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GREETINGS

2025 was a year of change at TxA. After about a dozen years of TxA being headquartered at 500 Chicon in Austin, the building was sold and our office moved to a new space at 1515 E Cesar Chavez. The 2025 Board and three preceding boards engaged in a three-year process of evaluation, visioning, and financial modeling, leading to the sale of the building. With the sale, we were able to create the TxA Legacy Fund, an investment in the long-term stability and success of the Texas Society of Architects. The Fund provides an annual stream of income to support TxA programs and services and more importantly allows us to prudently invest in new initiatives to serve members and promote architects.

In addition to the move, the board of directors and TxA committees remained focused on how we can achieve our goals. A few highlights:

EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION

We continued our support of NOMA's Project Pipeline, with sessions at the TxA annual conference recommended by our EDI committee and articles in Texas Architect focused on recognizing creative, diverse, and innovative leaders in the built environment.

PROSPERITY OF THE PROFESSION

The Texas Architectural Foundation received an incredibly generous bequest from a member that will allow us to consider new efforts to support students studying architecture in Texas. We advocated on behalf of the profession in the 89th Texas Legislative session. Issues around school safety, accessory dwelling units, zoning, permitting and sustainability among other issues. And this year we carefully tracked bills related to licensing reciprocity. The Texas Society of Architects Committee (TAC), continues to struggle to get the level of

support that is needed. We will work on new ways to engage members in not only our advocacy efforts, but in our political action fundraising as well.

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

We had another successful Student Design Challenge, increasing the number of schools that participated from around the state to an all-time high. Our partnership with the CBS TV series "America ByDesign" has expanded and there is now "Texas ByDesign" series showcasing even more Texas architects' work.

As always, many thanks go out to all of the volunteer leaders who shared their time, talent, and expertise with TxA to advance the architecture profession in Texas. In 2026 we will be embarking on a comprehensive member survey and strategic planning process and we look forward to continuing to serve you and meet our mission in the coming year.

Sincerely,

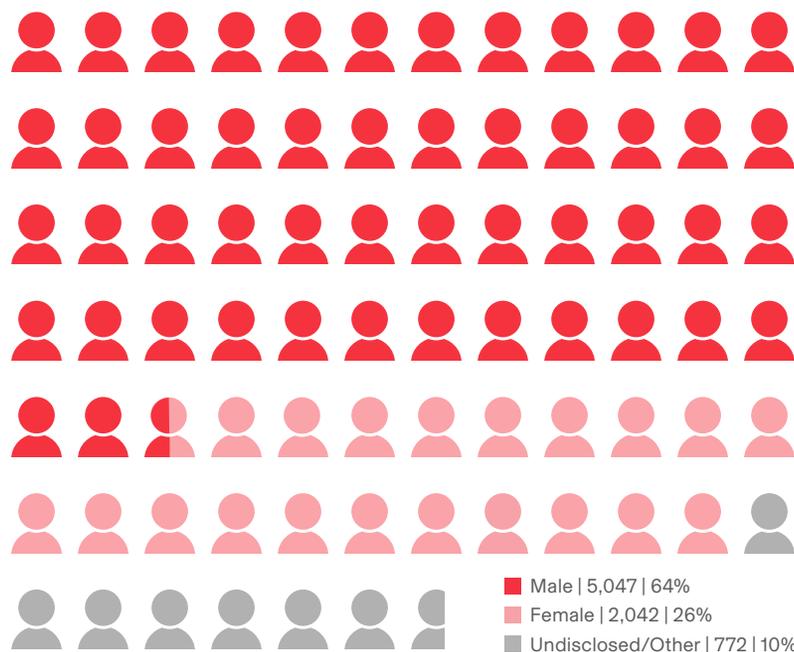


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EVP/CEO, Texas Society of Architects



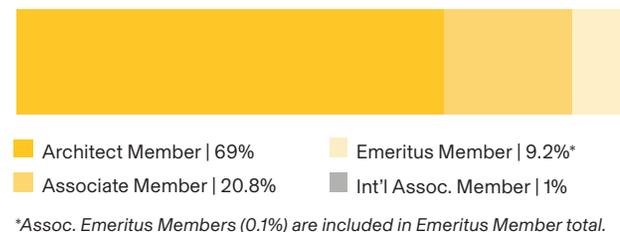
MEMBERSHIP

7,861 Total Members  = 100 Members

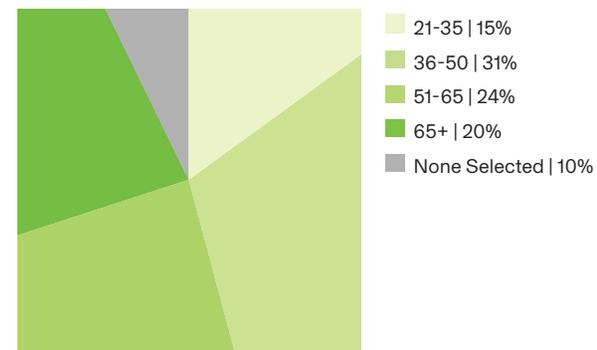


10% INCREASE  **IN OVERALL MEMBERSHIP SINCE 2020**

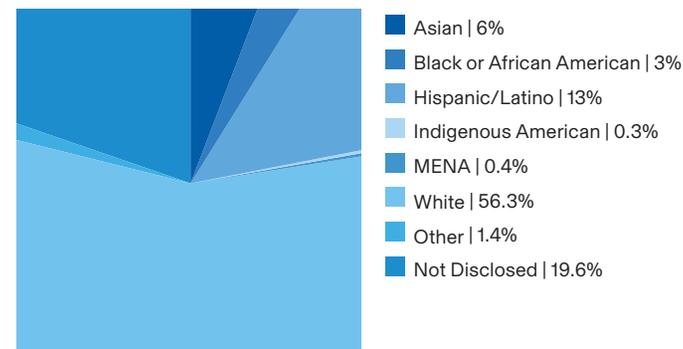
MEMBERS BY TYPE



MEMBERS BY AGE



MEMBERS BY ETHNICITY



VOLUNTEERS

TxA had 160 members volunteer their time in 2025 across 17 committees. The Society continued for the fourth year to post an open Call for Volunteers among our membership to promote diversity among leadership in the organization. The number of associate members who volunteered in 2025 increased to 14% of all volunteers, up from just 3% in 2024.

