AIA Connecticut serves the architectural profession, encourages design excellence, and works to improve society through a concern for the quality of the built and natural environments. Members commit themselves to the highest standards of practice and code of ethics that addresses responsibilities to the public, clients, the building industry, and the art and science of architecture.

Activities of the chapter include tours of buildings, continuing education programs, presentations by renowned architects, a speakers’ bureau on architectural topics, events with other associations in the design, construction, and historic preservation fields, communication with the State Legislature and agencies, social and networking events for those in the design and construction profession, and an annual convention and design exposition.

AIA Connecticut serves as a resource to architects and the public. Our membership of over 1,500 is comprised of architects, architectural designers working towards licensure, students, and professionals in allied fields.
**Membership**

**AIA:** architects holding current license to practice architecture in the United States

**Associate AIA:** graduates of a school of architecture working under the supervision of an architect

**Participating Member:** individuals employed by a member firm, who are not licensed architects or graduates of a school of architecture. These members may attend all AIA Connecticut events at the discounted member price level and will receive all AIA Connecticut mailings including the newsletter. This category has been created to encourage the membership of technical and support staff of AIA Connecticut member firms.

**Students:** full-time students in an architectural or technical school in Connecticut

**Corporate Allied Members:** businesses with established professional reputations outside of architectural practice but involved in positions allied to the field of architecture

**Allied Members:** individuals with established professional reputations who are registered to practice their professions where such requirements exist, or persons who are employed by national companies outside of architectural practice but are involved in positions allied to the field of architecture in Connecticut

**Reciprocal Member:** AIA members, who hold a primary membership in another AIA chapter, and wish to hold a secondary membership in AIA Connecticut
BENEFITS

An AIA Connecticut membership connects you to a network of peers, leadership opportunities, and vital career resources – licensing, current codes, contracts.

Continuing Education

• Provides continuing education seminars and programs required for maintenance of licensing and NCARB status.
• Seminars and programs are developed to enhance members’ knowledge of innovations and technological advances in the practice of architecture.
• Continuing Education seminars at member discount prices and some are offered at no cost to members as to provide the minimum of required continuing education hours required for AIA membership.

State Government Advocacy

• Advocates for the rights of all Connecticut architects.
• Active representation at the state legislature, as well as at the federal level on issues vital to architects, such as licensing, architects’ contracts, building code requirements, and various design & construction related issues.
• Protects the use of the term “Architect” from use by any unlicensed individuals or businesses.
• Proactively introduces legislation to benefit the profession when the opportunity arises.

Outreach in the Building Industry

• Has formed alliances and coalitions with other industry groups to achieve shared goals.
• Has thereby enhanced position of architects industry-wide.
• Outreach has improved impact of government advocacy.

Web Directory and Find an Architect

• All AIA Connecticut members are listed on our website, which receives approximately 30,000 visits per month. Many visitors are seeking architectural services.
• Specified areas of expertise and link to your website (if applicable) are provided.
Business Support

• AIA Connecticut Resume Register helps search for new positions or employees.
• AIA Documents at member discount price and free document information from AIA.

Special Recognition

• Programs and outreach programs are offered that recognize a variety of architectural achievements and that value architectural services.
• Awards programs including Design, Alice Washburn, CT Treasures, Public Service, Business, Emerging Architects, and Drawing.

Public and Media Relations and Publications

• Raising public awareness of the contributions of architects to our state and its infrastructure.
• ArchiTtype, AIA Connecticut’s digital magazine, published eleven times each year, features member news and information that is pertinent to the profession.
• A listing in the printed AIA Connecticut Membership Directory.
• A subscription to ArchiTtype magazine, the official magazine of AIA National.
• Chapter meetings and programs throughout the year afford an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with your peers.

Committees

• Committees such as Design, Education, Professional Practice, Emerging Professional, and the Committee on the Environment, offer the opportunity to network with colleagues. Personal involvement is encouraged.

Development Programs

• Opportunities to mentor and make a difference to the young professional.

Being a Voice

• There is strength in numbers.
  WE’RE BETTER TOGETHER!