



Connecting professionals.

Sharing knowledge.

Advancing best practices.

Lambda Alpha International (LAI) is the global network for distinguished professionals in all fields related to the use and development of land.

LAI is committed to promoting best practices and making a difference in our communities.

The 2000-plus members of LAI make valuable connections locally and with peers worldwide.

LAI has a growing network of chapters in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia. Our local chapters offer a variety of programs with top speakers, relevant forums, and events.

# CONNECTING PROFESSIONALS



LAI is an honorary organization. We connect leading professionals in design, business, technical, academic, urban planning, and government communities. Members build meaningful relationships and together champion the sustainable development of land.

Our network of LAI chapters and online member database provide access to exemplary professionals locally, nationally and worldwide for assistance with contacts, information or professional services on land use issues.

This professional diversity creates a unique blend of perspectives shared in regular chapter meetings and presentations. Members engage in discussion and debate about land use, economic, and business issues that matter in our communities.

Twice-yearly [Land Economics Weekends](#) provide opportunities for members to broaden their perspectives and engage in meaningful dialogues with professionals from around the world, while getting behind-the-scenes access to projects in some of the world's most interesting cities.

LAI provides a forum for discussion through our [LAI LinkedIn group](#), and members keep up with the latest news through our online publication [KeyNotes](#).

# SHARING KNOWLEDGE



Land economics is constantly evolving. LAI is committed to providing a forum for the exchange of ideas in the dynamic world of land use and development.

LAI is a global network of local chapters. Local chapters set local agendas and discuss topics of interest to their market and members. Project presentations and case studies aren't just interesting, they're ground breaking and relevant.

Locally and globally, the spirit of LAI is one of mutual respect. Diversity of opinion is welcome. We look at the use of land from many different angles -- from ownership, management and development to regulation, preservation, conservation, and redevelopment.



# ADVANCING BEST PRACTICES

LAI is committed to excellence and high professional standards. The members of LAI are among the best in their respective fields. This commitment to excellence extends beyond who we are to what we do.

LAI is committed to making a difference. Chapters reach out to their surrounding communities, promoting understanding of land markets and the forces affecting growth, decline, and revitalization.

LAI recognizes professional excellence through the presentation of [international awards](#) to members and the larger land economics professional community. Several chapters also present awards to honor outstanding achievement.

LAI supports research and education on a broad variety of land use topics through the [Land Economics Foundation](#). The mission of the LEF is to administer an investment fund which provides grants for research projects. LEF grants are approved for projects that encourage and support the study and application of land economics and support the highest ideals of scholarship and integrity.



## HISTORY

Lambda Alpha International was founded in 1930 at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois under the leadership of the “father of land economics,” Richard T. Ely. Membership in LAI is an honor. Since its founding, LAI has continued its commitment to excellence in providing a forum for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

# BECOMING A MEMBER



Membership is highly selective through a nomination process initiated by an active LAI member.

## Benefits of membership include:

- Local chapter meetings with meaningful dialogue about issues that matter
- Twice-yearly international [Land Economics Weekends](#) with back-stage VIP access to the workings of a city
- Monthly [online newsletter](#)
- Local and global networking opportunities
- Access to our online member database

## Members of LAI have:

- 10 or more years of experience in their fields
- Distinguished themselves professionally
- Made an outstanding contribution to the field of land economics
- Demonstrated a commitment to public service

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