
AIA Kansas City Year in Review 2021

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Letter from the Executive Director

“Don’t look back, you’re not going that way.”

Seems like a contradictory quote to introduce an annual report but stick with me on this.

The past two years have had their share of setbacks and frustrations. People’s priorities have shifted, and we all want to feel a bit more in control of our lives. Looking back can make us wince when all we want to see is smoother sailing ahead. We feel it at AIA Kansas City, too.

Yet when we focus on the bright spots, the wins, and the successes, as you’ll see presented in this annual report, it’s clear that we are in fact thriving as a chapter and as a profession. Flipping through these pages, you’ll see:

- ✓ Our members are still creating award-winning projects around the world. (pg. 6)
- ✓ AIA Kansas City membership numbers remain strong and help us maintain our position as the 17th largest local AIA chapter in the world. (pg. 3)
- ✓ Our Associate AIA members commit to achieving licensure, with the help of AIA Kansas City resources. (pg. 12)
- ✓ We develop new programs to showcase design excellence. (pg. 10)

Our board, committees, and staff worked hard this past year to deliver meaningful programming that would resonate with our members and stakeholders. We thrive on our members’ engagement with our dynamic chapter and rely on you to let us know how we can serve you best. Our chapter’s success is your success, and vice versa. Looking back at 2021 activities in this report shows how much we accomplished and how we’re poised for the future.

In fact, we are optimistic about 2022! Our activity level never waned in 2020 and 2021, and we have plenty of opportunities planned in 2022 for you to learn, grow, network, serve, achieve, and belong.

I look forward to having you join us on this coming year’s journey. With any luck, when we look back at 2022, we’ll like what we see.

Onward,



Mission

In continuous operation since 1890, AIA Kansas City supports its members, advances the value of the architecture profession, and improves the quality of the built environment



AIA KANSAS CITY BY THE NUMBERS

AIA Kansas City is part of the national network of over 200 AIA chapters representing over 95,000 architects.

