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2007 AIA Design Awards Chairman's Award

Peoria Center for Performing Arts, *Westlake Reed Leskosky*



Chairman's Award

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President's Messages

by Don Rerko, AIA



After my graduation from the University of Florida, I started my career in architecture in Cleveland at Blunden and Barclay Architects. From there I went to Keeva J. Kekst Architects, Weber Architecture, Middough Consulting and am now at URS as the National Director of the Higher Education Practice. This diverse group of companies has provided me with the opportunity to work on almost every project type.

I have been involved in the AIA Cleveland Chapter on and off for many years. I am honored to be the 2008 President for our chapter of almost 500 members.

The nominating committee of Lester Cumberlander, Mary Helen Hammer, Beth Kalapos, Bonnie Smith, Duane Van Dyke and I proposed a very strong board for 2008. The committee did an excellent job in matching many criteria.

I would like to welcome our new board members:

VP/President Elect - Robert Bostwick, Bostwick Design Partnership

First Vice President - Bruce Jackson, Square One

Treasurer - John Burk, KA

Secretary - Ibrahim Hakki, KA

Director of Development - John Selby, Gilbane

Director of Professional Development - Bill Ayars, Perspectus

Director of Technology - Loren Brockway, URS

AIA Ohio Alternate - John Workley, Workley Architects, dba VOCON Architecture

I would also like to welcome our returning board members:

Past President - Beth Kalapos, URS

AIA Ohio Director – Christopher Tadych, Dorsky Hodgson Parrish Yue Architects

Associate Member Director - Michael Christoff, Forum Design

Director of Academic Outreach - Tim Neuffer, Moody Nolan

Director of Community Outreach - Kurt Weaver, AKW Inc.

Director Camaraderie/Networking – Rick Ziska, Ziska Architects

Director of Design - Christopher Diehl, KSU CUDC

Chapter Advisor - Judson Kline, Hershman Architects

Executive Director - Mary Helen Hammer

The 2008 board is looking to continue the great things that were in progress from last year through Beth Kalapos' leadership. I would like to thank Beth, Mary Helen, Helen, the board, committees and all of the members that devoted their time and hard work to provide better value to our members. I would also like to thank our many sponsors that assisted us in reducing the cost of our events.

On Saturday, January 19, 2008 the board met at KA's Conference facility to review the progress of 2007 and to define the 2008 goals.

Our discussions to enhance member value lead to the following:

(Con't from p. 2)

1. Knowledge Sharing
 - Best practices
 - New technologies
 - Develop leadership skills
 - Continuing education
2. Mentorship
 - Work with KSU
 - o Students
 - o Faculty
 - Get more students involved with the AIA Cleveland
 - Nurture emerging professionals
 - Assist members to get published and win awards
3. Relevancy
 - Be the authoritative source
 - Political advocacy and participation
4. Co-partnering
 - Other professions
 - Related organizations
 - Developers
 - Contractors
 - Political entities
5. Community Outreach
 - Sustainability
 - Strengthen public relations
 - Get more architects involved with the community
 - o City (planning boards, BZA, etc.)
 - o State
 - Community awareness of the profession
 - Roundtable discussions
 - More active members
 - Communicate consistently

One additional goal of ours for 2008 is to obtain additional sponsorship for our events to make them more affordable for our members in hopes to attract more member participation.

The AIA Cleveland Chapter is here to assist you with your professional development. We are also here to aid in the development of emerging architects and students. In doing this, we need the more experienced architects to attend events to provide their interaction and guidance.

I would like to hear from you as to how AIA Cleveland is doing. I would also like to hear any other comments you may have. I look forward to a great year and meeting many more of our members as the year progresses.

