



Dear Fellow AIA Kentucky members,

My thoughts are with you and your families as we face together the unprecedented public health crisis of the Coronavirus / Covid-19 pandemic.

Many of our members' offices around the state have temporarily closed with staff now working remotely. Construction projects continue with AIA Kentucky members providing Construction Administration services while practicing proper social distancing to support our clients as well as possible. It's important to remember that the precautions we employ now are an effort to prevent further spread and infection of the Coronavirus.

Long well-skilled at WFH, AIA Kentucky Executive Director Kelly Ives, AIA and Outreach Coordinator Casey Satterly, AIA have AIA Kentucky's office open as they work to support our members and organization. They, too, are experiencing the challenges of working under stressful conditions, balancing work, personal and family responsibilities while keeping us operational. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for all they do, especially under these trying times. And, thank you, to our individual members that are leading various aspects of our collective response to the pandemic and the economic fallout.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see some of the things that AIA Kentucky is endeavoring on our membership's behalf in this time of crisis. Of particular note, AIA Kentucky sent a letter to Gov. Andy Beshear thanking him for his steady leadership and expressing our appreciation for his continued support of the importance of our work protecting the Health Safety and Welfare of the public. As a new tool for members, AIA Kentucky is initiating a discussion board to use as a forum for sharing difficulties and best practices throughout this ever-evolving situation. At this time, we still plan to have our AIA Kentucky / AIA Indiana convention in September at the Seelbach Hotel in Louisville. We are optimistic that by then the worst of this crisis will have been managed, allowing us to gather and celebrate our profession and this great community.

Once our health as a community returns, we must focus on building back our economy by supporting our colleagues, vendors and clients so their businesses can regain their previous strength. I believe the current global event will affect our social, intellectual and economic interactions in ways we don't yet understand. But I also believe Architects are a resilient community and our creative ingenuity will foster the leadership necessary in the time to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Krebs".

Ed Krebs, AIA

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