1,169

AIA Kansas City **members**
strong

15

members became
registered architects

65

events hosted

2,881

registrations for all
AIA Kansas City events

33

education credits were
provided

77

AIA Kansas City
Member Firms

96

**Cornerstone Partners,
Professional Affiliates, and
event sponsors** supported
AIA Kansas City

**MEMBERSHIP
BY THE NUMBERS**

17th

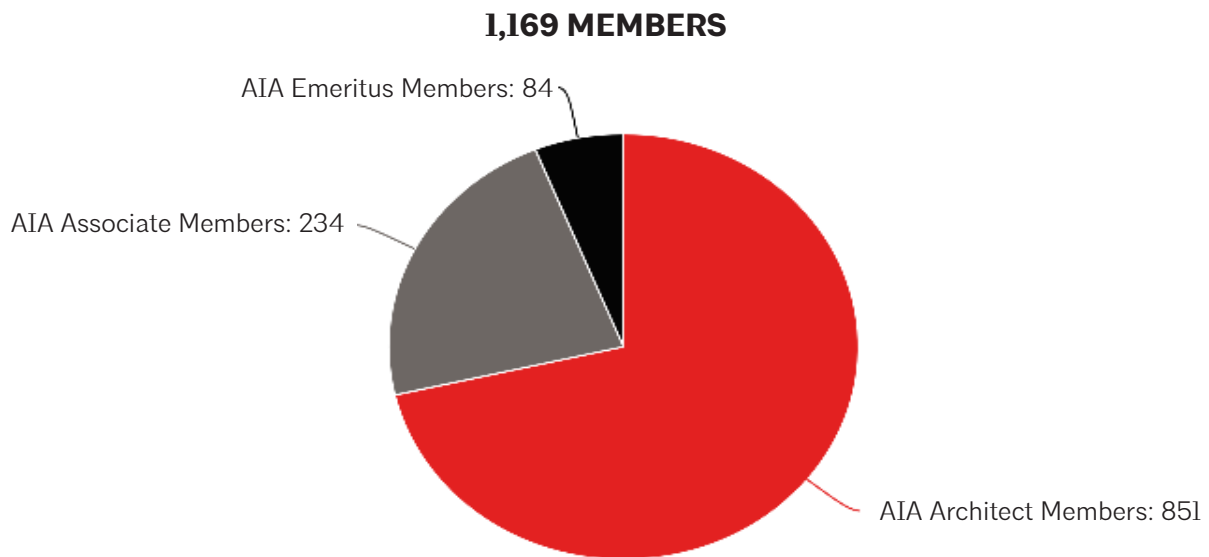
largest local chapter in the world

27%

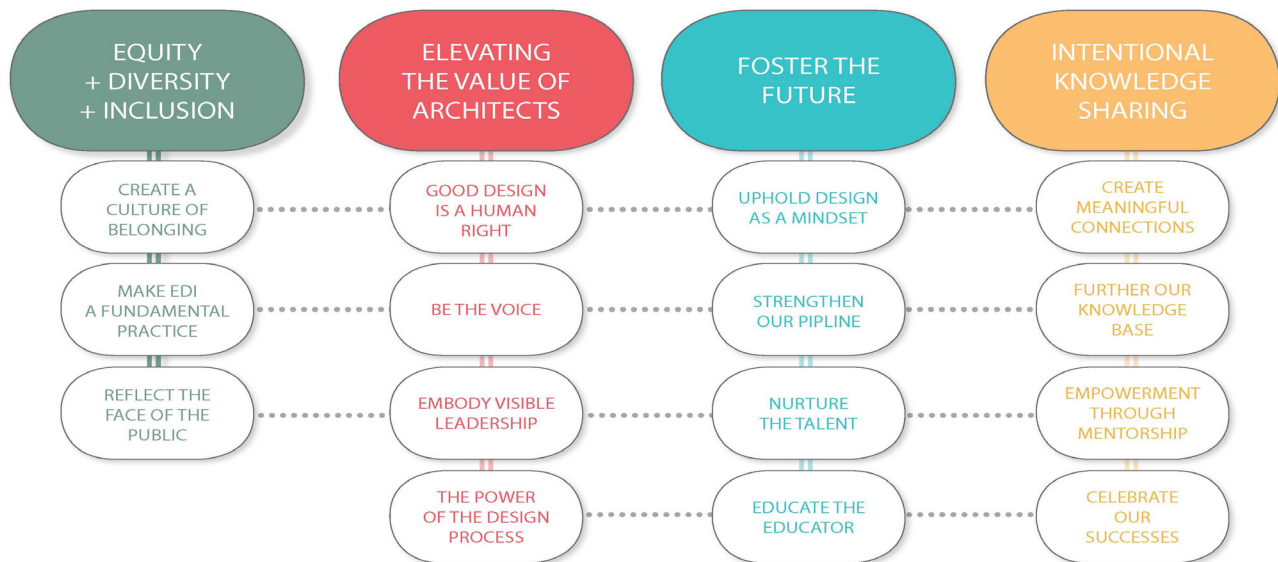
membership increase since 2011

Membership

AIA Kansas City's first priority is our members. We serve a variety of career stages, interest areas, and needs with our member benefits and services.



Strategic Plan



Our members, board, committees, and staff continued work on the important initiatives contained in the 5-year Strategic Plan, which our Chapter launched in 2020 continued on as planned for 2021. This plan focuses on four priorities and strives to answer the challenges presented:

ELEVATING THE VALUE OF ARCHITECTS

For centuries, architecture has had a profound impact on the public realm. But how will the profession of architecture manifest in 20 or 30 years?

The architect's future will most likely include realities we do not currently imagine. However, the only one certainty is our profession will change. Just as similar professions have experienced in recent years, the quickening pace of technology and market innovations combined with the evolution of social and cultural trends will assist in the rapid evolution of the architectural practice landscape.

FOSTER THE FUTURE

To be successful, the profession needs a continuous pipeline and retention of the next generation of architects. Sustainability in any organization means building interest and relevance in their community while fostering future membership and leadership. The challenge is forecasting optimal ways to feed the pipeline. What are the needs of the next generation? How will they impact and inform the evolution of the profession?