COMMITTEES

Administrative Policies Committee

CHAIR Derwin Broughton, AIA | Dallas

Architect Licensing Advisors

Irma Sifontes, AIA | Houston
Mike Cluff, AIA | Dallas

Committee on the Environment (COTE)

CHAIR Brady Dietert, AIA | Austin

Conference Committee

CO-CHAIR Zaida Basora, FAIA | Dallas
CO-CHAIR Peter Darby, AIA | Dallas
CO-CHAIR Michael Malone, FAIA | Dallas

Conference CE Committee

CHAIR Megg Conway, AIA | Dallas

Conference Futures Committee

CHAIR Derwin Broughton, AIA | Dallas

Education Outreach Committee

CHAIR Fallon Marie Barrett, Assoc. AIA | Houston

Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Committee

CHAIR Mikhail Moya, AIA | Dallas

Design & Studio Awards Committee

CHAIR Gail Borden, FAIA | Houston

Design Conference Committee

CHAIR Blane Ladymon, AIA | Dallas

Finance Committee

CHAIR Dana Walton, AIA | Amarillo

Government Affairs Steering Committee

CHAIR Stephi Motal, AIA | Austin

Honor Awards Committee

CHAIR Christian Sheridan, AIA | Houston

Nominating Committee

CHAIR Derwin Broughton, AIA | Dallas

O'Neil Ford Medal Subcommittee

CHAIR Thomas Hayne Upchurch, FAIA | Brazos

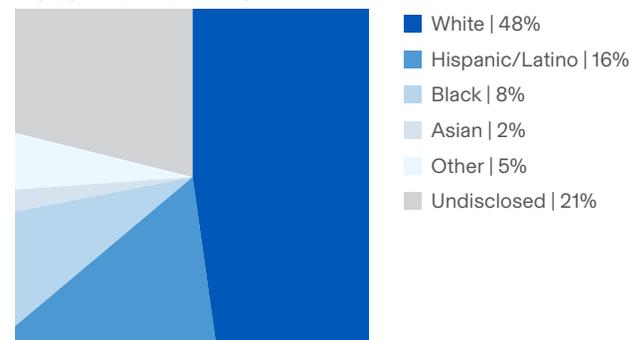
Publications Committee

CHAIR Stephen (Chick) Rabourn, AIA | El Paso

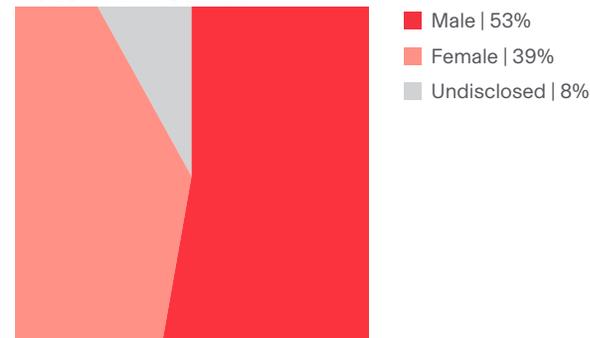
School Safety Subcommittee

CHAIR Tommy Osborne, AIA | Fort Worth

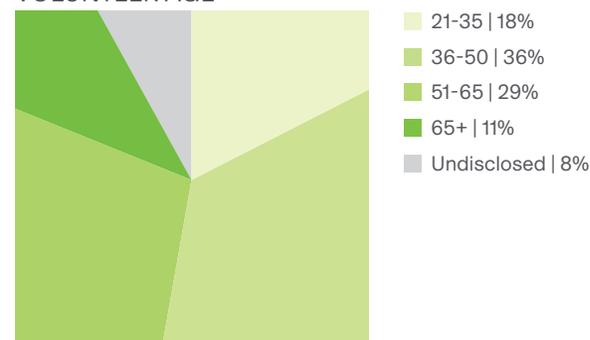
VOLUNTEER ETHNICITY



VOLUNTEER GENDER



VOLUNTEER AGE



FINANCIAL

TxA dues revenue was down, as we gained fewer Associate members than anticipated. We did not meet our budgeted attendance numbers for the 2025 Annual Conference Design Expo; however, exhibit booth sales were healthy and helped offset registration goals. Food and beverage expenses continue to rise and were more than 20% higher than in previous years. The Treasurer, Finance Committee, Board of Directors, and staff worked to minimize expenses as the year progressed, in anticipation of these costs. TxA's investments performed very well in 2025, resulting in gains of \$346,392 at year-end.

The most significant event of 2025 was the sale of the 500 Chicon Street property. The building sale allowed TxA to invest \$4,647,913 in an endowment-like fund to secure TxA's future and support further endeavors that will help us serve our mission. After expenses, the interest from the endowment-like fund brings extra income to TxA (approximately \$80,000 annually), which helps with increasing costs across the board and our ability to meet member needs, and this is just the beginning. In 2026, we will be able to transfer the final \$500,000 of profits from the building sale to the endowment-like fund bringing its total to \$5,147,913. The Board has begun a comprehensive strategic planning process, which will guide us toward the future that members want to see for Texas architects. The organization will prudently and purposefully determine our resource allocation based on our annual budget, interest income, and ability to draw from the endowment-like fund. We are looking forward to significant member input in that process and a newly focused strategic plan for what lies ahead.

