

# This Week

## 2002 Membership Renewal Offers Open Access to PIAs *Renewal forms to be mailed in three phases*

Beginning in 2002, the AIA is offering members free access to all the professional interest areas (PIAs), removing the \$50 fee of the past. All you need to do is identify your primary choice of a PIA on your 2002 membership renewal form and add additional PIAs if you wish to receive information in those particular areas.

The 22 PIAs are:

- **Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH)** improves health-care facilities through architect and client education; works on regulatory issues and industry links.
- **Building Codes & Standards (BCS)** focuses on technology and performance/regulatory issues; seeks to simplify and improve model building codes and standards.
- **Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE)** explores changing educational needs; promotes design excellence for educational facilities and cultural spaces.
- **Committee on Architecture for Justice (CAJ)** develops resources to enhance the quality of planning and design for courthouses, police stations, prisons, and jails.
- **Committee on Design (COD)** advocates excellence, leadership, and partnership in architectural and urban design through AIA award nominations and many other outreach efforts.
- **Committee on the Environment (COTE)** promotes environmental leadership among architects; seeks to make environmental considerations and sustainable design integral to the practice of architecture.
- **Construction Management (CM)** provides information, education, and support for architects to lead the project delivery process, increase market share and profitability, and understand risks.
- **Corporate Architects (CA)** increases the performance and public awareness of AIA members who work as or with client architects within organizations.
- **Design/Build (DB)** assists architects in leading the design, construction, and management of the built environment through information, professional networks, and successful practice trends.
- **Educators & Practitioners Net (EPN)** strengthens and improves the ties between architectural education and practice through the future Practice Education Council and Practice Education Net.
- **Facility Management (FM)** furthers client understanding of facility management, enhances professional performance, cultivates interaction, and expands architect opportunities.
- **Historic Resources Committee (HRC)** monitors and manages issues of preserving the built environment; works with government and allied preservation programs.
- **Housing Committee (HSG)** focuses on critical design, development, market issues, and trends in housing.
- **Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art & Architecture (IFRAA)** offers a forum for the exchange of information on the planning, design, construction, arts, and crafts related to all places of worship.
- **Interiors Committee (INT)** monitors the major issues and evolving markets of interiors practice through forums and information exchange.
- **International Committee (INT'L)** educates members; promotes excellence in international marketing and practice; and advocates for international political and trade issues.
- **Practice Management (PM)** develops substantive information on business practices and trends in firm organization and operation and risk management within the profession.
- **Public Architects (PA)** advances the architect's position in public administration, management, design, and construction at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Regional & Urban Design (RUDC)** promotes livable communities, surface transportation, and disaster assistance through design assistance teams and other educational and outreach programs.
- **Small Projects Forum (SPF)** develops information and tactics on small-project issues from marketing through project delivery for sole practitioners and large firms.
- **Specifications & Building Technology (SBT)** promotes specification technology, particularly for graphic and written instruments; explores dynamic links between the two.
- **Technology in Architectural Practice (TAP)** addresses computer systems in architecture firms, including applications for management, design and modeling, finance, and communication.

To find out more about the PIAs, visit [www.aia.org/pia](http://www.aia.org/pia).

### Three invoice mail dates

Another change for AIA invoicing this year is that members will receive invoices in the mail in three phases: September 17-28, October 15-26, and November 19-30. The phases are determined by the local component, based mostly on when the lo-

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cal component meets to determine its dues structure for the coming year. As of September 1, the components have chosen the September 17-28 mailing:

- AIA Alabama Council
- AIA Arkansas
- AIA Arizona
- AIA Washington, D.C.
- AIA Delaware
- AIA Continental Europe
- AIA Florida
- AIA Georgia
- AIA Idaho
- AIA Illinois
- AIA Indiana
- AIA Maryland
- AIA Maine
- AIA Michigan
- AIA Montana
- AIA North Dakota
- AIA Nebraska
- AIA New Hampshire
- AIA Nevada
- AIA Ohio
- Architects Council of Oregon
- AIA Pennsylvania
- AIA South Dakota
- AIA Vermont
- AIA Washington Council
- AIA Wisconsin
- AIA Wyoming.

If you have questions about your individual membership renewal cycle, please call your local component. (For a list of contact information, go to [www.aia.org/institute/chapters](http://www.aia.org/institute/chapters).) 