



AIA
Kansas City

AIA Kansas City **Year in** **Review** **2019**

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Letter from the Executive Director

Consistent Growth
Increased Impact
Distinguished Excellence

These are all hallmarks of our 2019 accomplishments, highlighted here in our first AIA Kansas City annual report.

We're a membership organization, so we always have an eye on membership numbers. Ours have increased seven years in a row (a 37% increase since 2010). That tells us we have a lot to offer to a lot of people – **1,208 members**, to be exact.

How else do we measure success at AIA Kansas City? Certainly with our impact in the community, whether that comes from our programming, or placing our members on various civic boards and commissions, or reaching out to middle school and high school students to encourage their interest in design careers.

Pursuing excellence and recognizing excellence are in our DNA. We saw the largest number of Design Excellence Awards entries this past year, along with an impressive roster of Board Awards nominees. The winners in both of these programs inspired us and represent the best of our chapter.

We are always asking ourselves: **How can we do more?** Look no further than our new 5-year strategic plan, rolling out now. A thoughtful set of priorities, goals, tactics, and timetables ensure our chapter's growth, impact, and excellence will deliver real benefits to our members and stakeholders in 2020.

There's a lot to be proud of in this report, and I welcome your continued involvement in the vibrant life of our chapter this coming year.

Warm regards,



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.