The most recent audited financial statements are available upon request.

	YTD ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET	YTD VARIANCE
INCOME			
Membership Dues	1,862,081	1,922,412	-60,331
Programs (conference sponsors, exhibitors, registrations, awards entry fees)	1,239,377	1,274,711	-35,334
Texas Architect (print and digital advertising)	316,008	285,900	30,108
Other (AIA revenue share, interest on investments, unstaffed chapters, building sale)	4,558,563	69,000	4,489,583
TOTAL INCOME	7,976,029	3,552,023	4,424,006
EXPENSE			
Employee Expenses (salaries, PR tax, insurance, retirement)	1,588,973	1,590,143	-1,170
General Operations (insurance, print/postage, IT services, lobbyist and other professional services)	758,914	770,750	11,836
Facility (building maintenance, utilities, mortgage interest, property tax, building sale)	724,326	211,718	544,106
Program Expenses (event expenses, awards programs, board and staff travel)	1,044,411	876,924	168,487
TOTAL EXPENSE	4,116,624	3,543,025	573,599
Net Profit	3,859,405	8,998	3,850,407

YTD as of Jan. 6, 2026
 *These numbers are currently unaudited.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The TxA Board met quarterly to engage in thoughtful discussions about the profession and the Texas Society of Architects strategic direction. This year, the Board was on the move! Rather than holding their meetings at the TxA offices, the Board went to Texas A&M University to meet with faculty and students in the architecture school. It was an outstanding opportunity for the Board to see the studios students are working in and the technology that is a prominent part of their education. They met at DPR Construction collaborating with colleagues in the AEC industry sharing ways to improve the contractor/architect relationship. And in the third quarter the University of Texas at Austin was the site of the Board meeting where we met with administrators including the career services director, the assistant dean of student affairs, the associate dean for research and technology, and Dean Heather Woofter. We also had a discussion with architect and professor Juan Miró, FAIA and his advocacy work to ban windowless rooms. This change of venues provided a backdrop for new conversations on the future of the profession and the role TxA can play in maintaining the relevance and success of architects in Texas. The Board remains committed to addressing issues that impact Texas architects and encourages feedback from all members to guide its efforts.



OFFICERS

Jason E. Puchot, AIA, President; **Krystyn Haecker, AIA**, President-Elect; **Mike Allex, AIA**, Secretary; **Dana Walton, AIA**, Treasurer; **Samantha Markham, AIA**, Vice President, Communications; **Gabriella Bermea, AIA, NOMA**, Vice President, Practice and Recognition; **Maurice Thames, AIA**, Vice President, Professional Development; **Laura Sachtleben, FAIA**, Vice President, Advocacy

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EX. OFFICIO

Jennifer Briggs, CAE, TxA EVP/CEO

AWARDS

DESIGN AWARDS

TxA's Design Awards recognize outstanding architectural and urban design projects by architects practicing in Texas to promote public interest in design excellence. This year, the program received 194 entries, and jurors Germane Barnes of Studio Barnes and the University of Miami School of Architecture; Barbara Bestor, FAIA, of Bestor Architecture; Tom Kundig, FAIA, of Olson Kundig Architects; and Victor Legorreta, Hon. FAIA, of LEGORRETA awarded 19 projects.

310 W Grayson, Beaty Palmer Architects; **979 Springdale**, Chioco Design; **Burnet Place**, Michael Hsu Office of Architecture; **Courtyard House**, Shipley Architects; **ECC Creative**, A Parallel Architecture; **Elemental Home**, Content Architecture; **Federal Street Restoration**, Martina Lorey Architects; **Isidore + Nicosi**, Baldrige Architects; **Lake Belton House**, Murray Legge Architecture; **Learning Pavilion**, Inflection Architecture; **LSU Health Shreveport Center for Medical Education and Emerging Viral Threats**, Perkins&Will with Coleman Partners Architects; **Mexican American Cultural Center**, Exigo; **Pleasant Valley House**, Lemmo Architecture and Design; **Rancho Toma Tres**, Candid Works; **Round Rock ISD Aquatic Facility**, Kirksey Architecture; **Singing Hills Recreation and Senior Center**, Perkins&Will; **Stealth House**, Specht Novak; **Westview Residence**, Alterstudio Architecture; **Wolf Ranch River Camp**, Michael Hsu Office of Architecture

STUDIO AWARDS

The Studio Awards recognize exceptional unbuilt design in both real and conceptual projects. The program is open to submissions from students and professionals. Our 2025 jurors—Heather Roberge, AIA, of Murmur and UCLA Architecture and Urban Design; Matthew Griffith, FAIA, of In Situ Studio and the NC State University School of Architecture; and Michael Cadwell, FAIA, of the Knowlton School at Ohio State University—reviewed 65 entries and awarded nine projects.

Aggregate House: A Heterogeneous Collection of Types, Lutz Office; **Ambience**, clovisbaronian; **B-60: Brownwood Reborn**, Students: Aparna Prabu, Alfred Rivera, and Edwin Tovar; **Professor: Rafael B. Duran**, Feral Delta II Studio, Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design, University of Houston; **Canutillo ISD Middle Schools**, DLR Group and Root Architects; **DETOUR**, Corgan; **Digital Tattoo**, Norverto Diaz, Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design, University of Houston; **The Hell & High Water House**, Z4A Architects: Rafael B. Duran & Ophelia Mantz; **Collaborators: Diego Contreras**, Mili Kyropoulou; **Renderings: Simon Chiquito**; **House Under a Big Roof**, Students: Joseph Hsu and Elliot Yamamoto; **Professor: Jesus Vassallo**, Rice School of Architecture, Rice University; **Neighborhood Stack**, Agenda Architecture

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 2025 DESIGN AWARD WINNER:
 979 Springdale by Chioco
 Design; 2025 DESIGN AWARD
 WINNER: Stealth House by
 Specht Novak; 2025 STUDIO
 AWARD WINNER: The Hell
 & High Water House by
 Z4A Architects (Rafael B
 Duran & Ophelia Mantz)with
 Diego Contreras and Simon
 Chiquito

AWARDS

HONOR AWARDS

TxA's Honor Awards recognize AIA members, individuals in the community, firms, and organizations for outstanding contributions in support of the Society's mission, as well as architectural projects of enduring significance. There were 12 honorees in 2025.