Upcoming Events

March 12 - Cleveland Engineering Society Annual Conference

March 14 - Ohio Board Meeting & Ohio Grassroots

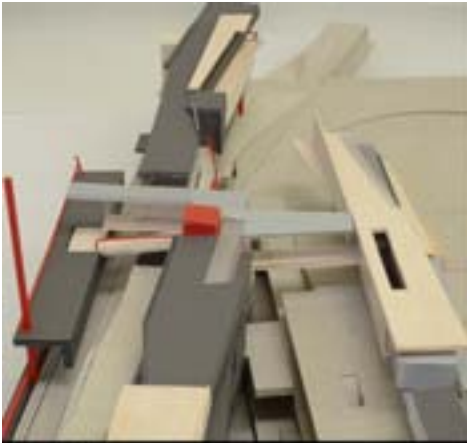
March 18 - Interface Flor Program, Chapter Office - 8:30am

May 15-17 - AIA National Convention - Boston

2007 AIA Cleveland Design Award Winners

- SMALL PROJECT** Merit Award – **Camp Wise Gateway**
William McCullam, AIA
- URBAN DESIGN** Honor Award – **City of Cuyahoga Falls Strategic Plan & Urban Design**
Bialosky + Partners, Architects, LLC
- RENOVATION** Merit Award – **Skenandoa House Renovations**
EwingCole
- UNBUILT WORK** Merit Award – **Cleveland Clinic Twinsburg Campus**
Westlake Reed Leskosky
Merit Award – **Crystal Garden, Shenzhen MOCA[PE]**
Khoury Levit Fong Partnership
Merit Award – **Cleveland Museum of Natural History Renovation & Expansion**
Westlake Reed Leskosky
Merit Award – **Phyllis Litoff Jazz Institute & Conservatory Master Plan**
Westlake Reed Leskosky
Merit Award – **Naples Jewish Community Center**
Westlake Reed Leskosky
Merit Award – **poto:type Architectural Ideas Competition**
Kyle May, Associate AIA *with* Jonathan Kurtz, Kevin Stitak, and Dru McKeown
- INTERIORS** Honor Award – **Toronto Health and Wellness Center**
URS Corporation
Merit Award – **Cleveland Cavaliers Executive Offices**
Vocon Architecture
Merit Award- **P.S. Executive Centers**
Kordalski Architects, Inc.- Design Architect
Meacham & Apel Architects, Inc. - Architect of Record
- BUILT WORK** Honor Award – **Bethel Woods Center for the Arts**
Westlake Reed Leskosky

Citation – **515 Euclid Avenue Parking Garage and Retail**
Richard Fleischman + Partners Architects- Design Architect
Desman Associates - Architect of Record
Citation – **Akron-Summit County Public Library – Main Branch**
Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, LLC - Design Architect
Richard Fleischman + Partners Architects - Architect of Record
Citation- **Bridgewater at Friendship Village of Schaumburg**
Dorsky Hodgson Parrish Yue
- GOLDEN DETAIL** **Woodside House**
Thom Stauffer Architects
- CHAIRMAN'S AWARD** **Peoria Center for the Performing Arts**
Westlake Reed Leskosky



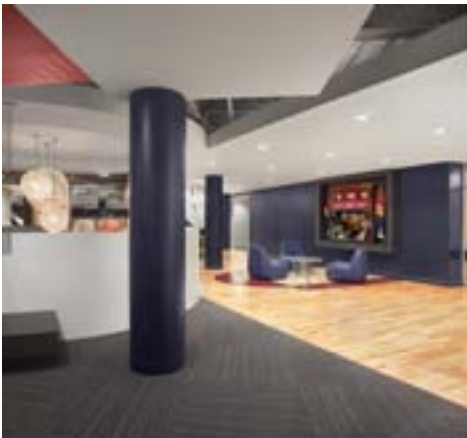
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2008 AIA National Convention

By AIA National

The AIA 2008 National Convention and Design Exposition will be held May 15–17 in Boston. This year's theme, *We the People*, will explore how architecture works on behalf of all people and society. Theme speakers include the founder of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller, who will speak on sustainable design; Thomas Vonier, FAIA, RIBA, who will moderate a panel discussion on urban security; and Ambassador Andrew Young, who will address the legacy of Whitney M. Young Jr. For more information and to register, visit www.aiaconvention.com.



