMOUNT OF LIABILITY IS NEEDED. HOWEVER, THERE IS A NEED TO
DEFINE A PERIOD OF TIME AFTER WHICH THE ARCHITECT CAN BE HELD LIABLE FOR PERSONAL
INJURY OR INJURY TO PROPERTY.

WE BELIEVE THAT THIS TIME PERIOD SHOULD END WHEN THE ARCHITECT NO LONGER HAS
INFLUENCE OVER THE PROPERTY. AFTER THIS TIME PERIOD, DEFICIENCIES IN THE DESIGN HAVE
BEEN OR SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCOVERED, AND OR ANY INJURY TO PERSONS OR
PROPERTY IS MOST LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED AS THE RESULT OF SOMETHING OUTSIDE THE
ARCHITECT’S DESIGN WORK.

FURTHERMORE, WE ARE LOOKING TO ALIGN OURSELF WITH OTHER STATES AND COMMERCEWIDE
WIDE INDUSTRIES.

CURRENTLY, THE STATUTE OF REPose FOR SOME OTHER STATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Arkansas: 6 years
Massachusetts: 6 years
Colorado: 6 years
Mississippi: 6 years
Delaware: 6 years
Vermont: 6 years
Kentucky: 7 years
Virginia: 5 years
Louisiana: 5 years

THE STATUTE OF REPose IN PENNSYLVANIA IS 13 YEARS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

FOR BETTER OR WORSE, THE ESTIMATED SHELF-LIFE FOR A BUILDING HAS BEEN TRENDING
DOWNWARD OVER THE YEARS. FOR SOME BUILDING TYPES, REMODELING TO NEWER
BUILDINGS IS OCCURRING SOONER THAN WHEN THE BUILDING WAS FIRST CONSTRUCTED.

OFTEN TIMES, AFTER 6 YEARS, ISSUES THAT ARISE FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS ARE DU TO
OWNER’S OR TENANT’S FAILURE TO MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY RATHER THAN FAULTY DESIGN.

WITHOUT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT DESIGN PROFESSIONALS FROM UNLIMITED LIABILITY.
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR AN ARCHITECT TO BE SUED FOR AN INJURY SUFFERED OR AROUND
A BUILDING THAT WAS DESIGNED MANY YEARS PRIOR, EVEN WHEN THE INJURY IS THE RESULT OF
IMPROPER MAINTENANCE, ACCOMPLISHED REVISIONS SINCE THE BUILDING WAS PUT INTO
COMMISSION, OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND THE ARCHITECT’S CONTROL.
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High Performance Buildings
The goal of High Performance Buildings is to generate energy savings and optimize the performance of occupants, workers, students and teachers. Working in healthy, comfortable buildings provides an environment where people can do their best. Natural daylight, good ventilation, and a well-insulated building envelope all benefit the efficiency of the occupants and saves money.

AIA Pennsylvania supports policies, programs, and incentives that encourage energy conservation as it relates to the built environment as well as the development and harvesting of energy from local and renewable sources. Architects are encouraged to promote energy efficiency and waste reduction in the built environment to advance the goal of achieving carbon neutral buildings by the year 2030.

Architects are responsible for designing buildings that protect the health, safety and welfare of not only the public but also the environment. Consequently, we support governmental and private sector policy programs, including the development, evaluation, and use of building codes, standards and evidence-based rating systems that promote the design, preservation, and construction of sustainable communities and high-performance buildings.

According to the Clean Jobs PA report, there are over 70,000 clean jobs in Pennsylvania. Most of these clean jobs concern the energy efficiency of buildings. Nearly 10,000 of these jobs are in the solar and photovoltaics industry. Renewable energy creates cleaner air and adds value and resiliency to buildings and communities.

The 2015 U.S. Green Building Council Green Building Economic Impact Study, prepared by Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH), quantifies the economic value of green buildings and LEED construction. The trajectory of the green building sector of the U.S. construction industry is slated for expansive growth. To date, green building has created millions of jobs and contributed hundreds of billions of dollars to the U.S. and Pennsylvania economies.

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SB 234 Blake & Reschenthaler
SB 415 Rafferty

BASICALLY:
AIA PA promotes effective energy and environmental standards for construction to optimize the performance of buildings in the Commonwealth, increase jobs, and save money over the life cycle of the building.
SB 234 C-PACE

SB 234 would authorize county and municipal governments to establish Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (C-PACE) programs.

C-PACE is a tool for businesses to invest in cost-saving energy efficiency projects, which create jobs, lower operating costs, and improve property values.

For local governments, C-PACE programs are voluntary and do not require any public funds.
Student Loan Forgiveness
STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

ISSUE BRIEF

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

Student debt is one of the most critical issues facing the next generation of design professionals. The average architecture student with a five year Bachelor’s degree graduates with over $42,000 in student loan debt. Students graduating with a Master of Architecture face over $72,000 in loan debt, ranking architecture as one of the disciplines with the highest loan balances in the country.

Due to a spiraling economy several years ago, many architecture firms were forced to lay off staff or even close. Many architecture students were unable to find jobs in their field and were obligated to find another occupation. The design and construction industry faces a severe shortage of talent, at exactly the moment the Commonwealth needs to start rebuilding and revitalizing our underserved areas and blighted communities.

For the aforementioned reasons we are supporting legislation that eases the burden by providing loan assistance to architecture students and recent graduates who contribute their design services to underserved areas.

The Neighborhood Restoration Act would create a program allowing architecture students to work in underserved areas of the Commonwealth in exchange for assistance with their student loans. As a result, communities will receive a broad range of architecture services that may not have otherwise been available, and architecture graduates will be able to gain valuable experience while lessening their debt.

SB 459 will help promote sustainable economic development and jobs by ensuring aspiring architects are able to gain valuable experience while giving back to their communities designing public projects such as schools, health clinics, housing facilities and libraries. In return, the bill will alleviate some of the barriers new graduates face as they pursue their dreams in architecture. Architecture is the key to neighborhood revitalization and downtown restoration.

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SB 459 Argall

BASICALLY:
Recent architectural graduates are providing pro-bono services to improve blighted communities and are seeking assistance with their burdensome student loan debt.
Separations Act Reform
On behalf of the Coalition to Modernize the Separations Act, we firmly support legislation that promotes freedom of choice in delivery methods for the commercial construction industry. The current Separations Act prohibits any Pennsylvania public works projects, over $25K, the ability to have this freedom and restricts these owners to only a multiple prime delivery system.

There is NO perfect construction delivery method. The construction industry has evolved since 1913 when the Separations Act was enacted, adapting delivery methods in response to the customer’s changing circumstances. Cost, quality and time vary from project to project and the customer should be afforded the opportunity to select the most appropriate delivery method for a particular project on a case-by-case basis. Flexibility to choose the most effective and efficient project system will enable local governmental entities to control costs on public building projects and ultimately save taxpayers money.

This Coalition supports a legislative approach that explicitly states the delivery methods a public owner can choose from, which includes: Design-Bid-Build with Multiple Primers; Design-Bid-Build with Single Prime; Construction Management At Risk; and, Design Build. Each of these delivery systems have been used in the commercial construction industry and each provides different advantages and disadvantages depending on project variables.

We urge your organization to stand with us and move our construction industry into the modern day by updating our construction procurement law known as the Separations Act. Let us know if we can count on your organization to join our Coalition.
Historic Preservation
Diversity and Inclusion
Equity, diversity, and inclusion

We are committed to broadening equity, diversity, and inclusion to create a stronger profession.
2017 Wins
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