



AIA PA Advocacy Powerhouse Shifts to AIA National

It is with great pride, and a tinge of sadness, that AIA PA announces the departure of Amal Mahrouki, Director of Legislative Affairs, and her new role with AIA National as their Senior Director of State and Local Affairs.

Since 2017, Amal served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for AIA Pennsylvania. In this role, she led advocacy and industry engagement efforts, championing legislation that advanced the profession while safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare. Under her leadership, AIA Pennsylvania developed a robust political infrastructure, including a government affairs committee, specialized sub-committees, and a [political action committee](#).

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AIA Pennsylvania Virtual Year in Review Town Hall

Celebrate AIA Pennsylvania's remarkable achievements in 2024 and unveil our goals for the year ahead

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ADVOCACY

****Last Chance to Make Your Voice Heard!****

Members, we need to hear from you! Our board and committee chairs have responded, but we need to hear from our members on what AIA PA's legislative priorities should be this year. We are your voice for advocacy at the State Capitol. Help us, help you, the profession, and the public by completing the survey today!

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Important Deadline: Transition to 2021 ICC Building Codes

The Pennsylvania Review and Advisory Council (RAC) has completed its review of the 2021 ICC codes and has [recommended](#) them for adoption anticipated on July 13, 2025. See the attached link for specific modifications as recommended by the Council.

State law (Uniform Construction Code) still provides for the 6 month 'grace period' wherein a permit can be applied for 6-months beyond the effective date providing a signed design contract exists prior to that date. These recommendations do not address the accessibility sections of any code, and as such PA will continue to enforce the 2018 sections of these provisions. State law has to be altered in order to adopt any updated accessibility codes.

The recommendations of the RAC will not be official until the Secretary of Labor and Industry makes them official.

Mandatory Continuing Education will not take effect this year

AIA PA reminds members, that while Act 144 has been signed into law, the **Continuing Education requirements will not take effect with the June 2025** license renewals.

The timeline for implementation remains undetermined as the regulatory process is just beginning.

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

AIA Eastern PA Architectural Design Awards Submission
January 21, 2025 | 8am - February 21, 2025 | 11:59pm

The 2024 AIA Eastern PA Design Awards is now accepting project submissions. The Annual AIA Eastern PA Design Awards is a celebration of design excellence, innovative partnerships, and the nearly 200 Inspiring Architects, Associate, and Allied and Members who make up our chapter. The AIA Eastern PA Design Awards highlight our members' dedication to creating a better built environment, engagement within our communities, and advocacy for the industry.

[Submit Your Project >](#)

NOMA Pittsburgh's DESIGN IN COLOR
February 8, 2025 | 6:00pm - 11:00pm

In honor of NOMA Pittsburgh's 10th Anniversary, the inaugural DESIGN IN COLOR party will highlight the impact of minority designers making and taking up space. Join NOMA PGH to celebrate design excellence by honoring the past, celebrating the present, and looking forward to the future of architecture.

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2nd-on-2nd Small Firm Forum - Building Codes Antidotes & Clever Solutions
February 18, 2025 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Are you an architect or design professional in a small firm seeking innovative ways to tackle building code challenges? We invite you to join us for a collaborative event where small firm principals will share their experiences and insights on overcoming project challenges involving building codes with creative design solutions to solve building code challenges that work for code officials and project budgets.

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Employee Privacy and Monitoring in the Digital Age: Balancing Workplace Security and Personal Privacy
March 13, 2025 | 10:00am - 1:30pm | 1.5 AIA LU Submitted

As digital Monitoring tools become increasingly advanced and instances of trade secret theft rise, the likelihood of legal disputes in the future is expected to climb. The Defend Trade Secrets Act (DTSA) and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) are anticipated to play pivotal roles in future litigation, with employers targeting former employees over the misuse of confidential information. This webinar will delve into these crucial statutes, examining trends in case law and identifying new challenges that companies, employees, and their legal advisors are likely to encounter in the years ahead.

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Save The Date: 2025 AIA Philadelphia Home Tours
May 17, 2025 | 10:00am - 5:00pm

The AIA Philadelphia Home Tours demonstrates to the public the value of using an architect and showcase the very best residential architecture in the Greater Philadelphia Region. The architects will have team members stationed throughout the homes to engage with visitors about architectural details and answer questions.

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MEMBER NEWS & INSIGHTS

AIA Responds to White House Memo on GSA Guiding Principles for Federal Projects

AIA supports freedom in design and is extremely concerned about any revisions that remove control from local communities or mandate official federal design preferences that hinder design freedom.

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The American Institute of Architects reaches 100,000 members, a first in organization's history

AIA is the largest, most influential network of architecture professionals, now with over 100,000 members who share a passion for design, a desire to change the world, and a commitment to following the highest standards of practice.

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Help AIA to Support Members Affected by Wildfires

AIA is actively working with state and local chapters to support communities impacted by the fires in and around Los Angeles, CA. These fires have burned over 40,000 acres and have led to the destruction of over 12,300 structures, including homes, schools, and cultural landmarks, marking the fires among the most destructive in the county's history.

[Read updates and find out how to help >](#)

AIA Conference on Architecture & Design® 2025

SAVE THE DATE! June 4-7, 2025

Step into a world where imagination takes the lead and innovation knows no limits. At AIA25, happening June 4-7 in Boston, creativity becomes a playground for discovery, experimentation, and reimagining the possibilities in architecture and design.

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