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Kelly & AIA KY Board,

I've attached some photos from my trip to the AIA2026 National Conference on Architecture & Design in San Diego and a short blurb of my experience.

"I had an amazing experience at my first AIA National Conference, which I most likely wouldn't have attended without receiving the AIA Kentucky travel stipend.

Having practiced architecture for about 5 years, it's hard not to feel a little jaded by the day-to-day demands of project management. The conference gave me the chance to step back and see a big picture view of my profession. This change in perspective was incredibly refreshing: to meet other architects, hear about their journeys and the challenges they're facing, and be reminded of the shared struggles, joys, and sense of community within the profession. Being in San Diego was inspiring in itself: experiencing the fun, eclectic mix of modern and Spanish-influenced architecture reminded me why I fell in love with architecture as a whole in the first place.

It was great meeting architects from all over the country, hearing about their experiences, and realizing we're all working through many of the same challenges, especially as AI continues to change the profession. I was also surprised by how large the expo was and appreciated the opportunity to connect with manufacturers whose products I'm currently using on my projects. Even the CEUs were fun and I learned a lot!

Overall, it was an inspiring and rewarding experience, and I came home feeling re-energized and excited about architecture again. I'm so grateful to AIA Kentucky for making it possible!"

Thanks,

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I will be out of town with limited access to email from 6/22 - 6/29.