INTENTIONAL KNOWLEDGE SHARING

AIA Kansas City has a responsibility to provide programmed learning, opportunities for personal growth, and a sense of belonging. The importance of this issue cannot be understated. It is through these avenues that AIA Kansas City is in a prime, unique position to increase knowledge sharing across the profession.

EQUITY + DIVERSITY + INCLUSION

AIA Kansas City believes that our profession and our larger A/E/C industry are enriched by the creative power of diverse opinions, equitable practices, and inclusive firm cultures. Our chapter will deliver tools and resources that our members will use to build an empowered workforce, where everyone is valued and has equal access to prosperity. The time is now, and the opportunities are at hand to establish solid EDI practices that reflect our future workforce.

Recognizing Excellence

DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

In 2021, AIA Kansas City continued to recognize outstanding projects that showcase our Member Firms through our annual Design Excellence Awards. This year's awards jury included Scott Erdy, FAIA, Jeff Goldstein, FAIA, and Zinat Yusufzai, AIA from Philadelphia. We had an impressive 101 entries and presented awards to 21 projects. AIA Kansas City hosted a luncheon on November 10 at The Guild to honor the award recipients.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2021 Design Excellence Awards recipients.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Lone Oaks Farm Hunter Education Station

Architect: El Dorado

Owner: University of Tennessee

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR

West Bottoms Flats

Architect: BNIM

Owner: MCM Company, Inc

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR

Career and Technical Education Center

Architect: BNIM

Owner: Johnson County Community College

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: HONOR

Winnetonka High School Addition

Architect: BNIM

Owner: North Kansas City School District

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT

Southeast Community College Academic Excellence Center

Architects: Gould Evans and BVH Architecture

Owner: Southeast Community College

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: MERIT

Fertitta Center

Architects: AECOM and PGAL

Owner: University of Houston

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT

Kirk Family YMCA

Architect: BNIM

Owner: YMCA of Greater Kansas City

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: MERIT

Tableau Vivant

Architect: Gould Evans

Owner: West 18th Street Fashion Show

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: CITATION

McCownGordon Construction

Headquarters

Architect: Helix Architecture & Design

Owner: McCownGordon Construction

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: CITATION

ReVerb Apartments

Architect: Burns & McDonnell

Owner: Copaken Brooks

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: CITATION

Sunset Residence

Architect: KEM STUDIO

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: CITATION

Liberty Public Schools Learnscapes

Architect: Hollis + Miller Architects

Owner: Liberty Public Schools

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: CITATION

Jeanne and Rex Sinquefeld Music Center

Architect: BNIM

Owner: University of Missouri – Columbia

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: HONOR

Kansas City Museum Interior Restoration

Architect: International Architects Atelier

Owner: City of Kansas City, MO

Parks & Recreation

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: MERIT

MidAmerican Energy Corporate Office and Conference Center Renovation

Architect: BNIM

Owner: MidAmerican Energy

DIVINE DETAIL: HONOR

Rolling Screen

Architect: International Architects Atelier

Owner: City of Kansas City, MO

Parks & Recreation

DIVINE DETAIL: MERIT

Francis Quad Column Conservation

Architect: International Architects Atelier

Owner: The Curators of the University of Missouri

CONCEPT: MERIT

Arthur Richards PreK-8

Architect: DLR Group

Owner: Virgin Islands Public Schools

CONCEPT: MERIT

The Battle Within Lakeside Retreat

Architect: Hermanos Design

Owner: The Battle Within

CONCEPT: MERIT

East Bottoms Vision Study

Architect: Kansas City Design Center

Owner: Kansas City, MO Planning Department

PROFESSIONALS' CHOICE

Southeast Community College Academic Excellence Center

Architect: Gould Evans and

BVH Architecture

Owner: Southeast Community College

Recognizing Excellence

AIA KANSAS CITY BOARD AWARDS

We took special note this year of our members and others who inspired us with their leadership, compassion, agility, and relevance. We congratulate the 2021 AIA Kansas City Board Award winners, who were recognized at our BIG HOLIDAY NIGHT on December 8 at the Johnson County Arts & Heritage Center for the impact they had in our community this year:



ARCHITECT AWARD

Dave Herron, AIA



CHAPTER VOLUNTEER AWARD

Sam Loring, AIA



FIRM AWARD

Hoefer Welker



PRESIDENT'S AWARD: ARCHITECTURAL ADVOCATE

Anna Marie Tuteru, Kansas City Museum



EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Tabitha Darko, AIA



PRESIDENT'S AWARD: OUTSTANDING SERVICE

AIA Kansas City Education Outreach
Committee & NOMA KC

Committees & Programs



ADVOCACY

Our Advocacy Committee held City Hall Day in October, meeting with Councilmembers from three districts in Kansas City, MO. This group also held quarterly meetings with Kansas City, MO's City Manager to discuss a range of issues.



A/E/C INSIGHTS

AIA Kansas City continued our partnership with The Builders' Association and AGC Kansas City to host a program on Infrastructure and Our Industry featuring government affairs experts from both of our national organizations.



ARE SUCCESS TEAM

This is the seventh year of this program. These teams are supportive small groups of Associates who commit to taking all sections of the ARE in a 12-month period. The 2021 team had 15 participants.



EDUCATION OUTREACH

This year's Outreach group released the *Explore Architecture Career Guide*, created in conjunction with NOMA KC. Additionally, the first video was launched in the series of videos that complement the guide. This committee also helped facilitate an architecture camp this summer.

Committees & Programs



EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE

Equity in Architecture hosted five sessions based on the AIA Guides for Equitable Practice. This series will complete in 2022. The committee also compiled all of the data from the Member Firm Equity Survey, and will release the results in early 2022.



PILLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Pillars Leadership Program continues to prepare emerging leaders as it completed its 15th year in 2021 with 16 graduates. The program also selected 16 participants for its 2021-2022 class. To date, 228 participants have graduated from the program.



WOMEN IN DESIGN

This committee provided mentorship, support, and advocacy for women in the profession by continuing the Women in Leadership Series, creating the new Porches + Podcasts Series, and facilitating a conversation on resume building, networking, and business opportunities. They also co-hosted a Trolley Tour with CREW KC.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

YAF supported and engaged our early-career members through a variety of programs including tours, a career resiliency seminar and a summer happy hour. Additionally, YAF offered 10 ARE Study Sessions and designed, assembled and delivered over 40 New Grad care packages.

New Program

SHOW YOUR WORK

AIA Kansas City created this new program for members to be able to take a more in-depth look at our Design Excellence Award winning projects.

Members were able to take tours of these projects with the architects that designed them, and had access to the design team to ask questions.

PALOMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS COMPLEX

Architect: BNIM | Location: San Marcos, CA | virtual tour



KCAI: BARBARA A MARSHALL HALL & WYLIE DINING CENTER

Architects: Helix Architecture + Design & Christopher Carvell Architects | Location: Kansas City, MO | in-person tour



SHOW YOUR WORK BY THE NUMBERS

130+

registrations for both programs

2

tours of award-winning projects

1

joint event with AIA San Diego on the California project

Signature Programs

AIA Kansas City welcomed members and sponsors to its signature fall events. Many safety protocols were put in place, and we combined two events for a big year-end celebration.



DESIGN AWARDS

21 projects awarded | Philadelphia-based jury

112 event registrations | first award celebration luncheon format



BIG HOLIDAY NIGHT

combined BIG NIGHT with Holiday Party | 6 Board Awards presented

4 newly elected Board Members | 165 event registrations | celebrated a successful year

Additional Initiatives

AIA Kansas City collaborates and partners with other organizations and AIA at state, regional, and national levels.

AIA NATIONAL

- Attended virtual Grassroots in February
- Attended Big Sibs virtual monthly meetings
- Staff has been participating in meetings and conferences with their Big Sibs counterparts to share experiences and resources.

CENTRAL STATES REGION

- AIA Kansas City provides administrative support for CSR (meetings, rosters, voting, communication, accounting)
- AIA Kansas City member Neal Angrisano, AIA, served as our CSR representative to the Strategic Council
- AIA voted to dissolve all regional groups in 2021. AIA Kansas City is providing administrative support to facilitate this process.