R. Lawrence "Larry" Good, FAIA, Medal for Lifetime Achievement in Honor of Llewellyn W. Pitts, FAIA; **Alan Graham**, Cornerstone Award; **Charyl McAfee-Duncan, FAIA, NOMA**, Award for Equitable Practice in Architecture in Honor of John S. Chase Jr., FAIA; **David Carroll, AIA**, Award for Community Service in Honor of James D. Pflugler, FAIA; **Donna Kacmar, FAIA**, Award for Outstanding Educational Contributions in Honor of Edward J. Romieniec, FAIA; **Krystyn Haecker, AIA**, Award for Early Career Professional Achievement in Honor of William W. Caudill, FAIA; **N. Cale Lancaster, AIA**, Award for Early Career Professional Achievement in Honor of William W. Caudill, FAIA; **Samantha Markham, AIA**, Award for Early Career Professional Achievement in Honor of William W. Caudill, FAIA; **Kirsten Griffin, Assoc. AIA, NOMA**, Associate Member of the Year; **Gustavo Bernal**, Award for Excellence in the Promotion of Architecture through the Media in Honor of John G. Flowers, Hon. AIA; **San Antonio Central Library, 25-Year Award**; **Highland Park Village**, Architectural Landmark Award



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 Cornerstone Award

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Every other year, the Texas Legislature convenes in Austin for its 140-day legislative session. The 89th Legislature concluded its regular session on June 2, 2025, marking another impactful cycle of policymaking that affects the practice of architecture across the state. TxA continued to offer weekly legislative updates and resources that kept members informed and empowered to advocate for the profession.

ARCHITECTS DAY 2025

February 11–12, TxA hosted another successful Architects Day at the Texas State Capitol, our biennial gathering of citizen architects who meet with legislative offices to discuss the Society's legislative priorities and focus for the year. This year's new format took place over two days, allowing advocates additional time for training and a Legislative Reception. More than 70 members participated, meeting with over 60 legislative offices in Austin, deepening valuable relationships with both Texas House and Senate staff.

2025 TXA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA UPDATES

Our full 2025 legislative priorities are available [online](#). Below are several key highlights from the session.

Frivolous Design & Construction Defect Litigation

TxA continues to champion legislation intended to reduce lawsuits alleging unfounded design and construction defects. SB 1922 by Rep. Jay Dean (R-Longview) clarifies when the statute of limitations begins for construction defect claims, providing clarity on when provisions of Texas' right to repair statute may be used.

Housing Affordability

TxA supported several bills aimed at increasing housing options and streamlining permitting and zoning inefficiencies. SB 840 by Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola) applies statewide zoning requirements for commercial to mixed-use and multifamily residential conversion in Texas' largest cities.

Historic Preservation Funding

We support policies and programs that seek to preserve, restore, and maintain buildings significant to the history and culture of Texas, and continue to support funding for Texas' courthouse preservation program. This session, \$100 million was appropriated to the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program through the state budget.

Thank you to all members who helped advance these advocacy efforts by attending Architects Day at the Capitol, contacting your legislators, or staying engaged through our updates. We made a lasting impact on policies that support architects, protect the built environment, and strengthen communities across Texas.



TEXAS SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE (TAC)



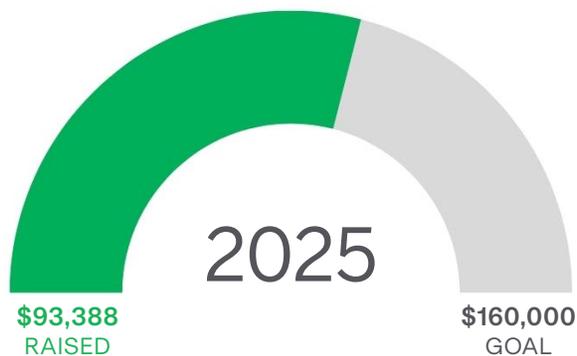
In 2025, 281 members contributed \$93,388 to the Texas Society of Architects Committee to help advocate for the profession. The TAC Lounge in Dallas during TxA's Annual Conference helped raise \$8,670 toward the overall annual goal of \$160,000. In addition, \$8,030 was raised from corporate contributions, which support the administrative costs of TAC and the TAC Lounge.

TAC Executive Trustees worked to improve chapter goals by re-evaluating the amount their chapter aims to raise each year, as well as how many of the chapter's members contribute to TAC. AIA Brazos was the first chapter to reach their new goals.

