



AIA
Colorado

Government Affairs Committee
Friday, February 1st, 1:00-2:30 pm

AIA Colorado, 303 E. 17th Ave., Ste. 110, Denver, CO 80203

Or, participate remotely:

Option 1: Join via PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android: <https://www.zoom.us/j/216568310>

Option 2: Join by phone: (415) 762-9988 or (646) 568-7788, Meeting ID: 216 568 310

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1. **1:00** Call to Order, Introductions and Housekeeping
 - a. In-person and phone participant etiquette
 - b. Consent Agenda: accept reports as presented or request items be discussed.
 - c. Meeting Agenda: accept agenda as presented or request additional topics.
 - d. Approval of Minutes: January 2018
 - e. Antitrust statement and disclose conflicts of interest based on today's agenda.
 - f. Confirm who is recording today's minutes and collecting attendee roster.
2. **1:05** GAC introduction for new members - Anthony Ries
3. **1:15** Lobbyist Report - Jerry Johnson
4. **1:30** Legislative Subcommittee Report - Anthony Ries
5. **1:40** SB19-096 Position Request discussion - Nikolaus Remus and Paul Hutton
6. **1:50** SGN introduction for new members - Brandon Gossard
7. **1:55** ARCPac introduction for new members - Mike Wisneski and Chris Green
8. **2:05** QBS introduction for new members - My Do
9. **2:10** Building Code survey update - My Do
10. **2:15** AIA Colorado Government Affairs Manager report - Nikolaus Remus
 - a. Basecamp - first round of invites sent
 - b. AIA National updates - Federal gov't shutdown affecting architects
 - c. Meeting with Senator Michael Bennet's state director
11. **2:30 ADJOURN**

Next Meeting: March 1, 2019

Supplementary Resources in DropBox

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ndphf0qfzhqnxzb/AADQq8wUJa0iu3faWB-8TWEja?dl=0>

Government Affairs Committee Monthly Reports

January 4, 2019

AIA Colorado Staff and Board

Nikolaus Remus, AIA; Government Affairs Manager

On behalf of myself and 2019 AIA Colorado president Zach Taylor, welcome to all the members who requested to join the 2019 GAC roster through our committee application process. For this month's meeting we want to give an overview of all our efforts to help new members get up to speed on the topics we typically discuss.

GAC Chair and Legislative Subcommittee

Anthony Ries, AIA

The Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is one of two standing committees defined in the AIA Colorado bylaws. Its purpose is to provide advocacy for the profession of architecture in the state legislature, the state executive offices, state boards and commissions. Historically the GAC has been instrumental in maintaining appropriate architectural licensing laws, having a voice at the state capitol on matters that affect architects statewide and recently working with allied professionals on construction defects reform legislation.

Every Tuesday morning during the legislative session, the GAC Legislative Subcommittee gets together to discuss recent bills introduced. 22 House bills and 6 Senate bills are currently being monitored this year.

Bills are ranked in 4 tiers: 1 - High Priority, 2 - Low Priority, 3 – Informational and 4 – Not of interest. Tier 1 indicates that the GAC recommends AIA Colorado take a specific action such as a supporting or opposing the legislation. This includes encouraging membership to take action, that AIA Colorado speak to the media or other appropriate advocacy efforts. Tier 2 actions includes partnering with allied groups and have targeted discussions with legislators or stakeholders. Tier 3 means the legislation may impact architects in some minor way and we simply inform membership. These are often business-related bills that affect a lot of businesses.

There are currently 2 bills being considered as tier 2:

HB19-1008 - Include Career And Technical Education In Building Excellent Schools Today Program - The bill amends the Building Excellent Schools Today Act to allow the public school capital construction assistance board (board) to provide grants to support career and technical education capital construction.

HB19-1055 - Public School Cap Construction Financial Assistance – Adjusts how RMJ excise tax revenue is credited to the assistance fund, increase BEST annual lease payments, changes the amount of RMJ excise tax that is credited to the assistance fund and changes the total amount of money annually appropriated from the station education fund for charter schools capital construction.

AIA Colorado Architecture Advocacy Network

Author: AAN Chair

The formation of the AAN has been approved by the board and reports to the GAC are anticipated to begin with our March meeting.

State Government Network

Brandon Gossard, Assoc. AIA

SGN has been silent for the last month, with the exception of Colorado highlighting some language in an occupational licensing bill (HB19-1117) that was introduced in the state. While the bill has little chance of passing it does include language that was concerning related to occupational licensing and shifting the burden of proof for rulemaking.

AIA National Advocacy

Nikolaus Remus, AIA; Government Affairs Manager

After hearing from a member whose firm is feeling the effects of the federal gov't shutdown, AIA National is looking for any additional members who have similar stories to tell. While the shut down has ended, there are outstanding concerns given that the bill signed only provides funding through February 15th.

QBS Colorado

My Do, AIA

This year, QBS Colorado Coalition is taking part in a number of presentations as our part of our mission to provide outreach and education to the various agencies, institutions, and design/construction professional organizations.

- **CU Outreach**
 - Spring and Fall semesters CU Civil Engineering graduating class presentations (ongoing with Professor Peter Marxhausen)
- **2019 Training for Colorado Transportation Professionals**
 - March 5 @ 7:00 am - March 6 @ 2:00 pm
The Westin Westminster, 10600 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CO 80020
- **SEAC Breakfast Presentation**
 - Verifying date and time
May 16, 2019?
Lakewood Country Club
6800 W 10th Ave
Lakewood, CO 80214
- **CREJ article**
 - An upcoming issue will include an article on QBS.

As always, interested committee members are welcome to participate and contribute to this effort that fundamentally affects the Colorado design and construction profession.

<http://www.qbscolorado.org/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1yQTUn9HvU>

ARCpac and ARCsdC

Nikolaus Remus, AIA; Government Affairs Manager

Mike Wisneski and Chris Green will give an overview of ARCpac's efforts this month during the GAC meeting.

Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

Nikolaus Remus, AIA; Government Affairs Manager

No report this month.