1,208

AIA Kansas City reached an all-time **membership** high

27

members became **registered** architects

90

networking, tours, CEU, etc. **events** hosted

4,217

registrations for all AIA Kansas City events

65

education credits were offered

73

AIA Kansas City **Member Firms**

165

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



MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

7th

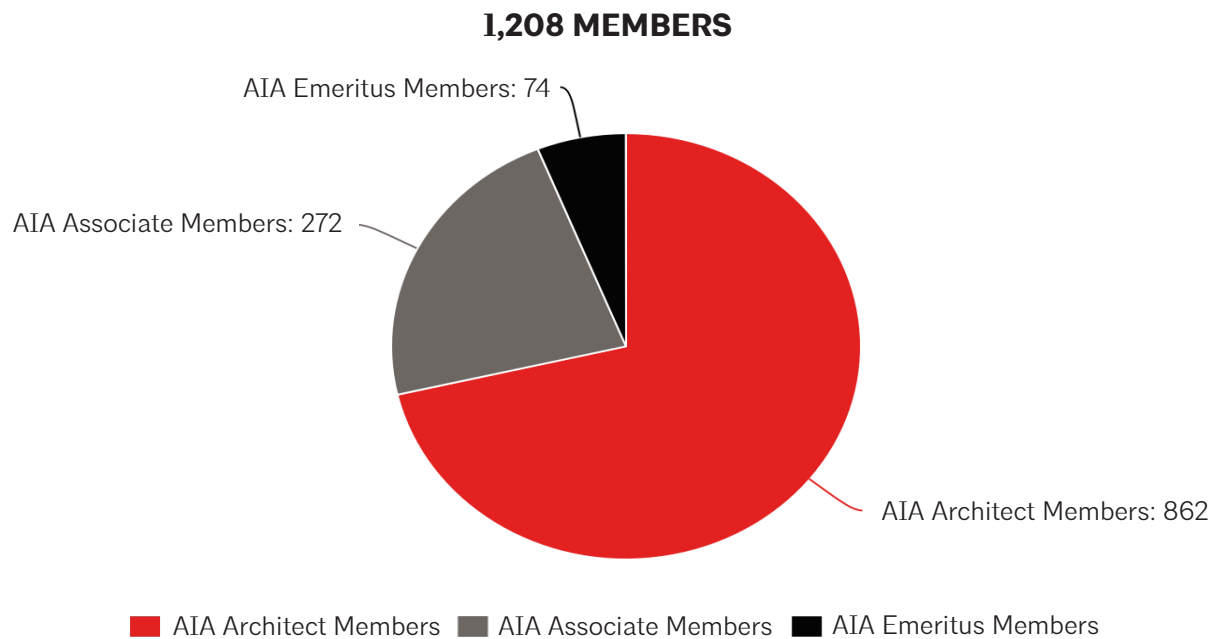
straight year of membership
growth

37%

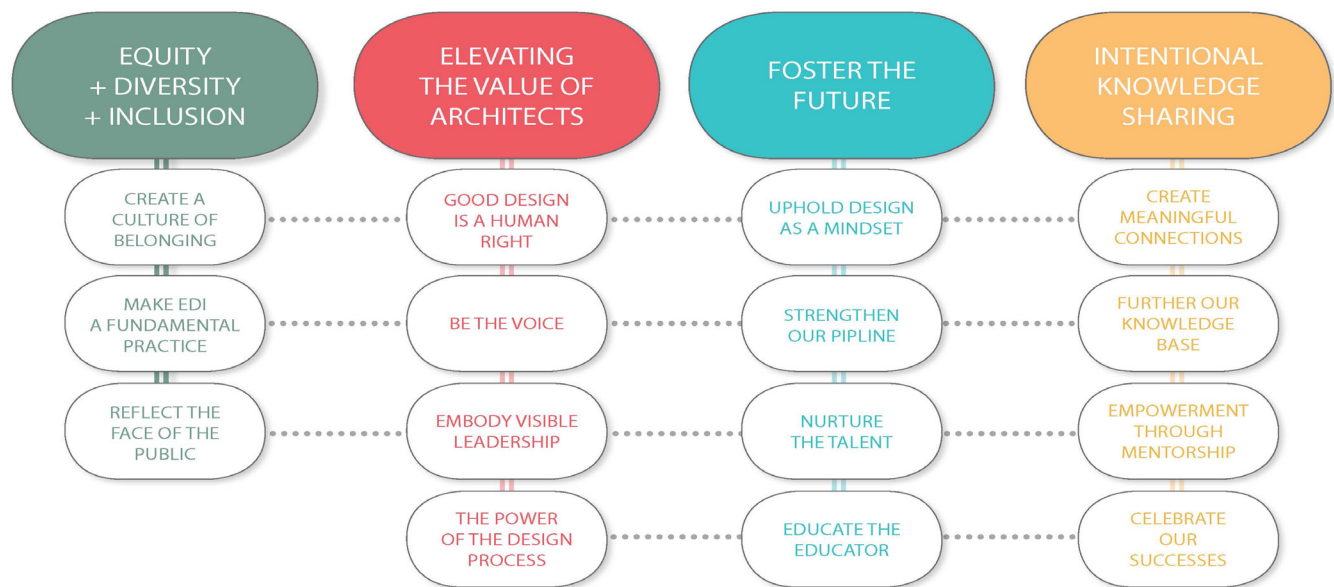
membership increase since
2010

Membership

AIA Kansas City's first priority is our members. The impact of our chapter is a reflection of the energy and strength of our active membership. In 2019, AIA Kansas City reached an all-time high of 1,208 members.



Strategic Plan



In 2019, we developed our new Strategic Plan to be launched in 2020. 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? Will online marketplaces sell pre-fabricated buildings created by fully integrated technology, manufacturing, and construction companies? Will virtual reality allow us to work or congregate in unbuilt spaces, reducing the need for the physical public places that make up our cities today? Will public trust in our profession and reliance upon our expertise wane, as some predict?

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 2019, AIA Kansas City recognized and publicized outstanding projects that showcase our Member Firms through our annual Design Excellence Awards. This year's awards jury was hosted at AIA New York with Andrew Berman, FAIA, Karen Fairbanks, AIA, and Mark Rusitzky, AIA, serving as jurors. This year we had a record number of entries at 112; 23 projects received awards. The October 25th event took place at The Abbott with 400 attendees.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2019 Awards recipients.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Highlander Accelerator

