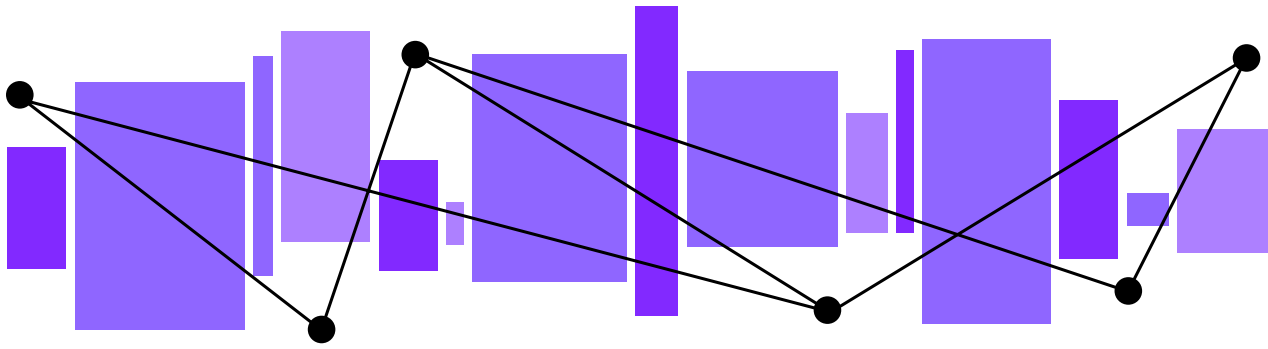


Iowa Annual Convention

Sept 24-25, 2026 | Connections

[Workshop Application](#)



This year's AIA Iowa Convention is slated to be held **September 24 & 25** at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, Iowa. The AIA Iowa Convention Committee Co-Chairs in conjunction with the Workshop Committee, invite you to submit your workshop proposals. This is a highly anticipated event for over 1,000 attendees from throughout the state and region who come together with a common goal to better the profession.

Connection is fundamental to the practice of architecture. As architects combine structural members, cladding components and finishes to ensure a structure's integrity, the results of our work safely bring together people, places and possibilities. Ideas move fast, challenges are complex and solving them takes more than one point of view. As architects, we blend age-old practice with emerging tools and techniques, connect different fields and bridge gaps between historical, ecological, cultural, social, economic and technological priorities.

The 2026 AIA Iowa Fall Convention invites you to explore what it means to put connection at the heart of design. Help shape the conversations and teamwork that will guide the future of architecture in Iowa. Collaborate with colleagues, communities, clients and partners to share ideas, listen carefully and build trust across teams and stakeholders. At its core, this year's event is about collaboration that ignites fresh ideas and shapes Iowa's architectural future by uniting diverse perspectives.

We are seeking presenters that will highlight the ways they are innovating and transforming the built environment. We look forward to connecting with you at the convention.

Zach Detterman, AIA
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Committee Co-Chair

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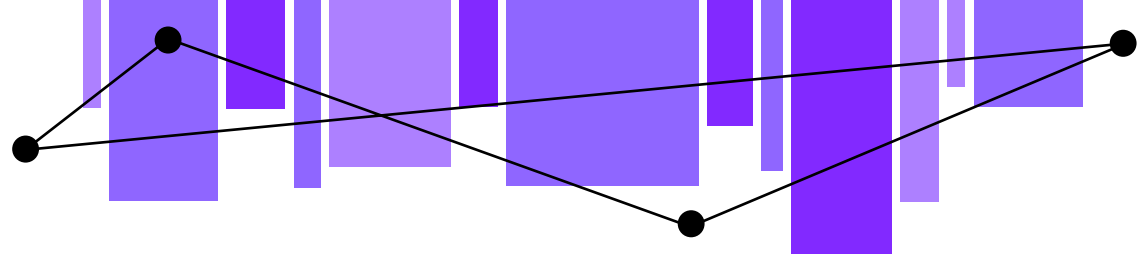
Donovan Bunn, AIA
AIA Iowa Convention
Workshop Committee

Patrick Schnell, AIA
AIA Iowa Convention
Workshop Committee

As a workshop speaker at the AIA Iowa Annual Convention, we can promise the experience will be rewarding for both your personal and professional development. AIA Iowa speakers have a reputation to be high quality resources in the industry and by presenting at the convention you establish yourself as an expert to turn to in the profession.

- Engage with architects, intern architects and others related to the profession in Iowa and beyond
- Get in front of decision makers in the architectural profession
- Highlight your product or service through education
- Receive feedback on your product or service from attendees
- Be recognized as an excellent, unbiased source of education
- Expand your professional network, building upon and creating new relationships
- Collaborate with experts in the profession
- Become known as a supporter of the Chapter and the profession

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Workshop Timeline

Apr 28

Call for Proposals Open

May 29

Call for Proposals Close

June 5

Workshops Selected

Aug 31

Presentations Due to AIA Iowa

Sep 24 & 25

AIA Iowa Annual Convention

Proposal Selection

The AIA Iowa Convention Planning Committee is looking to fit all workshops selected for the convention into 5 different workshop categories. Please indicate on your application what workshop track your proposal best fits.

