



AIA Trust 2018: Forging Ahead

As the premier risk management resource for AIA members, the AIA Trust not only offers insurance and benefit programs of value to AIA members and components, but also serves as a risk management resource for the practice of architecture. The AIA Trust prioritizes helping small firms succeed and offers programs and resources ideally suited to the small firm.

The AIA Trust continues to enhance its library of *free* online practice resources with topics and providing indispensable benefit programs—all available 24/7 on the [AIA Trust website](#) to assist members with their practices. The AIA Trust website is organized by career stages to make it easy for AIA members to find pertinent benefits and resources no matter where you are in your careers.

For example, in 2017, the AIA Trust published a new *Guide to Virtual Practice*, 15 synopses about evolving risks, a new series of “risk management guides” with practical information about emerging risks such as using drones and buying cyber liability coverage, and an array of new articles about risk issues such as pro bono work, in-house quality control programs, materials transparency, copyright law issues, and more.

In addition, the AIA Trust held a cyber risk webinar (now available on the AIA Trust website) to help members learn how to avoid the professional and business liability implications of this increasing digital threat, and launched a new HR Outsourcing, or Professional Employer Organization (PEO) Program, to handle burdensome HR responsibilities for members while offering a significant AIA member discount and valuable extra benefits. The AIA Trust also launched a new term life insurance program with highly competitive rates through New York Life Insurance Company, a top-rated A+ insurer.

For 2018, free webinars about virtual practice, digital risks, and retirement planning are being scheduled. AIA Trust 2018 plans will focus on:

1. ***Expanding the online library of risk management resources for AIA members*** by identifying emerging risks and developing programs to address member needs. In addition to offering webinars, plans include publishing more risk management guides and articles on topics that matter to AIA members.
2. ***Enhancing member value.*** Working with outside expert-consultants, the AIA Trust evaluates marketplace opportunities and current program offerings to identify ways to strengthen programs to ensure the highest level quality, value, and responsiveness to members.
3. ***Emphasizing member service.*** Working with its program providers, the AIA Trust responds to member needs promptly and accurately to assist them in their practices.

The AIA Trustees are interested in member input about risk topics that AIA members would like to see addressed. [You may email your ideas to the Trustees by clicking here and completing the form.](#)

To find out more about how you and your firm can benefit from AIA Trust member programs and free practice resources, [click here to watch the new 4-minute video and read the AIA Trust Annual Report.](#) Be sure to check out the [AIA Trust website](#) and discover ***Where Smart Architects Manage Risk®***.