

MISSION STATEMENT

To serve its members through influencing state government with regard to issues that impact the practice of architecture.

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AIA Washington Council will be an effective proponent of the balance between the natural, built and economic environments. This vision shall be achieved by:

- Commitment to community, practice, balance through design, and service and advocacy;
- Advocating with one clear, consistent voice to government and industry;
- Being an organization its members and allies commit their time and resources to;
- Integrating all its programs to create a strong organization; and,
- Generating sufficient resources to support and achieve this vision.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Architects serve the public health, safety and welfare by designing places for a broad range of human activities, creating environments where individuals and groups may thrive.
- The practice of architecture requires special skills and training; a lifelong commitment to learning, professional ethics and service; and a favorable business climate within which to practice.
- The process of design achieves a positive balance of natural, social and economic forces, respecting the environment and shaping civilized places.
- Architects express their professional concerns and commitments by engaging in public affairs with a range of professional and public allies, with the goal of helping to shape livable communities.

About the AIA Washington Council

Lois Wardell, AIA, President

The AIA Washington Council (AIA/WA) is a professional society of registered architects in the State of Washington.

The AIA was founded in 1857. The first Washington chapter of the AIA was established in 1894. The state council was formed in 1962, to be the architecture profession's voice on policy matters before the state government.

A sixteen-member Board of Directors governs the AIA/WA: four executive officers and two directors from each of the six local components in the state.

The public policy work of the council is divided among six "Resource Groups." Each Resource Group is comprised of members from all of the six local components.

The Executive Director, Stan Bowman, is a registered lobbyist maintaining relations with the Governor's office, legislators and legislative staff, state agency organizations, consumer groups, and other public bodies.



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AIA WASHINGTON COUNCIL

2005 Legislative Accomplishments



SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

Fulton Gale, III, FAIA, Chair

- Passed the first statewide law in the nation requiring state-funded buildings be designed and built to LEED Silver or comparable standards (SB 5509)

BUDGET & TAXES

Timothy Rundquist, AIA, Chair

Stopped new taxes from being imposed on the profession during a year with a \$2.4 billion budget gap and \$500 million in new and increased taxes were passed

- Stopped a repeal of the professional services exemption from the sales tax (HB 1095)
- Stopped a new tax on “intangibles” (SB 6004, SJR 8212)
- Stopped a new tax on “unearned income” (HB 2318)
- Stopped a new per employee “head tax” on businesses (SB 6103)
- Stopped a new tax on property lots and residences (SB 6103)

CODES & ENERGY

Don Brubeck, AIA, Chair

- Passed tax incentives for renewable energy generation and use (SB 5111, SB 5101)
- Passed a law to promote use of renewable and sustainable energy by state and local government agencies (HB 1895)
- Passed a law to increase the energy efficiency of products sold in Washington (HB 1062)

PRACTICE

Steve Masini, AIA, Chair

Liability Reform

- Passed a law to reform the liability standards for condominiums & multifamily housing (HB 1848)
- Stopped a bill to remove statute of repose on residential construction (HB 2004)

Qualifications Based Selection Law

- Stopped a bill to allow considerations of fees in A/E selection (HB 1435, SB 5474)
- Stopped expansion of alternative public works procurement procedures (design/build and general contractor as construction manager) (HB 1902, HB 1830, SB 5768)
- Passed a law creating an oversight board to monitor implementation of alternative public works contracting procedures by state and local government agencies (HB 1830)

Professional Licensing

- Interior Design – Stopped a poorly drafted “title act” bill (HB 1878, SB 5754)
- Soil Scientists – Stopped a confusing “practice act” bill (HB 1811, SB 5446)

Offshoring/Outsourcing

- Stopped a bill to discriminate against firms that work out-of-country or partner with foreign firms. (HB 1724, HB 1725, HB 2144, HB 2257, SB 5777)
- Passed a resolution to study “globalization and offshore-outsourcing” with a balanced agenda and balanced representation (SJR 8407)

Campaign Finance

- Stopped a bill that would have prevented companies that contract with the State of Washington from making political donations (HB 1525)

COMMUNITY

Bob Wardell, AIA, Chair

Historic Preservation

- Passed a law to create the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (SB 5056)
- Passed a law with new tax incentives to promote historic preservation (SB 5154)
- Passed a law to designate the Washington Capitol Campus as “historic” (HB 1995)
- Passed \$5 million in the capital budget for historic county courthouse preservation and restoration (SB 6094)

Multi-Family Housing

- Passed a bill through the House to expand tax incentives for multi-family housing to smaller cities with 5,000 population, down from 30,000 (HB 1742)
- Monitored a new law to require the disclosure of information about mold in residential dwelling units (SB 5049)

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

John Wegener, AIA, Chair

- Stopped a proposal to create stock school plans (Doumit amendment to SB 5509)
- Passed through the House bills to lower the school Levy passage requirement from 60% to 50% (HB 1484, HJR 4205)
- Passed through the House a bill to include schools as “essential public facilities” for purposes of compliance with the Growth Management Act (HB 1169)
- Passed an expansion of public school construction funding — \$620 million for elementary & secondary schools, and \$890 million for community/technical colleges and universities (SB 6094)
- Passed \$6.5 million for architecture fees related to high performance public school buildings (SB 6094)

Legislative accomplishments have occurred due to the hard work of AIA members. AIA/WA also works in partnership with many other state and local organizations with legislative agendas. AIA/WA thanks our members and these organizations for their assistance and support.