1. Theme: Connections
2. Up and Coming in the Profession
3. Project Design and Context
4. Building Code and Compliance
5. Technology, Sustainability, and Innovation

The Convention Workshop Committee will review each submitted proposal and respond to applicants whether their workshop has been selected or declined. Workshop proposals are reviewed and juried based on relevance of material to conference objectives, presenter knowledge, clarity of purpose, and past evaluation feedback (if applicable). Promotion of specific products/services is prohibited.

The workshop committee will highly prioritize selections that focus on Health, Safety and Welfare topics (HSW). This is a designated credit that architects need to maintain their licensure in Iowa. As you craft your presentations and proposals please reference [these HSW guidelines](#) to ensure your presentation meets the criteria needed for approval. Please provide HSW justification even if your course is already approved by another AIA provider.

Affiliate Organization Accreditation

Please indicate if your course has previously been approved by any of the following organizations:

American Institute of Architects

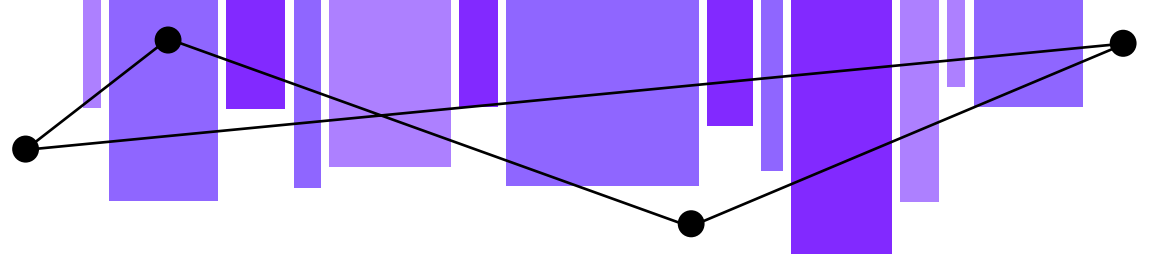
International Interior Design Association

American Association for Landscape Architects

How to Submit Proposals

To be considered for a workshop presentation please fill out the following form in its entirety and submit to AIA Iowa by May 29. No fees will be paid to providers for their presentations. Each workshop is 60 minutes long. If selected, your presentation slides along with a recorded version of your presentation must be submitted to AIA Iowa by Aug 31. These two pieces ensure your readiness for the AIA Iowa Convention and allow us to have a back-up recording in case of unforeseen circumstances. Please return this fully completed application to Colette Sheaff at csheaff@aiaiowa.org by May 29. If you have any questions, please contact the AIA Iowa Office at 515.244.7502 or info@aiaiowa.org.

Workshop Application



Primary Presenter Contact Information

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

DESIGNATION

COMPANY

EMAIL

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

OFFICE PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

Will you be joining us for lunch the day of your presentation?

Yes

No

Workshop Track

Select the track that best suits your workshop. Choose only one.

THEME: CONNECTIONS

UP & COMING IN THE PROFESSION

PROJECT DESIGN & CONTEXT

BUILDING CODE AND COMPLIANCE

TECHNOLOGY, SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

Course Title

Encompass the overall theme and what attendees will take away.

Course Level [LEARN MORE](#)

Advanced

Intermediate

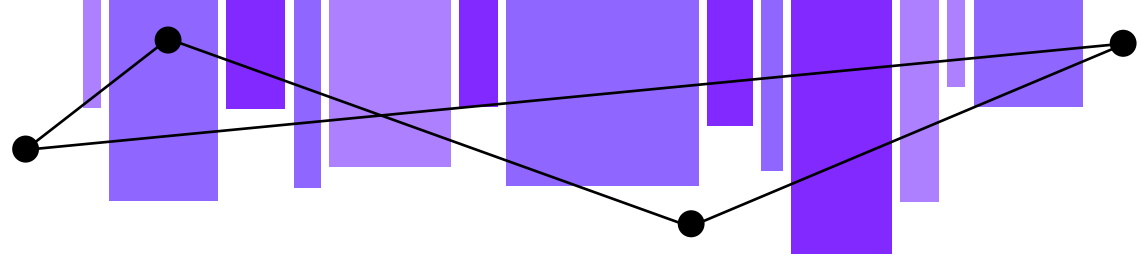
Introductory

Update

Description

Write a brief description of your workshop.

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Prerequisite Knowledge

Please any prior knowledge required for participants to comprehend this course.

HSW Justification

If applicable, explain why this course would be eligible for [Health, Safety and Welfare](#) approval.

Topics

Select one topic and one sub-topic, if applicable, that best suits your workshop.

