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Introducing New AIA PA Board President Jamie Ober, AIA, LEED AP

We are so pleased to introduce Jamie Ober, AIA, LEED AP as AIA Pennsylvania Board President for 2025. Jamie brings nearly 20 years of architectural experience and a passion for design, sustainability, wellness, and community.

"My passion for our profession is deeply rooted in a love for the environment, the joy of making and creating and a dedication to community and connecting people within our built environment. My roots come with a deep understanding of the land and sustainable practices, the necessity of knowing how to think critically, and the ability to actively analyze information to draw logical conclusions. The life of a farmer draws a lot of parallels to an architect in the sensitive way they must live and the need for patience and trust in the process."

A Principal at Lenhardt Rodgers Architecture + Interiors, her journey from being a kid on a dairy farm to architect instilled values of critical thinking, patience, and craftsmanship. Jamie is dedicated to design excellence, equity, and advancing the profession, actively engaging in EDI initiatives, Women in Architecture Committees for AIA Philadelphia as well as the EDI Committee for AIA Pennsylvania. She also serves on the AIA PA Strategic Council and is proud to be a LEED Accredited Professional.

AIA PA is lucky to have you as our Board leader, Jamie.

Read More about our Board Members

Read More about our Committees and How to Get Involved



ICYMI: AIA PA Virtual Year in **Review Town Hall** recording is now available for viewing!

Watch Now >

ADVOCACY

Elevate the Voice of Architects with your PAC Contribution AIA Pennsylvania is your voice on Capitol Hill and with the PA State Legislature, and

your contribution to the PA Architects PAC supports our grassroots advocacy on your behalf. The results of the 2025 Legislative Survey have identified your priorities, and we need your support to provide opportunities for us to educate policy makers on those issues. Your contribution does not need to be huge, to make a huge impact! Invest in the future of architecture today!

Donate Now

Legislative Survey Wrap Up: Coming Soon! Thank you to our members who took the time to complete the 2025 Legislative Survey.

We received responses from our members, who are committed to supporting the grassroots efforts of our Association. The results of this survey will help the AIA PA team prioritize our advocacy efforts during this legislative session.



Employee Privacy and Monitoring in the Digital Age: Balancing Workplace Security and Personal Privacy March 13, 2025 | 10:00am - 11:30am |

1.5 AIA LU Submitted | \$30 Registration Fee Gain a clearer understanding of the intricacies of

employee privacy, workplace monitoring, and data protection within a swiftly changing digital landscape. Register Now

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES Introduction to Fellowship with AIA Philadelphia Fellows

Committee March 6, 2025 | 8:00am - 9:00am | Virtual For its first activity of 2025, the Philadelphia Fellows Committee has scheduled the annual

prospective candidate "Introduction to Fellowship" for 8:00am Thursday March 6th. Our intent is to

spread the word about the pathway to Fellowship, for 2026 candidates and those further in the future. By "priming the pump" we intend that Pennsylvania members are appropriately represented in the College by a growing number of Fellows. Register Now >

Architecture On Tap

March 20, 2025 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Yards Brewing Company, 500 Spring Garden St., Philly, PA Architecture on Tap is social series brought to you by AIA Philadelphia. Each month we will visit a

local brewery in the Philadelphia region. Join us for an evening of cold drinks, small bites, and great conversation with your colleagues about architecture and design. Cheers! Register Now >

April 8 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Virtual We invite you to join us for a virtual collaborative event where small firm principals will share their experiences and insights on contract administration challenges and solutions. Read More >

2nd-On-2nd Small Firm Forum: April

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. Register Now > **Surrounding Area AIA Events**

The Future of Kitchen and Home Design April 3, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00pm | 1 LU|HSW Network with industry leaders, gain invaluable insights, and experience firsthand how high-

performance appliances are redefining style, efficiency, and functionality. An invitation to explore the latest innovations in cutting-edge technology, sustainable solutions, and design-forward appliances that are transforming modern kitchens.

Register Now >

MEMBER NEWS & INSIGHTS

Two Pennsylvania Architects Elevated to AIA College of **Fellows**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is elevating two AIA members from AIA Pennsylvania to its prestigious College of Fellows, AlA's highest membership honor, for their exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society.

Read more > Architecture firm billings continue to tighten into 2025 Architecture firms reported another decline in billings in January as the AIA/Deltek

Architecture Billings Index (ABI) was 45.6. Any score below 50.0 indicates decreasing business conditions. Read more >

DESIGN:ED Podcast: Interview with Jordan Luther, AIAS, Assoc. AIA, NOMA Jordan Luther, Pittsburgh-based, president of the American Institute of Architecture

Students (AIAS), joins DESIGN:ED to discuss bridging the gap from school to practice and how young architects can advocate for themselves early in their careers.

Listen Now >

Love Stories from Pittsburgh Architects

For this Valentine's Day, AIA Pittsburgh spoke with Pittsburgh-based architect couples

Read more >

AIA Conference on Architecture & Design® 2025

to explore what it means to design a life together.

SAVE THE DATE! June 4-7, 2025

innovation knows no limits. At AlA25, happening June 4-7 in Boston, creativity becomes a playground for discovery, experimentation, and reimagining the possibilities in architecture and design. earn more >

Step into a world where imagination takes the lead and