AIA Kansas City
Year in Review
2022
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Four Years In

This is our 4th AIA Kansas City Annual Report, and it’s hard to imagine a more tumultuous and unpredictable span of time. Yet, we move steadily forward, building in our confidence to meet challenges no matter what they look like, while celebrating big accomplishments and breaking new ground.

2022 was indeed a celebration of the strength of our chapter. You’ll see this strength illustrated and encapsulated on the following pages. I feel particularly proud of the following highlights:

✓ Our chapter tallied 1,193 members by year’s end – the second highest in our history, trailing 2019 by only a baker’s dozen.
✓ We welcomed AIA National’s new EVP/CEO, Lakisha Woods, to Kansas City last September. This was the first time the top AIA leader had visited our chapter since 1979! And we were proud to be one of the first chapters to host Lakisha Woods during her first year.
✓ We brought back five Cocktails & Conversations after a two-year hiatus, and you all responded in a big way, with huge attendance! (Let’s keep that momentum going this year, with a total of SIX of these happy hours!)
✓ We returned to in-person education outreach events with “Design Careers Day” events in April and October, inspiring high school students with a full day of career exploration sessions and firm visits.
✓ Our advocacy efforts were instrumental in creating support for progressive energy codes in our metro municipalities (this story continues in 2023).

Whether you helped create and deliver some of our thoughtful programs, or you attended and contributed to the conversation, YOU celebrated what it means to be a member of one of the top AIA chapters in the world!

I appreciate your involvement in our chapter’s vitality and look forward to finding more ways to celebrate in 2023!

Onward,

Dawn Taylor

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 is part of the national network of over 200 AIA chapters representing over 94,000 architects.

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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.

1,193 MEMBERS

- AIA Architect Members: 852
- AIA Associate Members: 246
- AIA Emeritus Members: 95

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

17th largest local chapter in the world

30% membership increase since 2011

2% membership increase from last year
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 in 2022. 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 2022, AIA Kansas City recognized outstanding projects that showcase our Member Firms through our annual Design Excellence Awards. This year’s awards jury included David Powell, FAIA, John Sanders, FAIA, Tricia Stuth, FAIA, and Barry Yoakum, FAIA from Tennessee. We had an impressive 107 entries and presented awards to 19 projects. AIA Kansas City hosted an event on October 27 at Hotel Kansas City to honor the award recipients.

We would like to congratulate all of the 2022 Design Excellence Awards recipients.

PROJECT OF THE YEAR
Metropolitan Community College Blue River Campus Building
Architect: BNIM
Owner: Metropolitan Community College

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR
Mattie Rhodes Cultural Center
Architect: El Dorado
Owner: Mattie Rhodes

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: HONOR
Psychological and Brain Sciences Building
Architect: BNIM
Owner: The University of Iowa

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: HONOR
Market Station
Architect: El Dorado
Owner: Continuum Partners

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT
The Tom and Ruth Harkin Center
Architects: BNIM
Owner: Drake University

ARCHITECTURE X-LARGE: MERIT
Coworking Destination Library
Architects: Helix Architecture + Design; Sapp Design Architects
Owner: Mid-Continent Public Library

ARCHITECTURE LARGE: MERIT
Ivy Senior Apartments
Architect: BNIM
Owner: Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: MERIT
Climate Pledge Arena
Architect: Populous
Owner: Oak View Group

ARCHITECTURE X-SMALL: MERIT
Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City Renovation
Architect: BNIM
Owner: Habitat for Humanity of Kansas City

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: MERIT
Dallas County Technical Center
Architect: Dake Wells Architecture
Owner: Dallas County R-I School District

ARCHITECTURE X-LARGE: CITATION
Center for Medical Education Innovation
Architect: Helix Architecture + Design; CO Architects
Owner: Kansas City University

ARCHITECTURE SMALL: CITATION
Student-Athlete High Performance Center
Architect: DLR Group
Owner: Northern Arizona University

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: CITATION
Willoughby Design
Architect: KEM Studio
Owner: Willoughby Design

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE: CITATION
Boyd Elementary School
Architect: Hollis + Miller Architects; H Design Group
Owner: Springfield Public Schools

DIVINE DETAIL: CITATION
Kiewit Lenexa Stair Detail
Architect: HOK
Owner: Kiewit

DIVINE DETAIL: CITATION
Seventeenth and Madison Celebrated Circulation
Architect: Hermanos Design
Owner: Westside North Properties

