

COMMITTEES

AIA Louisiana has several different committees and we invite our members to participate in them.
If you would like to be part of one of the committees, please contact one of the following committee chairpersons or
Kathleen Gordon, Executive Director, AIA Louisiana [\(Email\)](#).

ADVOCACY

Monitors legislation affecting our profession;
interacts with policy makers in membership area;
link to AIA State and National PAC.
Chair: Fritz Embaugh [\(Email\)](#)

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)

Operates independently from AIA LA committee as its own
entity and in accordance with PAC requirements
Chair: Mark Heck [\(Email\)](#)

FINANCE

Oversees the following: Operating Reserve, Opportunity Re-
serve, Building Reserve.
Chair: Vacant

NOMINATING

Identify and recommend future leaders to the Board of Direc-
tors and the General Membership for vote at the Annual
Meeting.
Chair: Andrew Liles [\(Email\)](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Maintain and increase membership involvement, value, and
education, as well as develop, encourage, and increase overall
organization membership and experience.

Sub-Committees

- Celebrate Architecture: Co-Chairs: Brian & Melissa Rome
- State Conference on Architecture: Chair: TBD
- Honors & Awards: Overseeing Honors Awards (typ. held
during Conference), Medal of Honor, Professional
Achievement Awards (Selections jury chaired by Past-Pres.
and up to two appointments made by that position), &
Presidential Citation(s) (President’s decree)

Chair: Kathy Desselle [\(Email\)](#)

PUBLIC AWARENESS

Enhances public awareness of architecture, architects, and the
built environment.

- Louisiana Architecture Foundation (LAF) Liaise: Buddy
Ragland (current LAF President & ED)
- Workgroup: Guide to Architecture (Bryan Bradshaw,
Knobbie Langlinais)

SCHOLARSHIP

Charged with oversight of chapter scholarships

- Celebrate Architecture – student focused
- Others with focus towards Associates and EP’s
- Connection to LAF

Chair: Doug Ashe [\(Email\)](#)

COTE (Committee on the Environment)

Works to advance, disseminate, and advocate design practi-
ces that integrate built and natural systems and enhance both
the design quality and environmental performance of the
built environment.
Subcommittee: Disaster Resilience Committee
Chairs: Lance Dickman [\(Email\)](#)

CRAN (Custom Residential Architects Network)

Enhances member value with a focus towards residential
markets, housing issues, design, and construction.
Chair: Vacant

FELLOWS

The AIA Louisiana Fellows Committee seeks to encourage
member architects who have contributed to advancing the
profession of architecture to be elevated to the AIA’s highest
honor, FAIA. The Committee supports the mission of the
AIA by connecting Fellows with emerging professionals to
offer mentoring and promoting opportunities for architects
to be of service to society and the profession.
Chair: Tracy Lea [\(Email\)](#)

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Comprised of current Presidents from each Chapter and Sec-
tion meeting to discuss pertinent issues relative to the local
component(s) as well as to the State Chapter.
Chair: Andrew Liles [\(Email\)](#)

ASSOCIATES & EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

Create opportunities to aid in and increase the member val-
ue for intern architect members and those recently licensed.
Chair: Jennifer Curtis [\(Email\)](#)

AFFILIATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Create opportunities to aid in and increase the member val-
ue for Affiliate and Allied members. Assist in offering feed-
back to variety of topics related to the profession.

TASK FORCE(S)

Dues (for 2025)