2019 YEAR IN REVIEW
75 Years Strong

Incorporated in 1944; Moved from San Francisco to Sacramento in 1981; Name changed to AIA California Council in 1992; Name changed to AIA California in 2019 to reflect original mission as stated in the Articles of Incorporation: Give unified representation in all statewide matters affecting the architectural profession within the state of California.

New Website Launched: Rebranded website with the new name and provided a more current, optimal search engine for members and for the public. The website, www.aiacalifornia.org, houses all information from advocacy to design awards, and is home to nine microsites.

Historic Preservation Tax Credit: Passed SB 451, legislation jointly sponsored by the California Preservation Foundation and AIA CA, creates a California Historic Preservation Tax Credit for taxable years 2021 through 2025. SB 451 does not fund the tax credit; the California Preservation Foundation, AIA CA, and the author of SB 451, Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins will seek $50 million in the 2020-21 state budget to fund the tax credit for 2021.

Adoption of Zero Code: AIA CA Board of Directors unanimously votes to support adoption of a stricter standardization of building efficiency and compliance.

Long-Range Plan Adoption: Created and adopted the 2020-2024 Long Range Plan. Updated the mission, vision, values and goals to better reflect the current state of the profession.

Awards Gala: Award recipients convened in Los Angeles to receive and celebrate the awards for Design, Leading Edge, Residential, and California. More than 120 attended.

Presidential Installation: Debra Gerod, FAIA, was installed as the 2020 AIA CA President.

BY THE NUMBERS
11,330 Members
6794 Architects
2642 Associate Members
1317 Emeritus
22 Chapters
8870 Firms
4,652 monthly website visitors
2006 Instagram Followers
5449 Twitter Followers
2200 Legislative Bills Reviewed
1000 Monterey Design Conference attendees
210 Healthcare Facility Forum attendees

Awards: Recognized HOK as 2019 Firm Award recipient and conferred the Distinguished Practice Award to Anne Fougeron, FAIA

ArcCA Digest: Launch the much-anticipated online successor to arcCA, the quarterly print journal of AIA California. It begins, and each season will be available quarterly, with a roundup of crucial topics as identified by a range of experts.

Emerging Professional Design Competition: Partnered with Sprung Structures to host a competition to challenge California’s emerging professionals to solve real-world scenarios that continue to effect California. 2019 theme: Earthquakes and Housing.

AEP Summit: Held in Los Angeles, this event featured a keynote presentation from former California State Architect, Chester Widom, FAIA, the AEP Summit brought together over 60 emerging professionals from across the state for a day of networking, advocacy, and inspiration.

Conference on Architecture ’19: Two California members elected to AIA National Board; Britt, Lindberg, AIA: At-Large Director and Evelyn Lee, AIA: Treasurer.

PlusHouse.org: Developed a public-facing website to inform property owners about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and the benefits of working with an architect to develop an ADU, ultimately helping address California’s housing shortage.

The Housing Congress: Convened a housing-focused think tank that also functioned as liaisons to local components in order to develop and support strategic housing-centered policies, programs, and design initiatives.

Online Continuing Education: Sponsored five hours of online CE to help architects meet the licensure requirements in accessibility; and proudly recommitted to share revenues from the program with local components.

Healthcare Facilities Forum: Hosted the annual Healthcare Facilities Forum to examine how the changing landscape is influencing healthcare facility development as well as how innovations in the design and construction industry can impact the future delivery of healthcare in California.

Advocacy Tour: Reached out to connect with members and engage firm leaders at an individual level in the issues that impact practice business. First in a series of recruiting “citizen architects” to get involved in advocacy.

Kids Draw Architecture: AIA CA sponsors program to encourage AIA Chapters around the state participated in the day-long event to promote the value of design, history, sketching, and camaraderie with local architects.

Monterey Design Conference: Sold out biennial conference held at Asilomar Conference Center, brought together leading architects and design thinkers.

Dynamex: AIA CA secured AB 5 offers architects a limited exemption from the California Supreme Court Dynamex ruling which made significant changes to the independent contractor test. Under AB 5, an architectural firm that contracts with a licensed architect would not have to meet the Dynamex ABC test, but instead would have to meet the Borello multi-factor test to determine whether the worker is an independent contractor or employee.

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