

**2012 AIA Nebraska Legislator of the Year Award Recipient
Senator Bob Krist, District 10**



In 2010, the AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Committee established a biannual award to recognize outstanding legislative contributions to the profession and the practice of architecture by a member of the Nebraska Legislature. The Legislator of the Year will have demonstrated leadership and an active role in advancing the legislative priorities of AIA Nebraska.

“We are honored to present the 2012 award to Senator Bob Krist, of District 10, Northwest Omaha. Senator Krist is a thoughtful, skilled negotiator and independent thinker that has shown leadership in tackling code issues before the Nebraska Legislature,” said Lowell Berg, AIA, AIA Nebraska Government Affairs Committee.

Senator Krist, a retired U.S. Air Force lieutenant colonel, was appointed to the Nebraska Legislature by Governor Dave Heineman, in 2009 and elected in 2010. Krist is a contract manager and the chief pilot for the northwest division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Honors and awards include: Air Force Air Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Aerial Achievement Medal. He is married to Peggy, has two children Courtney, Justin and daughter-in-law Aura, and a grandson, Lucas.

A graduate of Omaha Creighton Prep, University of St. Thomas (B.A. in sociology) and Webster University (M.A. in business administration and human relations), Krist credits his parents for instilling in him a strong appreciation for education by encouraging him to make his studies a priority.

Senator Krist has had many achievements in the Unicameral, including introduction and successful passage of LB 799, the adoption of the International Existing Building Code. The IEBC encourages the rehabilitation and reuse of existing buildings, including historic buildings. Its scope covers repair, alteration, addition and change of occupancy for existing buildings, while achieving appropriate levels of safety by offering options to new construction requirements in the building code. Krist serves on the Urban Affairs Committee which also supported and prioritized the following legislation that is now law:

- Update of the 2003 Nebraska Energy Code to adoption of the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. The bill would also change the definition of historic buildings exempt from the code.
- LB 1001 requires state agencies to comply with applicable local building or construction codes if those codes meet or exceed the standards of the state building code. It also removes the authority given to state agencies to amend the state building code.