

Upcoming Continuing Ed Sessions

Save the Dates for the last remaining sessions of the year!

December 3rd: Working with Sifters, Chatbots, and Fireflies: What's Happening to the Humans? (1.5 LU) Presented by Foundation Risk Partners, an AIA LA Elite Affiliate Member.

Have you put a recent professional services contract through a “sifter?” Or maybe you didn’t, but your subconsultant did? Have you attended a meeting with “Fireflies”...even though the meeting was indoors? Are chatbots leading some of your training initiatives? And is all of this just “business as usual,” or does it require new ways of thinking for the humans?



Barbara Sable, Director of Client Engagement and Risk Management

Barb is a 39-year insurance industry veteran who provides face-to-face seminars, webinars, contract reviews, policy analysis, and insurance program guidance to the clients of FRP Professional Risk. Prior to joining the agency in 2020, Barb served as an executive in two US-domiciled insurance companies and as an equity partner in a national insurance brokerage serving construction industry clients of all sizes.

Watch for Registration soon!

December 9th: Working with Louisiana Facility Planning & Control (FP&C) (LU's Pending) Presented by Roger Husser and Matt Baker of Facility Planning & Control

Whether it's CMAR, traditional delivery, pay apps, project managers, or even just timelines, the process by which design and construction projects are initiated, funded, and managed by the State of Louisiana through Facility Planning and Control can often seem complex. This program is designed to clarify those processes, with a focus on how effective project planning, funding, and management contribute directly to the production of a safe and effectively designed facility for the public. Participants will gain insight into how state procedures and delivery methods ensure that facilities are designed and constructed to meet safety codes, support occupant needs, and uphold responsible use of public funds.

Roger Husser is a native of Husser, Louisiana. Roger graduated from Loranger High School in 1988 and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering in 1993 from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. In 1994, he became employed at LSU in the Biological Engineering Department as a Research Associate in the areas of ergonomic workspace design and alternative energy research and also began work towards a master's degree. After four years as a Research Associate in the Biological Engineering Department, Roger accepted a position in the LSU Agricultural Center Facilities Planning Department as a Project Manager in 1998. In December of 2000, Roger

Ashlyn will be filling the role of Membership Experience Manager for AIA Louisiana, holds two bachelors' degrees from Louisiana State University in marketing and entrepreneurship. She went on to continue her education at LSU in order to earn her master's degree in mass communication as well as a graduate certificate focused on digital advertising. She has over three years of marketing content creation, sales, and strategic communication as well as a multitude of event coordination experience. Her passion for utilizing strategic communication to move nonprofit initiatives forward led her to her career with AIA.



Outside of work, she enjoys cooking with her husband, camping with family and gardening. She is thrilled to join such a motivated, passionate, and mission-driven team. She hopes to continue the tradition and uphold the principles of AIA while fostering growth for AIA LA.

Please, join us in welcoming her! You can send Ashlyn an [email](#) or just keep an eye out for her at the next AIA Louisiana event.

AIA LA Resource Guide Member Directory

Custom Publication

We're gearing up for the Membership Directory and Custom Publication production!

- If you are an AIA member, be sure your AIA profile with National is up to date. Information for your listing will be pulled from there.
 - AIA LA Affiliate members, please be sure your information is up to date with our office (Janet or Kathy can assist).
- Ad design can be done for you!
- Looking to celebrate the firm, an employee or other milestones/accomplishments? Ads have been great for that!
- 2025 Honor & Merit Award projects will be highlighted. **Ads are also a great place for consultants/team members from those projects to align their work with award winning work.**
- You do *not* need to be a member to place an ad!

[Read More>>](#)

Interior Elevations Mentorship Program applications now open

IAKC is proud to announce its newest initiative-the Interior Elevations Mentorship Program. Its mission is to inspire students and professionals in the field of interior architecture to grow, connect, and lead within a vibrant, purpose-driven community. IAKC is currently accepting applications for studio facilitators and studio members for its inaugural cohort, through November 21. Participants will meet monthly from December 2025 through May 2026.

[Learn more and apply by 11/21](#)

Who is IAKC?