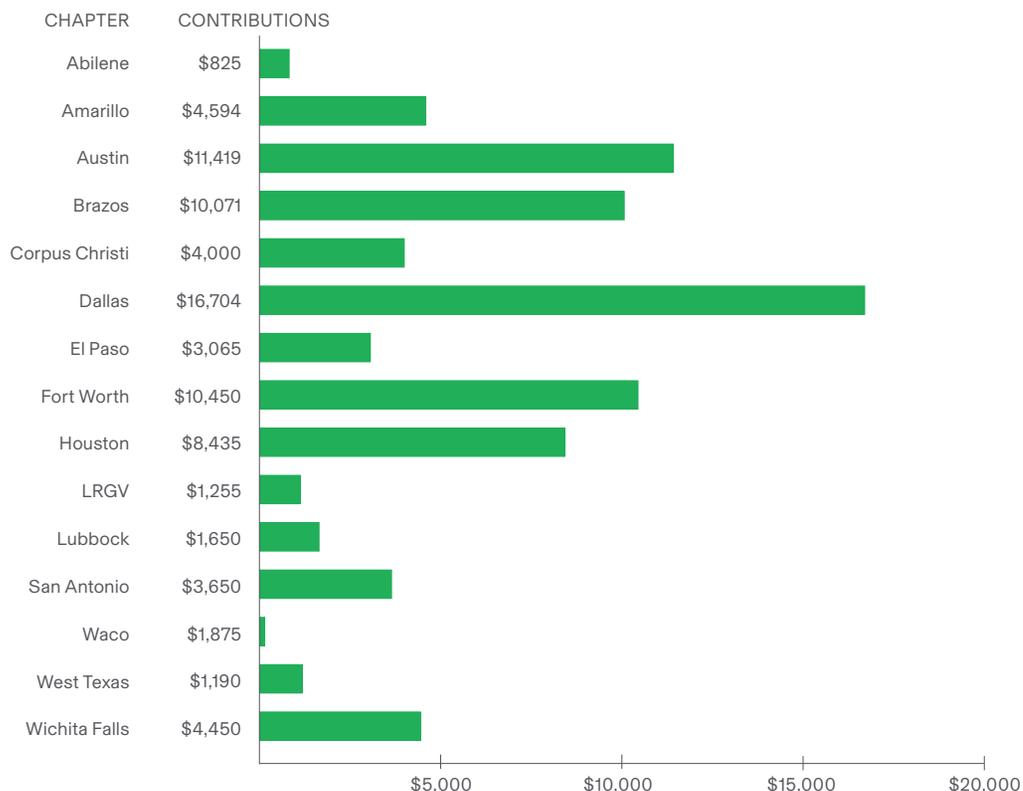
Thank you to our 2025 contributors, including the TxA Board — 93% percent of our board members contributed to TAC this year! Personal contributions from our members are critical to the ongoing success of the PAC. Without continued support each year, we will be unable to maintain our historic role as the profession's powerful bipartisan voice in state elections.

2025 TAC EXECUTIVE TRUSTEES

CHAIR Marcus Gibbon, AIA, Brazos; **Burton Baldrige, FAIA,** Austin; **Richard Flores, AIA,** Abilene; **Rogelio Hernandez, AIA,** Houston; **Stephanie Lemmo, Assoc. AIA,** Austin; **Beth Brant, AIA,** Dallas; **Paul Dennehy, FAIA,** Dallas; **Javier Paredes, AIA,** San Antonio; **Ashley Parvin, AIA,** Wichita Falls; **Ann Rosenwinkel, AIA,** Houston; **Rob Garcia, AIA,** Corpus Christi; **Nolan Bradshaw, AIA,** Fort Worth



TAC CONTRIBUTIONS BY CHAPTER IN 2025



TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION (TAF)



The Texas Architectural Foundation (TAF) was established in 1952 by the Texas Society of Architects to make possible deserving students' dreams of an architectural education, and to enhance the quality of the academic experience at Texas universities. This year, the TAF Board awarded \$94,550, for a total of 65 scholarships. And for the first time, Malone Maxwell Dennehy Architects Scholarship, Dockery Architecture Scholarship, and the WiA El Paso Scholarship in Memory of Mabel Welch were awarded.

TAF 2025–2026 RECIPIENTS

Of the 65 scholarships, 62 individual students were awarded, with 63% identifying as female, 34% as male, and 2% as non-binary. The recipient population is 44% White/Caucasian, 29% Hispanic/Latino, 15% Asian, 8% African American or

Black, 3% Middle Eastern or North African, and 1% American Indian or Alaska Native.

“I aspire to become a licensed architect who stays at the forefront of architectural advancements while actively contributing to scholarly work,” said Zachary Casey, 2025 AIA Southeast Texas Chapter Douglas E. Steinman Scholarship recipient. “This scholarship is more than financial aid; it is an investment in my ability to significantly impact both the academic and professional spheres of architecture.”

TEXAS ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT

2025 Contributions	\$107,226
2025 Scholarships	\$86,250
2025 End of Year Total	\$3,971,053.19

TAF BOARD

Mike McGlone, FAIA, President; **William Helm, AIA**, Vice President; **Mark Blizard, AIA**; **Greg Ibañez, FAIA**; **Audrey Maxwell, AIA**; **Eva Read-Warden, AIA**; **Ikhlas Sabouni**; **Dana Walton, AIA**

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Missy Floyd-Seward, Director of Texas Architectural Foundation

TAF 2025–2026 RECIPIENTS

Prairie View A&M University ARMAAN DIXIT, Edwin W. and Alyce O. Caroll Scholarship, Hugh M. Cunningham Grant; JOSHUA MUNROE, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; PRISCILA SAINT PASTEUR SOTO, Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship; **Rice University** RICE UNIVERSITY, Betty R. and George F. Pierce, Jr. Fund; YUAN-AN AN, Fay H. Spencer Memorial Scholarship in Architecture; PREA DAVIS, Hugh M. Cunningham Grant; EKENE EMENIKE, Lonnie Hoogeboom Scholarship; FAIZA HYDER, Grayson Gill Memorial Scholarship; SHAELYN PARKER, TAF Founders Fund; CAROLINE RICH, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; MAX STITH, Michael Maraldo Sr., Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship; ALEXIS WINARSKE, O'Neil Ford Traveling Fellowship; **Texas A&M University** HAILEY ACOSTA, E.G. Spencer Memorial Scholarship; MATTHEW BENEDICT, H. Leo Tucker Scholarship Endowed by Tittle Luther Loving; ASHTON BRADEN, AIA Abilene Chapter Scholarship; NIKITA BRESLAV, Dockery Architecture Scholarship; John Only Greer and Wanda Knight Greer Architectural Scholarship; TOMAS DIAZ, Paul & Katie Stein Scholarship; ADAM HEYMANN, AIA Brazos Chapter Scholarship; ALI MCKENNA, John J. (Jack) Luther Endowed Scholarship; MARINA PINAR, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; OLIVIA POTVIN, Joan & Lee Roy Hahnfeld, FAIA, Scholarship; MICAH REESE, Edward John Romieniec, FAIA, Endowed Scholarship; MADELINE REJDA, Theodore S. Maffitt, Jr., FAIA, and Patricia J. Maffitt Scholarship;