AIA MISSOURI

- AIA Kansas City has six representatives serving on the AIA Missouri Board.
- AIA Kansas City member Tony McGrail, AIA, served as AIA Missouri President.

LICENSURE

- AIA Kansas City provides resources and programming to help members achieve licensure. Congratulations to those licensed in 2021:

Tyler Asby, AIA
Nadav Bittan, AIA
Colleen Cassidy, AIA
Lindsey Dahl, AIA
Jonathan Klocke, AIA

Jeremy Krug, AIA
Chloe Middleton, AIA
Kylie Miller, AIA
Sarah Murphy, AIA
Michelle Newcome, AIA

Ryan Northcutt, AIA
Daniel Osburn, AIA
Robert Powell, AIA
Rebecca Roberts, AIA
Jasmin Sangha, AIA

Congratulations to Our Newest Fellows



Laura Lesniewski, FAIA



Jon Niemuth, FAIA

The AIA Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society.

Congratulations to AIA Kansas City members Laura Lesniewski, FAIA, with BNIM and Jon Niemuth, FAIA, with AECOM.



Additional Initiatives

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

- Hosted the return of KC Design Week 2021. The 7-day event featured 9 events with over 250 registrations.
- Promoted local Senior Shows to local professionals to view the work done by graduating seniors. Design schools from KC Art Institute, KSU, and Johnson County Community College were all highlighted.
- CfAD also hosted 20x20x2021 on December 2. This first-time happy hour featured presenters from each of CfAD's organizations to dispel industry myths. Look for round two in 2022.

KANSAS CITY ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION

- Since 1991, Kansas City Architectural Foundation has given 184 scholarships totalling \$457,850 to 129 unique individuals.
- In 2021, 11 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$42,000. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$3,000 to \$6,000.
- 12 AIA Kansas City members serve on KCAF's Board of Directors.
- Additionally, two Member Firms and 16 Fellows made contributions to scholarships in 2021.

AROUND THE METRO

- AIA Kansas City supported the KCMO Energy Code Updates.
- We placed our members on a municipal design review commission, a green housing task force, and design awards juries for several AIA chapters around the country.
- AIA Kansas City, USGBC Central Plains and SEAKM Kansas City delivered a joint program in June about reducing embodied carbon, part of our focus on climate action.

Congratulations to Our AIA Citizen Architect



Frank Zilm, FAIA

Congratulations to Frank Zilm, FAIA, for being named to **AIA's national list of Citizen Architects**, defined by their active involvement in their communities and recognized as being "the driving force behind AIA's advocacy efforts." It was an easy decision for our chapter to nominate Frank – he has both a decades-long commitment to service and advocacy, as well as a very recent roster of effective efforts to make Kansas City a national leader for its progressive energy codes.



20X20X2021



KCAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2021 Cornerstone Partners

Our Cornerstone Partners allow AIA Kansas City to present high-quality programming, grow our advocacy reach, and continue expanding our impact in the metro area. AIA Kansas City appreciates their continued support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

** Cornerstone Partners with 10+ years of loyalty*

GOLD LEVEL || \$7,500

JE Dunn Construction *
McCownGordon Construction *

BRONZE LEVEL || \$2,500

A.L. Huber General Contractors *
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Harvest AV Solutions *
Henderson Engineers *
Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects
Holmes Murphy *
House of Rocks
Kelar Pacific
Lankford | Fendler + associates *
Leigh + O'Kane
Pearce Construction
Polsinelli *
Seiler Instrument Company *
SMACNA - Kansas City *
The Builders' Association
Thornton Tomasetti *
Turner Construction *
Wallace Engineering *
Walter P Moore *

SILVER LEVEL || \$5,000

Lockton *
Wallace Saunders

RED RIBBON LEVEL || \$1,000

BHC *
Coreslab Structures
Country Home Elevator
Custom Engineering
Drexel Technologies *
Hoss & Brown Engineers
IMA, Inc.
Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. *
KH Engineering Group *
Kissick Construction *
New Horizons Enterprises
Olsson
PMA Engineering *
Roof Top Sedums *
Schlagel Associates *
Smith & Boucher Engineers *
Spire
Straub Construction *
U.S. CAD *



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