DIVINE DETAIL: CITATION
TQL Stadium
Architect: Populous
Owner: FC Cincinnati

CONCEPT: MERIT
Albina Vision Trust Community Investment
Architect: El Dorado
Owner: Albina Vision Trust

PROFESSIONALS’ CHOICE
Electric Park Garden Bar at J. Rieger & Co
Architect: GastingerWalker& Owner: Andy and Lucy Rieger
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 2022 AIA Kansas City Board Award winners, who were recognized at our Holiday Party on December 8 at McCownGordon Construction for the impact they had in our community this year:

GOLD MEDAL AWARD
Elizabeth Amirahmadi, AIA

FIRM AWARD
Generator Studio

EMERGING PROFESSIONAL AWARD
Matthew Hollingsworth, Associate AIA

CHAPTER VOLUNTEER AWARD
Strategic Action Initiative

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
Chris Fein, AIA

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
Jeremey Knoll, AIA, Joyce Raybuck, AIA, Frank Zilm, FAIA

PRESIDENT’S AWARD
Kirk Gastinger, FAIA
 Committees & Programs

ADVOCACY
Our Advocacy Committee held its 3rd annual City Hall Day in the Fall, meeting with several Councilmembers in Kansas and Missouri. This group also advocated for the successful adoption of IECC 2021 codes in Kansas City, Missouri.

A/E/C INSIGHTS
AIA Kansas City continued our partnership with The Builders’ Association and AGC Kansas City to host a program on BIM. This program took an in-depth look at a local, large case study.

ARE SUCCESS TEAM
This is the 8th year of this program. These teams are supportive small groups of Associates who commit to taking all sections of the ARE in 12 months. The 2022 team had 10 participants. An NCARB representative also presented an AXP, ARE, & Certification session.

EDUCATION OUTREACH
This year’s Outreach group released the second companion video to the Explore Architecture! Career Guide, in conjunction with NOMA KC. This committee also participated in two Design Career Days, aimed at encouraging high school students to pursue design professions.
Committees & Programs

EQUITY IN ARCHITECTURE
Equity in Architecture held two sessions based on the AIA Guides for Equitable Practice. The group also released the data from the Member Firm Equity Survey, and hosted an event to take a deeper look at the findings. An unconscious bias training was also held for chapter leadership.

WOMEN IN DESIGN
This committee provided mentorship, support, and advocacy for women in the profession by continuing the Women in Leadership Series and hosting an interactive professional development session.

PILLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
The Pillars Leadership Program continues to prepare emerging leaders as it completed its 16th year in 2022 with 16 graduates. The program also selected 16 participants for its 2022-2023 class. To date, 244 participants have graduated from the program.

YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM
YAF supported and engaged our early-career members through a variety of programs including tours, trivia night, and reviving the design competition, Monsters of Design. YAF also offered 10 ARE Study Sessions and designed, assembled and delivered over 60 New Grad care packages.
Returning Program

**DESIGN U.**
AIA Kansas City created Design U. in 2019, and after taking a break for Covid, it returned this year with a three-part series. This program was developed for early-career members to help them build competence and confidence as they navigate their careers.

**Session 1: Designing Your Career**
Designing a successful career is about discovering where you fit best. This includes the work you do, why you do it, where you do it, how you do it, and what you uniquely bring to a firm.

**Session 2: Designing a Dynamic Project Team**
Dynamic project teams don’t just happen, they are carefully organized, curated and managed. Learn how to design a dynamic project team by focusing on Clarity, Contribution and Collaboration.

**Session 3: The Design of a Successful Architecture Firm**
To appreciate the world of architecture is to understand the dynamics of a successful firm. Practitioners must understand the business first, and then balance the tension between unbridled creative passion with the realities of the bottom line.
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**
145 event registrations | committee showcase
newly installed board | connections made

**DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARDS**
19 projects awarded | Tennessee-based jury
337 event registrations | evening full of fun

**HOLIDAY PARTY**
200 event registrations | 7 Board Awards given
celebrated a successful year

**COCKTAILS & CONVERSATIONS**
100+ registrations at each event | 5 locations
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.