DEVI SHRII SATHAPPUN, Hugh M. Cunningham Grant; LORIN STANEL, James E. Deininger Traveling Fellowship; JULIE SWINNEY, AIA Northeast Texas E. Davis Wilcox, FAIA, Memorial Scholarship in Architecture; KYLE THOMAS, Mattia J. Flabiano, Jr., Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship; ISABELLA WOODHEAD, Preston M. Geren, Sr., Memorial Scholarship; **Texas Tech University** ADRIANNA ARANCIBIA, The Shirley E. Megert and A.S. Megert Memorial Scholarship; SADAF ALIKHANI, Louis and Marcus Zanchettin Southwest Terrazzo Association Scholarship; ANGELA BARRIOS, WiA El Paso Scholarship in Memory of Mabel Welch; JOSEPH CORTEZ, AIA Lubbock Chapter Scholarship; ANDREW EARNEST, HD&D Design Collaborative, L.L.P. Scholarship Honoring John L. Hannon, J. Ray Daniel, and Donald E. Dickerson; MATTHEW FORSTER, Brown Reynolds Watford Architects Endowed Scholarship; ISREAL JIMENEZ, TAF Founders Fund; CARSON LAUDERDALE, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; EMMA MCGAHA, AIA Waco Memorial Scholarship; PABLO PEREZ, AIA Amarillo Chapter Scholarship in Honor of Jim C. Doche, FAIA; EMILEE RODRIGUEZ, AIA San Antonio Daryl Engel Memorial Scholarship in Architecture; LIA SANCHEZ, AIA San Antonio Diversity Scholarship in Memory of Norcell D. Haywood, AIA; KANI WILLIS, TAF Founders Fund; **University Of Houston** ELVA DELGADO, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; SARA LEE, Michael Maraldo Sr., Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship;

University Of Texas At Arlington THANH CAO, AIA Fort Worth Charles R. Adams Memorial Scholarship; VANESSA LOPEZ; Malone Maxwell Dennehy Architects Scholarship; KENDALL STARLING; AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; ELLIN TORRES; Hugh M. Cunningham Grant; RICHA VERMA; Mattia J. Flabiano, Jr., Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship; **University Of Texas At Austin** JI YOON AHN, Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship; ROMINA DARYABARI, Walter T. Rolfe Memorial Scholarship; ELIZABETH EDWARDS, Professor Goldwin Goldsmith Memorial Scholarship in Architecture ; JAMPE GERGEN, Eva and Jay W. Barnes, FAIA, Scholarship for The University of Texas at Austin; SARAH GROSSMAN, McKinney York Architects Scholarship; DANIEL GUERRA, Horace B. McCord Memorial Scholarship; JUDITH IPINA, Ruth Kaigler Goode and D. Rex Goode Scholarship; STEFKA KUNEVA, San Antonio Conservation Society Foundation Scholarship Honoring Brooks Martin, FAIA; JONATHAN MIER-LARA, AIA El Paso Chapter Scholarship; JULIANNA NEEDHAM, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; MADISON O'HAIR, AIA Corpus Christi Chapter Scholarship; CADEN RIVERS, George F. Harrell II | OMNIPLAN Scholarship; DEYANIRA RODRIGUEZ, AIA Austin Chapter Scholarship; **University Of Texas At San Antonio** NORMA CARDENAS, AIA Wichita Falls Chapter Scholarship; KARA SALINAS, Southwest Terrazzo Association Architecture Scholarship

TEXAS ARCHITECT

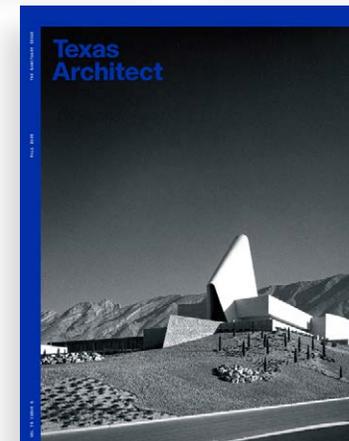
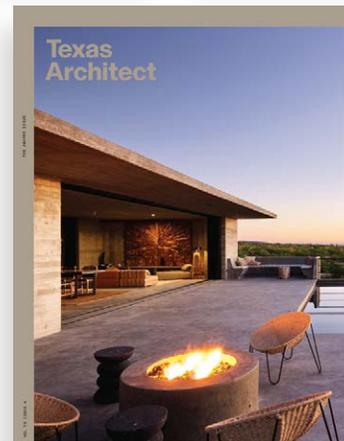
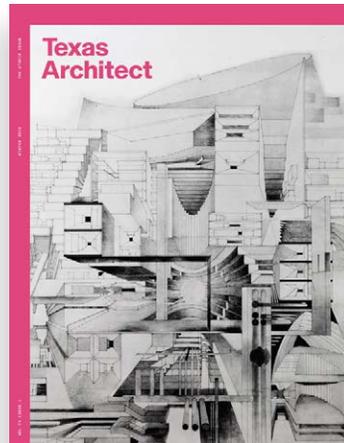
In 2025, the TxA Publications Committee and *Texas Architect* editorial team launched the long-anticipated redesign of *Texas Architect* magazine and its website, bringing to fruition conversations that began in 2020 as the publication's branding approached its 10-year mark. Led by *Texas Architect* art director Ian Searcy, the redesign focused on more clearly differentiating sections of the magazine, emphasizing each issue's theme, and creating more spacious, flexible layouts for articles across both print and digital platforms.