Architect: el dorado inc

Owner: Seventy Five North
Revitalization Corp

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR

Reeds Spring Middle School

Architect: Dake Wells Architecture

Owner: Reeds Spring R-V School District

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR

Crossroads Hotel

Architect: el dorado inc

Owner: Aparium Hotel Group

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: MERIT

Seaton Hall Addition and Renovation

Architect: BNIM and Ennead

Owner: Kansas State University

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: MERIT

Fine Arts Design Studios

Architect: BNIM

Owner: Johnson County Community
College

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: MERIT

19 Main at Corrigan Station

Architect: Helix Architecture + Design

Owner: Copaken Brooks + 3D
Development

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: MERIT

Lutheran Church of Hope-Grimes

Architect: BNIM

Owner: Lutheran Church of Hope

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: MERIT

St. Peter's Parish Multipurpose Space

Architect: SFS Architecture

Owner: Diocese of Kansas City-
St. Joseph, St. Peter's Parish

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: MERIT

**Sue Walk Burnett Journalism &
Student Media Center**

Architect: Dake Wells Architecture and
M.A.H.G. Architecture

Owner: University of Arkansas

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: CITATION

Allianz Field

Architect: Populous

Owner: Minnesota United

ARCHITECTURE XLARGE: CITATION; PROFESSIONALS' CHOICE

**University of Kansas Medical Center,
Health Education Building**

Architect: Helix Architecture + Design and
C.O. Architects

Owner: University of Kansas Medical
Center

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: CITATION

**College of Nursing Building
Modifications**

Architect: BNIM

Owner: University of Iowa

ARCHITECTURE MEDIUM: CITATION

Hass Darr Hall

Architect: Dake Wells Architecture

Owner: Missouri State University- West
Plains

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: CITATION

Novel

Architect: el dorado inc

Owner: Ryan Brazeal and Jessica
Armstrong

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: CITATION

Modern Lodge

Architect: KEM STUDIO

Owner: Austin and Leslie Walsh

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: CITATION

**Springfield Underground
Command Station**

Architect: Dake Wells Architecture
Owner: Springfield Underground

ARCHITECTURE XSMALL: CITATION

**Vanderslice Hall: South Terrace and
Gallery Renovation**

Architect: GastingerWalker&

Owner: Kansas City Art Institute

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: CITATION

4200 Penn Adaptive Reuse

Architect: Gould Evans

Owner: Niebur Development

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: CITATION

Port KC

Architect: KEM STUDIO

Owner: Port KC

DIVINE DETAIL: CITATION

Humboldt Fitness Center

Geometric Facade

Architect: Hufft

Owner: Tony Works

CONCEPT: CITATION

Michie Stadium Renovation

Architect: AECOM

Owner: United States Military
Academy

CONCEPT: CITATION

**West Bottoms Reborn: A Vision Study
for a System of Public Spaces**

Architect: Kansas City Design Center

Owner: Office of Culture and Creative
Services- City of Kansas City, MO



DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS

October 25, 2019

The Abbott

Recognizing Excellence

AIA KANSAS CITY BOARD AWARDS

The Board of Directors handed out several awards at the December 11th Holiday Party. These awards recognize individuals or firms whom have made significant contributions in advancing or preserving the built environment of metropolitan Kansas City.

The recipients of this year's recognitions included:

MEMBER FIRM OF THE YEAR

Odimo

ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR

Laura Lesniewski, AIA

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Staci Chivetta, IIDA

Michele Kiehl, AIA

Bonnie Limbird, IIDA

Julie Sayers, IIDA

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Neal Angrisano, AIA

EMERGING PROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR

Shannon Hush, Associate AIA

Bryce Cummings, AIA

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Randi Mixdorf, AIA

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Beth McCarthy, Prep KC

COMMUNITY IMPACT OF THE YEAR

Matt Kleinmann, AIA

PRESERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

J. Rieger & Co.

ARCHITECTURE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

Dana Knapp, ArtsKC

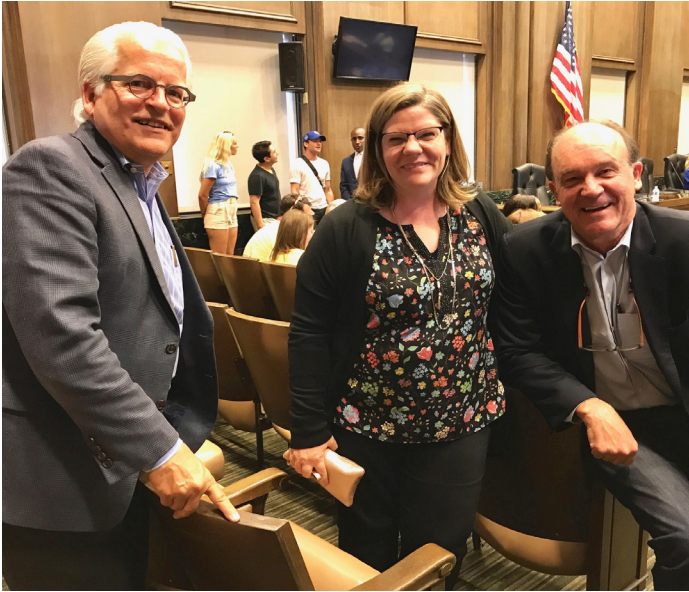


LAURA LESNIEWSKI, AIA



ODIMO

Committees & Programs



ADVOCACY

The Advocacy Committee focused on elections across the metro this year and attended the six KC mayoral forums and other candidate debates providing information to members before the election. They also created a position statement on the KCMO City Architect position.



ARE SUCCESS TEAM

This is the fifth year of ARE Success Teams. These teams are supportive small groups of Associates who commit to taking all six sections of the ARE in a 12 month period. In 2019, there were 13 members in the program.



EDUCATION OUTREACH

This year's Outreach group participated in two Design Careers Days for nearly 400 students from around the metro. They also held an activity station for Kauffman Future Stages and engaged with other metro schools to provide curriculum for students.



EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE

Equity in Architecture planned and hosted our first Equity Symposium. There were also two CONNECT! Conversations events. The committee launched the second round of the Equity Survey which featured a separate survey for Member Firm information.

Committees & Programs



PIERS MENTORING PROGRAM

This was the fourth year for this cross-generational program, which uses a team approach to connect members to create impactful and lasting relationships. This year there were 75 participants making up 9 groups and coordinating 54 mentoring events.



PILLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Pillars Leadership Program continues to prepare emerging leaders as it completed its 13th year in 2019. This year graduated 16 members. To date, AIA Kansas City has had 188 graduates from the program.



WOMEN IN DESIGN

This committee provided mentorship, support, and advocacy for women in the profession by hosting five Women in Leadership Series events, holding the first pancake breakfast/napkin sketch competition benefiting their scholarship fund, and helping coordinate and volunteer for the sixth Girl Scouts Cookie Construction.



YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

YAF continued to support and engage our young members by holding 10 ARE Study Sessions, hands-on education, happy hours, tours, and scavenger hunts for professional development and networking. They also helped plan the new Design U. series.

New Programs

EQUITY SYMPOSIUM

AIA Kansas City continued to be a leader in the industry in regards to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. We hosted our first Equity Symposium with local EDI experts, Stephenie and Rodney Smith with Sophic Solutions, as well as Kimberly Dowdell, AIA, the President of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA).

Keep an eye out in 2020 for more programming to continue the conversation and to help our Member Firms in their EDI efforts.



DESIGN U.

DESIGN U. was created to be an intimate and engaging conversation on key concepts and strategies for early-career professionals to build competence and confidence as they navigate their career. These hands-on sessions focused on four cornerstones of professional growth:

- Business Etiquette
- Financial Resiliency
- Crucial Conversations
- Design Storytelling

SYMPOSIUM BY THE NUMBERS

55

attendees from the AEC industry

5

continuing education units earned by each attendee

DESIGN U. BY THE NUMBERS

35

attendees at each session of DESIGN U.

23

firms represented by attendees

Signature Programs

AIA Kansas City hosts several signature programs each year for members to network, learn, and meet their peers. These events are well attended and always fun!



BIG NIGHT

150 attendees | committee showcase | newly installed Board | lots of connections made



DESIGN AWARDS

400 attendees | 23 awards | record number of entries | evening full of fun



HOLIDAY PARTY

250 attendees | Board Awards given | celebrated a successful year



COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS

100+ attendees at each event | 6 events each year | tours of firms and new projects

Additional Initiatives

AIA Kansas City collaborates and partners with other organizations and AIA at state, regional and national levels. Here are a look at a few of those services.