We the people



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AIA Cleveland Welcomes:

New Members:

James Miller, AIA – Construction and Technology, Inc.
Anthony L. Lazar, Assoc. AIA – Marous Brothers Construction
Anthony C. Green, AIA – Montgomery Watson Americas
Kevin A. Spring, Assoc. AIA – KA Inc. Architecture
Amy Fedor, AIA – EwingCole
Jeffery Hoskin, AIA – Cupkovic Architecture, LLC
Brian Mihalcin, AIA – Burgess & Niple, Ltd.
David M. Gross, AIA – URS
Frederick F. Leonard, AIA – Architect Fred Leonard
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Linda A. Rosul, AIA – Sandvick Architects
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Robin Wolf, Assoc. AIA – DLZ Ohio
Michael Turner, AIA – Osborn Architects & Engineers
David J. Pindel, AIA – Herschman Architects, Inc.
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Chris J. Rood, AIA – VOCON
Robert J. Davies, AIA – Arcadis
L. Reed Carpenter, Jr. AIA – CBLH Design
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Creative Competition Calls Attention to Community Hunger

On March 28, architects, engineers, contractors and interior firms will have an opportunity to showcase their creativity as AIA, SDA, and Herschman Architects hold their annual food drive with a twist. Along with *Properties Magazine* and the Cleveland Food Bank, they are hosting 2008 CanStruction®, a unique philanthropic project designed to call attention to hunger in the Greater Cleveland area.

Canstruction® reflects the competitive spirit of a design/build competition and combines it with a way to help feed hungry people. Competing teams will convene at Beachwood Place on March 28 to build giant sculptures made entirely of canned foods. On March 29, the sculptures will be judged and an awards gala and reception will follow at Maggiano's restaurant, in Beachwood Place. The sculptures will remain on display for a week after the competition.

This is an opportunity for the Cleveland design community to exhibit their creativity and ingenuity while helping the Cleveland Food Bank feed hungry people at more than 450 centers in Northeast Ohio. In 2007, 12,000 pounds of food was donated to the food bank through this effort.

For further information contact Maureen McMahon at Herschman Architects, by phone at 216-223-3207 or e-mail mmcmahon@herschmanarchitects.com.



canstruction®

AIA Ohio & Legislative Access

By Chris Tadych, AIA

Ohio architects affect legislative outcomes by participating in the legislative process. Part of that process is conveying architectural views to state legislators...clearly and in a timely manner.

Access

For architect's views to "penetrate the political noise" around competing issues, we must have *access to key decision makers* and thank those legislators who have taken their time to champion our causes

Through legislative access, AIA-Ohio has achieved:

- An Architect's Seal Law
- Architect's Statute of Repose
- A Qualification Based Selection Law
- Building Code Legislation
- Energy Efficiency Laws
- Historic Tax Credits

And Interior Designers have been unable to achieve architectural parity through a Practice Act.

Because legislators listen more closely to those they know and those that have helped finance their elections, AIA-Ohio has designed a program to *introduce its members to their own legislators...and it doesn't cost the member a dime to participate!* It's called the "Triple Play."

"Triple Play"

The program leverages Ohio's campaign finance law that allows individuals to take up to a \$50 tax *credit* (\$100 on joint returns) for contributions made to the campaigns of state office holders.

The program is simple, all an AIA Architect has to do to play is to send a copy of his/her cancelled campaign contribution check to AIA Ohio PAC and AIA Ohio PAC will make a matching campaign contribution to the candidate for state office, suggesting that the *recipient use the contributor as a sounding Board on important design & construction legislation.*

Since contributors would otherwise be paying the \$50 or \$100 in state taxes, the contribution costs nothing!

PAC Fund

To fund the "Triple Play" matching program AIA-Ohio needs to raise the matching funds. That's where the local components come in. Each component raises an amount commensurate with its total membership and conveys those funds to the AIA-Ohio Political Action Committee (PAC). 2008 is an election year so now is the time to assure that money is there.

MISSION STATEMENT

AIA Cleveland is a catalyst for the profession to make a difference through:

- Awareness of Design And Building
- Community Involvement
- Education
- Network Interaction

.....And, to be the voices of the built environment.