**AIA NATIONAL**
- Attended virtual Grassroots in February
- Attended Big Sibs virtual monthly meetings
- Attended CACE Annual Meeting in Memphis in August
- Sent a representative to the Women’s Leadership Summit
- Laura Lesniewski, FAIA, served as an At-large Director on the National AIA Board of Directors
- Neal Angrisano, AIA, served as the AIA Missouri representative to the Strategic Council

**AIA MISSOURI**
- AIA Kansas City has six representatives serving on the AIA Missouri Board.

**LICENSED**
- AIA Kansas City provides resources and programming to help members achieve licensure. Congratulations to those who became licensed in 2022:
  - Erin Ayers, AIA
  - Caroline Bair, AIA
  - Alexandra Bojarski-Stauffer, AIA
  - Fernando Chavez Reyes, AIA
  - Josh Cobler, AIA
  - Jordan Elliott, AIA
  - Alex Forsythe, AIA
  - Shawna Fuhrman, AIA
  - Savannah Greenlee, AIA
  - Andria Handshy, AIA
  - Nicole Harris, AIA
  - Kanishka Jayanetti, AIA
  - James Kendall, AIA
  - Jessica Laughridge, AIA
  - Hanh Phung, AIA
  - Andrew Rash, AIA
  - Michael Schumacher, AIA
  - Timothy Struemph, AIA
  - Angela Suter, AIA
  - Emily Thompson, AIA
  - Ashley Wagner, AIA
  - Michael Werkmeister, AIA

AIA Kansas City was excited to be one of the first chapter visits for the new AIA EVP/CEO, Lakisha Woods.

Woods joined us for not one but two events in September. She started at BIG NIGHT meeting members and learning about our chapter. The next morning, she met firm and community leaders at the Leadership Breakfast to discuss future plans for AIA.

We were so honored to have her visit and showcase our chapter.
Additional Initiatives

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN
- Hosted KC Design Week 2022. The 8-day event featured 20 events with over 1,000 registrations.
- Coordinated multiple programs including Embodied Excellence: A Sustainability Masterclass; Design in the HEARTland: Dimensional Innovations + Parade of Hearts; and Buzzword Bingo.
- CfAD also planned, in conjunction with KC STEM Alliance and ASCE Kansas City, two Design Careers Days. This event is aimed at high school students, and provides them insight into design profession careers.

KANSAS CITY ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION
- Since 1991, Kansas City Architectural Foundation has given 196 scholarships totalling $505,350 to 138 unique individuals.
- In 2022, 12 scholarships were awarded, totaling $47,500. Scholarship amounts ranged from $1,000 to $8,000.
- 12 AIA Kansas City members serve on KCAF’s Board of Directors.
- Additionally, 18 individuals and Member Firms and 18 Fellows made contributions to scholarships in 2022.

AROUND THE METRO
- Advocated for IECC code updates in Kansas City Missouri
- Visited Member Firms around the metro to learn more about their needs and share our current programs
- Attended the National League of Cities Conference
- Invited city leaders to attend our board meetings and share current initiatives

2022 Edward C. Kemper Award

Bob Berkebile, FAIA
Congratulations to Bob Berkebile for being honored with the 2022 Edward C. Kemper Award.
This Award is given annually to an architect who has contributed significantly to the profession through service to the AIA.

Berkebile was a founding chair of AIA’s Committee on the Environment, integral in the development of COTE’s Environmental Resource Guide, and he was also instrumental in the formation of the U.S. Green Building Council.
2022 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.

* 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 *
- Apex Engineers
- ATG
- Bob D. Campbell & Co. *
- BOK Financial
- BSE Structural Engineers
- Centric *
- Control Service Company
- Coreslab Structures
- Dialectic Engineering
- Harvest AV Solutions *
- Henderson Engineers *
- Hoerr Schaudt Landscape Architects
- Holmes Murphy *
- Lankford | Fendler + associates *
- Leigh + O’Kane
- Pearce Construction
- Polsinelli *
- Seiler Instrument Company *
- SMACNA - Kansas City *
- The Builders’ Association *
- Thornton Tomasetti *
- Turner Construction *
- Wallace Design Collective *
- Walter P Moore *

**SILVER LEVEL || $5,000**
- Lockton *

**RED RIBBON LEVEL || $1,000**
- BHC *
- Country Home Elevator
- Custom Engineering
- Drexel Technologies *
- Hoss & Brown Engineers
- House of Rocks
- IMA, Inc.
- Kaw Valley Engineering, Inc. *
- Kelar Pacific
- KH Engineering Group *
- Kissick Construction *
- Litchfield Cavo
- New Horizons Enterprises
- Olsson
- PMA Engineering *
- Roof Top Sedums *
- Schlagel Associates *
- Smith & Boucher Engineers *
- Spire
- Straub Construction *
- U.S. CAD *
- Wallace Saunders *
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