AIA NATIONAL

- Attended the Big Sibs (top 20 largest AIA Chapters) meeting in Philadelphia
- Designed and moderated a panel discussion at Big Sibs annual meeting
- Assembled 20 AIA Kansas City members for AIA National's 2030 Working Group meeting in Kansas City last August

CENTRAL STATES REGION

- AIA Kansas City provides administrative support for CSR (meetings, rosters, voting, communication, accounting)
- Hosted the CSR annual meeting for the third year in a row
- AIA Kansas City member, Laura Lesniewski, AIA, serves as the CSR representative to the Strategic Council

AIA MISSOURI

- AIA Kansas City has six representatives serving on the AIA Missouri Board
- Attended the annual Grassroots lobbying day in Jefferson City and the Annual Meeting + Board Retreat in St. Louis
- Successfully nominated AIA Kansas City member, Kite Singleton, FAIA, for the AIA Missouri Distinguished Service Award

AIA KANSAS

- AIA Kansas City member Tim Cahill, FAIA, received the Henry W. Schirmer Distinguished Service Award

Our Newest Fellow William Johnson, FAIA



The AIA Fellowship program was developed to elevate those architects who have made a significant contribution to architecture and society. AIA elevated 115 members to the College of Fellows in 2019.

Congratulations to AIA Kansas City member, William (Bill) Johnson, FAIA, with HOK. He was elevated in the education category.



Additional Initiatives

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

- New, 7th group Society for Experiential Graphic Design (SEGD) joined the Center
- New outreach focused on climate action; sponsored the Metro KC Climate Action Coalition Summit
- Hosted two Design Career Days for 400 metro Kansas City Students with KC STEM Alliance
- Hosted four “Designers Who” events for Center members
- Held our 10th Anniversary Design Week with 1,996 people registered for 19 events over 10 days

Kansas City Architectural Foundation

- Since 2002, Kansas City Architectural Foundation (501(c)3 charitable corporation) has given 129 scholarships to 88 unique individuals. Scholarship funding totals \$345,000
- In 2019, 11 scholarships were awarded, totaling \$38,000. Scholarship amounts ranged from \$2,500 to \$5,000

AROUND THE METRO

- Collaborated with ArtsKC on positions related to City Architect for KCMO and KCMO Municipal Arts Commission, specific to the new KCI. Joint position statements were released, met with City Councilmembers, the City Manager, and the acting City Architect, attended Municipal Arts Commission Meetings to become more informed about KCI plans
- Collaborated with KC Rising/KC Global Design on a presenting sponsorship of our Design Excellence Awards Project of the Year
- Placed AIA Kansas City members on area civic, municipal, and nonprofit boards, commissions, planning groups:
 - Multiple KC Chamber committees
 - Codes Adoption process for Johnson County
 - Overland Park Environmental Advisory Council
 - Metro Climate Action Coalition playbook review
 - New IECC 2021
 - Mitigation Commission for KCI
- Sponsored the first-ever Metro Kansas City Climate Action Coalition Summit
- Sponsored three area students to attend Design Discovery Camp at UMKC



KC DESIGN WEEK



KCAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2019 Cornerstone Partners

Our Cornerstone Partners allow AIA Kansas City to present and develop high-quality programming, grow our advocacy reach, and continue expanding our impact in the metro area.

** Cornerstone Partners with 10+ years of loyalty*

GOLD LEVEL || \$7,500

Alistair Tutton Photography *

JE Dunn Construction *

BRONZE LEVEL || \$2,500

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Turner Construction *

Wallace Engineering

Walter P Moore *

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Wallace Saunders

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House of Rocks

IMA, Inc.

Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. *

KH Engineering Group *

Kissick Construction

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New Horizons Entreprises

Olsson

PMA Engineering *

Roof Top Sedums

Schlagel Associates

Smith & Boucher

Spire

Straub Construction *



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