



▶ ***What difference did it make to Architects to have lobbyists in Olympia in 2004?***

- Bill defeated that would have added costs to criteria for selecting architects.
- International Code Council's family of codes adopted by State Building Code Council.
- State adopted new fee A/E fee schedule with increased fees

▶ ***What important measures have Architects gained in the past through the Legislative Process?***

- Architectural firms have seen their Business & Occupations taxes reduced by 67%.
- Firms have not had to pay a county personal property tax on "intangibles".
- Firms have not had to collect sales taxes on design work.
- Stock plans for schools across the state have not been mandated.

▶ ***Where does the money contributed to APAC go?***

- 80% goes to individual candidates
- 11% goes to issues
- 9% goes to Legislative caucuses/leadership funds/state parties

▶ ***What is the 2005 Agenda for AIA?***

- State adoption of green building standards.
- Update state's outdated energy code
- State adoption of mandatory professional degree and continuing education.

▶ ***What can I do to help?***

You can support the AIA's legislative program in two ways: 1) by establishing a relationship with a legislator and communicating AIA's position on issues to him/her; and 2) by contributing to APAC (Architects Political Action Committee) each year.

▶ ***Questions?***

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