



AIA Seattle Resource Center for Architecture
Saturday Seminar Program

“How to Select & Work with an Architect”

- I. Introductions
 - About the AIA Seattle and the American Institute of Architects
 - The aim of the AIA Seattle Saturday Seminar
 - Introducing today’s speakers
 - What are some myths about architects?
 - What does today’s audience want to know?

- II. Some Basics
 - What is an architect? What do architects do?
 - How does an architect differ from other building professionals?
 - What is the architect’s role in a project?
 - What are the typical phases and scope of architects’ services?

- III. The Project
 - What are the phases of the design process?
 - What are the roles of those on the project team?
 - How long will the project take?
 - What about permits?
 - How much will a project cost?
 - What is Design-Build?
 - What is green or sustainable architecture all about?

- IV. Expectations
 - What should you expect from your architect?
 - What will your architect expect from you?

- V. How to Choose an Architect
 - When do you need an architect?
 - Where can one learn about architects and their work?
 - What should you look for in selecting an architect?
 - How does one interview an architect?

- VI. Questions & Answers

- VII. Adjourn to Resource Center for Architecture