The redesigned magazine and website officially launched in February, followed by a public celebration at First Light Books in April that marked an important milestone in the publication's next chapter. Responses to the redesign have been overwhelmingly positive. The new design has since been presented and discussed with members and peers through multiple venues, including a session at the TxA Annual Conference and Design Expo focused on the magazine redesign and demystifying the publishing process. Editorial themes for the year included Utopia, Feedback, The Senses, and Sanctuary, along with the annual Awards issue.

The magazine also contributed to broader professional discourse by hosting a session titled "Architecture as Changemaking" at the AIAS Forum in Austin, reinforcing the magazine's role as a platform for dialogue, education, and advocacy. The panel featured *Texas Architect* editor Ana Calhoun and *Architectural Record* publisher Alex Bachrach.

In recognition of its editorial excellence, *Texas Architect* received three TABPI awards in 2025: a Gold Medal for Editor's Column, an Honorable Mention for Best Profile, and an Honorable Mention for Best Feature.

Collectively, these efforts reflect a year of significant transformation, outreach, and recognition, positioning *Texas Architect* for continued relevance and impact in the years ahead.



DESIGN CONFERENCE

Themed "Textura," the TxA 2025 Design Conference ventured beyond the U.S. border for the first time, taking place in Mexico City from February 20–23. Always an immensely popular program, this year's conference sold out in less than 10 minutes.

SPEAKERS:

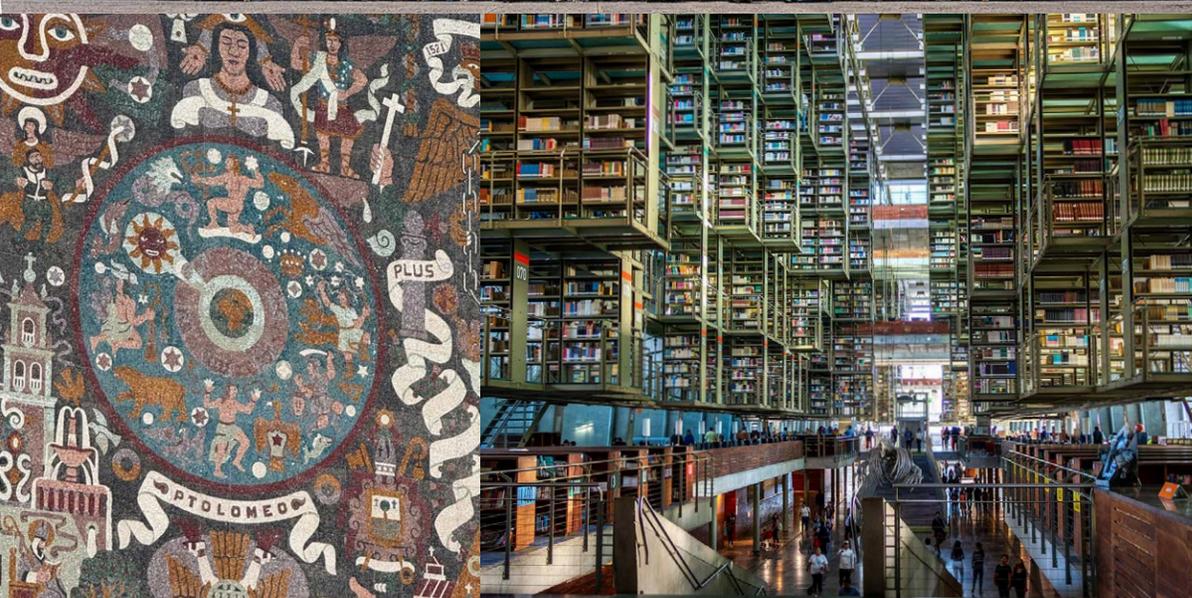
- » Alba Cortez & Mariano Castillo (Tatiana Bilbao Estudio)
- » Natalia Baidia/Carlos Bedoya (Productora Studio)
- » Emmanuel Ramirez/Ignacio del Rio (MMX)
- » Kathryn O'Rourke
- » Javier Sanchez, Aisha Ballesteros, Benedikt Fahlbusch (JSa Taller de Arquitectura)
- » Productora

TOURS:

- » Tatiana Bilbao Estudio
- » Productora Studio
- » Hotel Volga
- » Biblioteca Vasconcelos designed by Alberto Kalach
- » Casa Siza designed by Alvaro Siza
- » Casa Wabi Sabino designed by Albert Kolach (with Studio Bosco Sadi)
- » Fabrica de Hielo (housing JSa Taller de Arquitectura)
- » Main library building at UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico)
- » Museo Anahuacalli by Juan O'Gorman and the luminous addition by Mauricio Rocha
- » EJT Studio House



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TxA25 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For three days, nearly 2,000 architects, designers, exhibitors, students, and industry professionals converged at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. Attendees drew inspiration from more than 130 hours of peer-led continuing education sessions, explored the city through curated architectural tours, engaged with world-renowned keynote speakers, and forged new connections in the Design Expo, featuring more than 150 exhibitors.

Returning favorites included the first-time attendee brunch, the expanded student charrettes (now welcoming participants from elementary through high school), PK Night, and the annual Student Design Challenge.

This year's keynote speakers—Arne Emerson; Vishaan Chakrabarti, FAIA; and Carol Ross Barney, FAIA—delivered thought-provoking and deeply resonant presentations that challenged conventional thinking and energized attendees.

