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AIA MICHIGAN ANNOUNCES 2019 Legislators of the Year

MI Government Affairs Committee 2019 - 2020 Legislative Session

AIAMI's Government Affairs Committee is pleased to announce that on Thursday, October 10, 2019 AIA Michigan will be honoring **State Representative Ben Frederick of the 85th District**, and **State Senator Wayne Schmidt of the 37th District**, as Legislators of the Year following our Annual Meeting in the Christman Building in downtown Lansing. Rep. Frederick and Sen. Schmidt are sponsors for HB 4100 and SB 54 respectively which aim to reinstate historic preservation tax credits in Michigan.

From 1999 to 2011 the state had a tax credit program that helped to preserve / restore many older buildings around the state. As architects we know how valuable these old structures can be, and how they can help rejuvenate a downtown or neighborhood. Well in 2011 these tax credits were left to expire without replacement. AIAMI architects, as well as the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, have been working since then to replace them. And with the help of Rep. Frederick and Sen. Schmidt, as well as the support of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, we are on a very good path to pass new preservation tax credits during this, the 100th Michigan Legislative Session. We want to take this moment to thank these legislators for their support and honor them with this appreciation.

There will be a brief presentation at 5:45 pm, following our Annual Meeting, in the basement conference room of the Christman Building located at 208 North Capital Avenue in Lansing. All are welcome to attend.

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