Environmentally Responsible Design in New AIA Doc's

By Eric O. Pempus, AIA

You got your new AIA documents and found that an unfamiliar item has been added to the Scope of Architect's Basic Services, that did not exist in the 1997 AIA documents, under schematic design in B101 (2007). Paragraph 3.2.5.1 states that:

"The Architect shall consider **environmentally responsible design** alternatives, such as material choices and building orientation, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design that is consistent with the Owner's program, schedule and budget for the Cost of the Work. The Owner may obtain other environmentally responsible design services under Article 4." (Emphasis added.)

What does "environmentally responsible design" (ERD) mean? The paragraph itself gives a short explanation – "such as material choices and building orientation." But the paragraph also adds "other considerations." What are the other considerations? We know that the intent of ERD in basic services (under the schematic design phase) does not automatically require LEED certification. Obtaining LEED certification for your client's project is an Additional Service under Article 4 of B101 (2007). But what else can ERD's "other considerations" mean?

When pondering any question, what is the first thing you should do? Google the issue. The result of an internet search of ERD leads to a website established by Brown University.

A link in that website www.brown.edu/Departments/Brown_Is_Green/greenarch states that ERD has the objective of:

"... designing, constructing and retrofitting buildings to minimize the environmental impacts of the construction process and over the life of the building. Measures include reducing the energy load of the heating, cooling and lighting systems, as well as substituting non-toxic, renewable or recycled-content materials."

As times and priorities in our world evolve, ERD should also be considered an ethical issue. The AIA Code of Ethics, Canon 1, states that AIA members should thoughtfully consider the environmental impact of their professional activities. Furthermore, the Ethical Standards under the Code (E.S. 1.3) states that AIA members should strive to improve the environment. But if we try to focus on what B101 (2007) Paragraph 3.2.5.1 means from a practical point of view, we need to consider what an architect should do to comply with its contractual obligation under the new AIA model agreement. Presumably, if your client engages you, as an additional service, to obtain LEED certification, and LEED certification is achieved, you have considered ERD. But what if such additional services are not a part of what the architect provides for its client?

Obviously, ERD will vary from project to project and from site to site. No two projects are the same or two pieces of land identical. Also obvious is that you should consider your material choices (have a good specification writer look into this) and building orientation. But as far as "other considerations," sources such as Brown University's website, and numerous other resource materials are helpful. The contractual obligation to do more than less research into green design to satisfy the "other considerations" obligation could be an expectation under Paragraph 3.2.5.1. But certainly documenting your research into the subject, and documenting discussions with your clients and your clients' decisions regarding ERD will help prove that you considered ERD alternatives in the schematic phase of your services. Documentation is a helpful tool in your defense should your client at some future date claim that you did not fulfill your contractual obligation. If a dispute arises between you and your client as to your contractual obligations, do not rely on your client recalling (without written documentation) and acknowledging certain discussions or decisions that they have made.

An unfortunate result could be litigation based upon an allegation that your design did not take into consideration ERD. For example, the project owner may allege that they are experiencing much higher utility bills than expected, or that the choice of materials on the project do not meet certain environmental guidelines or regulations. Even more unfortunate would be the case that you researched ERD but cannot show proof of your efforts, that you discussed ERD alternatives with your client but cannot prove what those conversations were, and your client made informed decisions based upon your design alternatives that you cannot document. It is not a stretch of the imagination that an expert witness will be found to testify that a prudent architect meeting its standard of care and contractual obligations under Paragraph 3.2.5.1 would have done more than what you say you did but you cannot document.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