The Interior Architecture Knowledge Community (IAKC) is committed to advancing the practice of Interior Architecture by providing its membership with resources to elevate their professional practice and design excellence. We serve to facilitate a national dialogue that addresses a range of key issues, including innovative design and programming, the incorporation of sustainable materials and technologies, and the social, cultural, and spatial impact of architecture on human experience. IAKC seeks to

address national issues with regional sensitivity, providing a platform for its membership to share knowledge, gain expertise, and form collaborative relationships with industry peers and allied partners. Anyone can join IAKC by updating their AIA.org profile.

Women's Leadership Summit 2025



Did You Know?

So much to share!

- **AIA Coastal** invites you to their **Annual Continuing Education Seminar**. This year they will be getting together at Ember Kitchen + Cocktails in downtown Houma on November 12. Doors open at 8:30 and the event should be wrapped up by 3:30. Lunch will be provided, and the event is free to all AIA Coastal Chapter members, thanks to some generous donations from our presenting sponsors. [Register Here>>](#)
- **“Ancestral Artistry” FREE screening!** The public is invited to join our friends at the LA Old Governor's Mansion (CEH Hours are not part of this screening) as part of the museum's Free First Sunday! [Read More>>](#)
- The **AIA Twenty-five Year Award** honors buildings 25–35 years old that continue to set the standard for design excellence. This national recognition celebrates projects that have stood the test of time and remain influential today. **Submissions for the 2026 award are open through November 13, 2025.** Encourage nominations from your community. [Learn more >](#)
- **Louisiana Book Festival** will highlight Frederick + Frederick November 1st. Join Jane Frederick, 2020 AIA National President, and partner, Michael Frederick. [Read More>>](#)

2025 AIA Louisiana Election Results

Congratulations!

AIA Louisiana is proud to announce the results of this year's election that took place at the recent Annual Meeting in Lake Charles.

2026 Office of Vice-President/President Elect

Peter Spera III, is a highly respected architect and thought leader in the New Orleans design community. As Principal + Co-founder of GOAT, a New Orleans-



based architecture and design firm, Peter has over 20 years of experience shaping the city's built environment. A native of Gretna, he has been a licensed architect since 2012, following his education at Louisiana State University.

His extensive professional portfolio includes a diverse range of projects, with a strong focus on commercial hospitality, restaurant, and retail design. He is also a proven expert in large-scale project management, bringing a comprehensive approach to every undertaking. Peter's work is driven by a deep understanding of local context and a commitment to creating designs that contribute positively to our city and state's unique architectural landscape.

Beyond his firm, Peter is an active and influential member of the architectural and civic communities. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership, serving in multiple positions within the New Orleans Chapter of the American Institute of

Architects, including as President in 2023. His dedication to community and preservation is evident in his role as Chairman of the Gretna Historic District Commission. He recently completed a two-year term of service on the Louisiana Architects Selection Board, including serving as chair in 2024. He is currently serving on Jefferson Parish President Cynthia Lee Sheng's Advisory Committee on Permitting and Planning. His involvement in local traditions, from his role as a Mardi Gras Krewe Float Lieutenant to his participation in Hogs for the Cause, and his role as a class captain at Jesuit High School, further reflects his deep ties to the culture of New Orleans. This combination of professional expertise and civic engagement defines his multifaceted career.

PAC Race to the Finish: Help the AIA LA PAC reach 2025 goals!



Have you thought about what this next legislative session could bring?
What bills will end up having an impact on your profession?
Do you want to build on the success of the past year or two, or just hand the reigns back to...whoever?

Have you had a chance to make a donation? You can even take part by being in the Championship Circle or getting your firm to be All-In (Details [HERE](#)).

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Find out more about the [AIA LA PAC](#)

SAVE THE DATES:

October

November

3-5 Women's Leadership Summit (Atlanta)
18-20 AIA LA Governance Days
27-28 AIA LA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

3 CEH - Working with Sifters, Chatbots, and Fireflies: What's Happening to the Humans?
9 CEH – Working with LA Facility Planning and Control
24-26 AIA LA Office Closed
31- Jan 2 AIA LA Office Closed

February 2026

11-14 Leadership Summit (DC)
25-26 Louisiana CI Summit (Baton Rouge)

March 2026

20 Celebrate Architecture

June 2026

10-13 AIA26 National Conference (San Diego)

October 2026

1-2 State Conference (Gulf Shores)

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