Art & Architecture

Codes & Regulations

Construction & Evaluation

- Construction Administration
- Construction Observation
- Preconstruction Activities
- Project Closeout & Evaluation

Practice Management

- Business Development
- Business Operations
- Firm Finances & Risk Management
- Practice Methodologies

Programming & Analysis

- Building Analysis & Programming
- Environmental & Contextual Conditions
- Site Analysis & Programming

Project Development & Documentation

- Construction Cost Estimates
- Construction Documentation
- Integration of Building Materials/Systems
- Project Manual & Specification

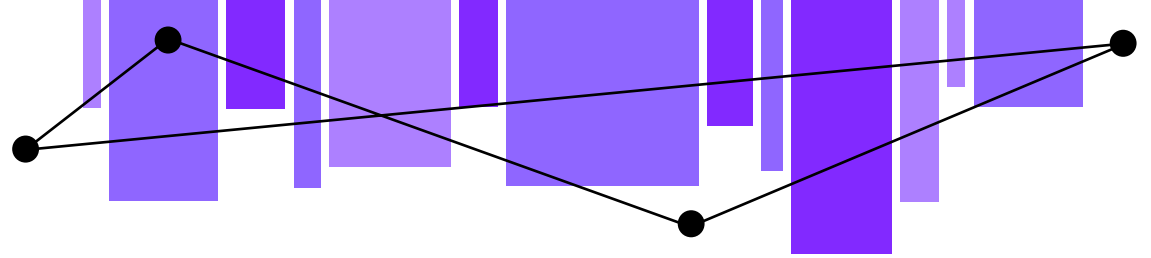
Project Management

- Communications Management
- Contracts
- Implementation & Evaluation
- Project Quality Control
- Project Team Management

Project Planning & Design

- Building Design
- Building Systems, Materials, Assemblies
- Project Costs & Budgeting

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Learning Objectives

A learning objective is an explanation of the learning outcomes of the course. They should clearly express what the adult learner will be able to do after taking the course. For the course to be eligible for HSW credit, 3 of the 4 objectives must relay HSW information. Priority will given to workshops that can provide HSW content to attendees. [Learn more.](#)

Biography

Please give an overview of the main presenter's background and expertise, 3-5 sentences.

Objective 1

HSW Eligible

Objective 2

HSW Eligible

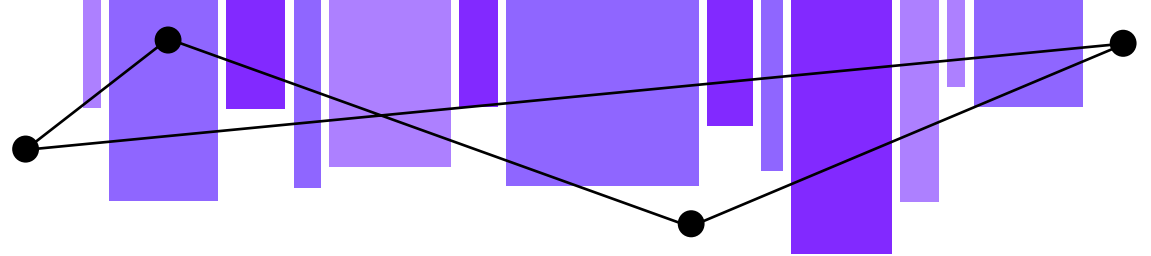
Objective 3

HSW Eligible

Objective 4

HSW Eligible

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Additional Presenters/Panelists IF APPLICABLE

Presenter 2

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

DESIGNATION

COMPANY

EMAIL

PHONE

Will this presenter be joining us for lunch the day of your presentation?

Yes

No

Presenter 3

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

DESIGNATION

COMPANY

EMAIL

PHONE

Will this presenter be joining us for lunch the day of your presentation?

Yes

No

Time Preference

THURS 10:45–11:45AM

THURS 1:15–2:15 PM

No Preference

FRI 11:15 AM–12:15 PM

FRI 2:15–3:15 PM

Audio Visual

Each workshop room will be provided with an 8' screen, projector, podium, and a podium microphone. All presenters must bring their own laptop, specialized adapters, and their presentation.

Checking this box serves as my digital signature agreeing to the terms and conditions of the [AIA Iowa Speaker Agreement](#).

As with all live events, we must be flexible to make changes if unknown circumstances arise. AIA Iowa is committed to planning the 2026 AIA Iowa Convention as an in-person event with our standard schedule of events traditionally held each year. If the need occurs, AIA Iowa reserves the right to adjust any schedules, offerings, and event formats to ensure that the safety of the attendees and participants is kept as the top priority. By submitting a workshop application, you are agreeing to partner with AIA Iowa should the need arise to adjust the traditional event at any stage of the planning process. If you have any additional questions on this, please reach out to Colette Sheaff at csheaff@aiaiowa.org.

To Submit

Save this file to your computer and email to csheaff@aiaiowa.org by May 29.