

attend great programs...tour local firms...meet architects...network ...build your community...enter competitions...exhibit your work...access job resources

WMAIA student affiliate membership

As a student, how do I get involved with the building community in western Massachusetts?

By participating in Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (WMAIA) events and programs, you can gain valuable insight and experience in the building industry. The WMAIA sponsors lectures, dinner meetings, tours, competitions, and offers a significant link to the Boston Society of Architects (the oldest and most active chapter in the AIA). The WMAIA also has resources to help you investigate career options, get a job and, if your goal is to become a registered architect, to navigate the Intern Development Program (IDP).

What is the Western Massachusetts American Institute of Architects?

The Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has over 150 members - architects, corporate sponsors, associated professionals, and non-architect affiliate members - living and working in the Pioneer Valley and the Berkshires. Strategically located in this vital region, they work on local, regional, national, and international projects that range from single-family residences to major corporations, schools, museums, and national parks. Our chapter seeks to enhance architecture awareness and dialogue among design professionals, members of the building and real estate industry, community leaders and officials, educators, and the public at large.

What is the AIA?

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is our national professional organization for architects. The AIA has its national office in Washington DC and chapters throughout the U.S. The AIA is committed to design excellence in the built environment and to service to the profession and to society.

I've heard of the AIAS. What is AIAS and how is it different from the WMAIA and AIA?

AIAS is a student organization of individuals studying architecture. It is affiliated with but separate from the Western Massachusetts American Institute of Architects and the American Institute of Architects. The AIAS is similar to the AIA in that it has both a national office as well as chapters in most architecture schools designed specifically to serve students. To find out more about AIAS, call 202-626-7472 or visit www.aias.org. For information about the local chapter visit: http://www.umass.edu/architecture/activities/aias_chapter.htm

What are the benefits of joining the Western Massachusetts American Institute of Architects ?

All WMAIA programs and events are open to everyone. Members receive special discounts and VIP invitations to programs, events and publications as well as:

- the WMAIA news, the quarterly newsletter which features news about firms and the practice of architecture in the western Massachusetts area
- the BSA ChapterLetter (which features news about firms in the Boston area as well as design, practice, and marketing information)
- the BSA quarterly magazine, *ArchitectureBoston*
- the free weekly e-newsletter, *Currents*
- the Building Industry Classified (the best source for building industry jobs in the area)
- a free listing of summer internship openings
- access to Intern Development Program (IDP) forms and the state coordinator
- information and free admission to Build Boston exhibits and free admission to Build Boston workshops in exchange for volunteer time at the event
- information on juried student competitions, exhibits and receptions

How can I learn more about WMAIA ?

For a detailed calendar of WMAIA activities, information on other membership categories, job opportunities and more, visit www.wmaia.org for local activities and www.architects.org for statewide resources. You may also contact our executive director, Lorin Starr at 413-665-2424.

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WMAIA Student Affiliate Membership Application

Complete and return this membership enrollment form today so you don't miss a single development.

I wish to become a Student Affiliate Member.

I am a full-time student this semester in the architecture program at (check one):

UMass Smith College Hampshire College Mt. Holyoke College STCC

other _____

I expect to graduate in _____, 20____
(month)

I am an AIAS member. Please sign me up for a complimentary WMAIA membership. My AIAS # is _____

Upon graduation you may join the AIA and WMAIA as an Associate AIA member. WMAIA offers a free year of Associate AIA membership upon graduation. The AIA offers a free year of Associate AIA membership to graduates of accredited architecture programs.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____

E-mail address _____

I understand my annual membership fee is \$20.00. The membership fee is waived for AIAS members

Payment

I have enclosed a check or money order payable to the WMAIA (Western Massachusetts American Institute of Architects)

Please charge my:

Visa MasterCard American Express

Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name _____

(*exactly* as it appears on credit card)

Please mail this enrollment form and your payment to:

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WMAIA

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Thanks . . . and welcome to the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the American Institute of Architects !