The 2025 Honor Award recipients were recognized during the keynote sessions, and Texas' newly licensed architects were celebrated at the New Architects Convocation. Emerging Professionals connected at a dedicated happy hour and gathered throughout the event in the EP Lounge on the Design Expo floor.

Attendees rolled the dice and doubled down at the Casino Royale-themed President's Party, where the evening's fun was decidedly shaken, not stirred.

Sponsorships Goal	\$114,100
Sponsorships Actual	\$122,450
Exhibitors Goal	\$500,00
Exhibitors Actual	\$530,310
Registrations Goal	\$501,036
Registrations Actual	\$426,893

REGISTRATION TYPE	QTY.
Architect Member	509
EP Architect Member	91
Associate Member	75
Emeritus Member	13
Non-Member Architects	47
Non-Member Interns	10
Students/New Grads	213
Speaker Only	64
Exhibitors	672
Industry Professional	23
Faculty	25
Component Staff	21
Guests	106
Supplier	12
Other	24
Total Attendance	1905



2025 DESIGN EXPO

This year's sold-out Design Expo Dallas delivered two days of action featuring more than 160 exhibitors from across the industry. Beyond discovering innovative products and connecting with exhibitors, attendees found the Design Expo to be the heartbeat of the conference—buzzing with activity, interactive experiences, and opportunities to engage.

The Opening Party set the tone with a lively mix of entertainment, including a steel drum band, green screen photo booth, balloon artist, coloring wall, and a spirited round of sponsor bingo. Premier Sponsor Acme Brick offered complimentary professional headshots, while Platinum Sponsor Andersen Windows once again drew crowds to its much-loved coffee café and recharge zone.

A crowd favorite this year was the new Puppy Paw-vilion in partnership with Dallas Pets Alive!, where attendees could unwind with adorable puppies—and even kittens. Best of all, two kittens found their fur-ever homes during the event.

We were also proud to debut the Emerging Professional Networking Lounge, a vibrant new gathering point featuring speed mentoring, relaxed networking, ARE guidance, and the creative "Remix the Palette" contest.

Design Expo mainstays such as the Expo Tours, CE session room, and TAC Lounge provided opportunities for people to make connections and get inspired.



WEBINARS & DIGITAL MEDIA

TxA is proud to have provided a variety of free webinars through our committees in 2025, serving as a peer-led vehicle for continuing education for our members.

ARCHITECT LICENSING ADVISORS

TxA's Architect Licensing Advisors, Mike Cluff, AIA, and Irma Sifontes, AIA, hosted two free webinars in the spring and fall for individuals on the path to licensure. The presentations highlighted the path to licensure from education, to examination, and experience, and breaks down the steps to achieve licensure.

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COTE)

TxA COTE held a webinar on "Integrating the AIA Materials Pledge into Practice" in December, where Catherine Callaway, AIA; Allison Wilson, AIA; and Natalie Terrill explored how architecture firms are advancing health, safety, and welfare goals through the Pledge. Attendees gained insight into the benefits and challenges of participating in the Pledge, how to measure progress, and how these efforts contribute to healthier, more sustainable built environments.

AMERICA BYDESIGN

We continued our partnership with *America ByDesign*, a national TV series promoting American architectural innovation, ingenuity, and design excellence. We connected the ByDesign team with several architect members showcasing a variety of work across the state. In 2025, there were at least 10 episodes that included Texas projects in ByDesign's architecture and hotel series. To view episodes, visit aia.org/bydesign.



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Texas Society of Architects



BY DESIGN™

A YEAR OF ADVOCACY, CONNECTION, & CULTIVATING RELATIONSHIPS



As I look back on last year with the Texas Society of Architects, I'm most struck by the extraordinary people who shaped our profession. 2025 was defined by the work we accomplished and by the collective spirit of our members across Texas. It reflected our willingness to collaborate, challenge assumptions, and elevate the architect's role in the communities we serve.

Our year began with a core priority: advocacy. With an increasingly complex regulatory landscape and mounting pressures on practice, such as housing affordability, school safety, energy codes, and procurement reform, our presence in Austin mattered more than ever for the 89th Texas Legislative Session. We worked to ensure architects had a seat at the table, strengthening relationships with lawmakers and state agencies while clarifying the expertise licensed architects bring to critical policy decisions. Through coordinated efforts with local components and TxA's Government Affairs team, we reinforced our longstanding commitment to safeguarding the public through strong professional standards and reaffirming the Society's role as a trusted, informed voice.

Texas has always been defined by its scale. We took our Board meetings on the road, including visits to two Texas schools of architecture. These visits created meaningful opportunities to connect with students and faculty who represent the future of the profession. Engaging with these academic communities and seeing the research, curiosity, and ambition driving their studios reminded us of the critical link between education and practice. Whether meeting emerging professionals at chapter events, touring community-driven projects, or hearing from students about their aspirations, I was continually reminded that our greatest strength lies in our interconnectedness.

I end this year inspired by a rising generation of architects stepping into the profession and encouraged that future boards will continue building connections with schools of architecture across the state.

This year reinforced that the strength of our profession lies in the relationships we build within our firms, across our chapters, and throughout the communities we serve. Architecture thrives when we engage openly with clients, policymakers, educators, and each other, demonstrating the value thoughtful design brings to everyday life. By listening, collaborating, and building trust, we strengthen both the visibility of our work and the relevance of architects in shaping Texas's future.

Serving as President of the Texas Society of Architects has been a true honor. I am deeply grateful to the Board, staff, chapter leaders, committees, and members whose dedication advanced our mission and strengthened our profession. Together, we created momentum for future leaders and positioned our organization to meet challenges with confidence and purpose.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. It has been one of the most meaningful experiences of my career.

Sincerely,

Jason E. Puchot, AIA
2025 TxA President