



## **What are the benefits of membership in AIA Connecticut?**

- State Government Advocacy
  - Advocates for the rights of all Connecticut architects
  - Protects the use of the term "Architect" from use by any unlicensed individuals or business
  - Monitors legislation to safeguard the profession
  - Proactively introduces legislation to benefit the profession when the opportunity arises
  
- Continuing Education
  - Provides continuing education seminars and programs required for maintenance of licensing and NCARB status
  - Seminars and programs are developed to enhance members' knowledge of innovations and technological advances in the practice of architecture
  - Enough programs are offered at no cost to members as to provide the minimum of required continuing education hours required for AIA membership. These CE hours mirror the requirements of most states or are in excess of state requirements
  
- Outreach in the Building Industry
  - Has formed alliances and coalitions with other industry groups to achieve shared goals
    - School Construction Coalition
    - Coalition for the Adoption of a Unified Code
    - DPW Advisory Council
    - State Building Inspectors Office and Code and Standards Committee
  - Has thereby enhanced position of architects industry-wide
  - Outreach has improved impact of government advocacy

- Website Listing
  - All AIA Connecticut members are listed on our website which receives approximately 30,000 visits per month. Many visitors are seeking architectural services
  - Sole practitioners are listed as firms
  - Specified areas of expertise and link to your website (if applicable) are provided
  
- Business Support
  - Offers free resume service to all members
  - Posts electronic notice of request for proposals on public projects and any projects for which we receive notification
  
- Special Recognition
  - Programs and outreach programs are offered that recognize a variety of architectural achievements and that value architectural services
  
- Public and Media Relations
  - Raising public awareness of the contributions of architects to our state and its infrastructure
  - Symposiums and media coverage of awards and public forums are actively pursued
  
- Camaraderie
  - Chapter meetings and programs throughout the year afford an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with your peers
  
- Committees
  - Various committees offer the opportunity to network with colleagues and to become involved in your areas of interest. Personal involvement is encouraged
  
- Intern Development Program
  - Opportunities to mentor and make a difference to the young professional
  
- Being a Voice
  - There is strength in numbers
  - **WE'RE BETTER TOGETHER!**