

## What is AIA Missouri?

It is the state component of the American Institute of Architects. We are represented by a board made up of directors serving three year terms from the four local Missouri AIA chapters: Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and Mid-Missouri. We serve all AIA members across the state by representing our member interests before the State Legislature, Office of Administration and Facilities Management Design and Construction. We also work with the allied design professions of engineering, land surveying and landscape architecture on regulatory measures and other design related issues. Our board is well served by the hard work of both an Executive Director and a Legislative Consultant.

## When does the board meet?

Typically the board meets monthly in Jefferson City during the legislative session - January through May. Also there are a couple of meetings in the fall for planning sessions. Some committees will meet a few additional times as legislative issues come up, or perhaps to testify on a bill.



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## What are some key issues for AIA Missouri?

The primary work of AIA Missouri is to advocate for the architectural profession and all things related to design and construction. Legislation either authored, supported or opposed by AIA Missouri changes with each legislative session, but there are a few issues that are recurring such as: Design/Build and Construction Management at Risk project delivery, Bond Issuance for New Construction, State Facilities/Building Repair and Renovation Plan, Private Public Partnerships for Vertical Infrastructure and Chapter 327 revisions – the Architectural Practice Act.

## How is AIA Missouri most effective?

After every board meeting during the legislative session we go to the Capitol to have short meetings with Representatives and Senators on the issues at hand. Being diligent about these meetings is paramount to building strong relationships with them and they are usually mutually beneficial. As architects we are regularly in a position to know and understand a lot of different things that affect everyone in our communities. Legislators appreciate the pragmatic approach to problem solving we often bring.

## How do I get involved?

Please consider taking an active role in this important work by reaching out to your local component or contact our Executive Director, Deb Herrman at the information listed below.

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