Pre-Session Communication

An email will go out next week inviting any interested current Arkansas Chapter members to sign up to be involved in the continuing pre-session discussion regarding evolving legislation details.

- There will be three pre-session meetings with invitations sent to those who sign up to be involved in this process.
- These pre-session meetings will be technical in nature and delve into the details of proposed legislation.

Tentative pre-session meeting dates

October 23, 2026
9:00-10:00 am, virtual meeting

November 6, 2026
9:00-10:00 am, virtual meeting

December 11, 2026
9:00-10:00 am, virtual meeting

Communication during the 2027 Session

Communication to all Arkansas APA Chapter membership:

Email Communication:

- A legislative summary email will be sent every two weeks (at minimum)
- Emails will increase in frequency as-needed to inform the More often as needed
- An email address that members can message with questions and input. All input is helpful and considered.

Special Legislative Chapter Meetings

Special Legislative Chapter Meetings may be called on an as-needed basis throughout the session to inform the membership

Communication during the 2027 Session

All input and feedback received from Chapter membership throughout the session is welcome and will be considered. However, as decisions must be made quickly during the session, it is proposed that the final AR APA legislative positions during the session be decided by an AR APA Legislative committee.

Proposed composition of the 2027 AR APA Legislative Committee:

5- member committee:

- James Walden and Juliet Richey, AR APA Legislative co-chairs
- Three additional chapter members appointed by the AR APA Chapter Executive Committee by the end of November 2027

Decision communications

Final legislative committee decisions will be communicated to the AR APA Membership in the regular summary emails sent to the Chapter Membership throughout the Session

Legislative Resource Roster

Creation of a larger Legislative Resource Roster of industry professionals who the Legislative Committee can consult with on an as-needed basis both prior to and during the legislative session. These Legislative Resource Roster members will come from different fields and areas of expertise related to likely legislative topics within the 2027 Session. It will be important to have roster members who represent differing geographic areas of the state.

Housing

- National home builder
- Regional/local home builder
- Multifamily builder
- Groundwork

Real Estate

- Brokers
- Commercial and Residential Representation

Code Officials of Arkansas

Banking

- Mortgage Bankers Association
- AR Development and Finance Authority
- Development Lending

Reps from other friendly organizations

- ULI
- AIA
- ASLA
- Others

Arkansas Homebuilders Association

Others