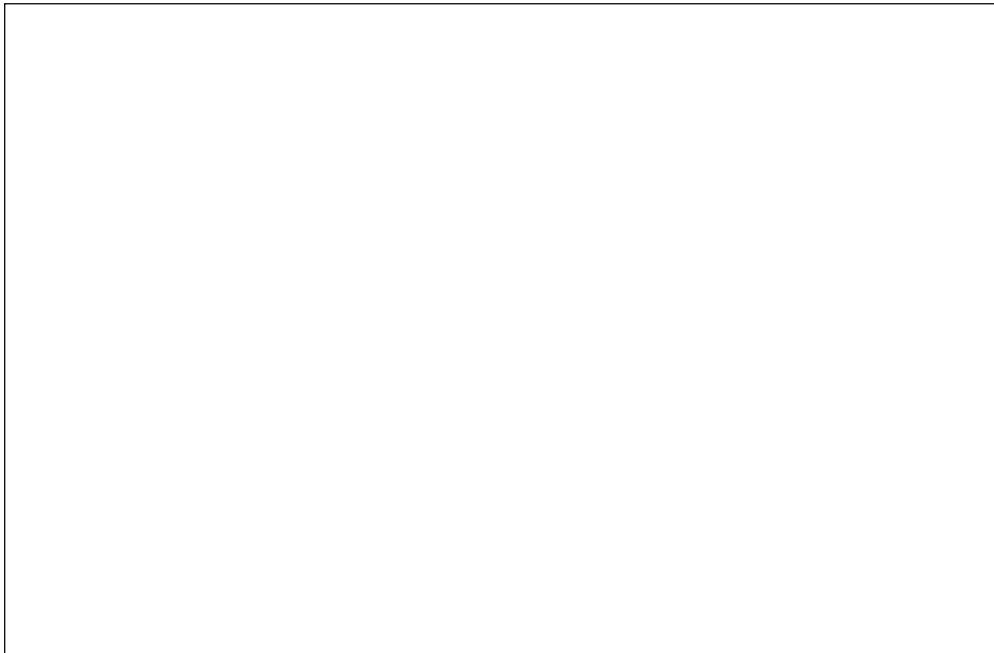
by Rick Ziska

As a balance to the many profession-oriented and educational programs that are being planned this year, as Director of Camaraderie and Networking, my goal is to reinforce our strong community of architects through social events that cater to different age groups but also help bring those differences together. Young architects may be looking for social networking opportunities while others may be looking for something a little more sophisticated. Oftentimes, architects with families have to choose between AIA programs in the evenings or being with their children. My hope is to provide a series of events that will appeal to everyone.

Some of the ideas I have are:

1. Movie nights to watch an "architect/architecture" oriented film. I would like to find someone who has knowledge or can research the movie, give a brief presentation before the movie, then have discussion after the movie. There are obvious films such as *Belly of an Architect* and *The Fountainhead* but I also want to include films such as *Blade Runner*, *Aeon Flux* and possibly a *Star Wars* movie to discuss fantasy architecture.
2. Happy hours at various hotspots or architecture firms
3. Sporting events – how about reviving the architect / engineer softball games in the summer?
4. Family days for those of us with young families – maybe the zoo or an educational event at a museum
5. Theater events where we get a block of tickets and arrange for dinner before hand.
6. Design conversations that discuss new buildings or architects.
7. Day or weekend trips to visit great cities or buildings. First one that comes to mind is a trip to Columbus, Indiana. Other cities could be Chicago, New York, Toronto. A loftier goal could be Italy but let's start with baby steps!

I am in the process of forming a committee to help coordinate these events and I welcome any volunteers or ideas. I can be reached via e-mail at Rick@ZISKAarchitects.com



AIA Cleveland's First Director of Technology

by Loren M. Brockway, Assoc. AIA

Being a product of the digital age, my first exposure to technology and computers came while I was in grade school. I was immediately fascinated with the electronic environment. I had a knack for learning it and manipulating within that realm. Once turned on to the field of architecture, I always enjoyed discovering what technology's place is and should be within the practice. I found myself at Miami University's Department of Architecture (Oxford, Ohio) and immersed myself in learning traditional architectural studies while taking every opportunity to find the classes that explored technology's role in architecture. I graduated from Miami with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture in May of 1998. I spent approximately six years working in the Cincinnati area. Working at three different firms during that time exposed me to three completely different techniques for how an office might use technology. It also gave me the experience of three completely different specialties.

I then decided it was time to further my career potential and enrolled at Florida International University (Miami, Florida) in August of 2004. I was able to further expand my diverse background there by soaking up the techniques, design processes, and implementation styles that can't be found in this northern part of the country. While pursuing my graduate degree I was fortunate enough to find part time work where I was mainly responsible for aiding in production for academy planning projects. This gave me yet another level of exposure and experience in a related field. Of course, that means another set of tools and another realm of specialty. I graduated from FIU with a Master of Architecture in May of 2006.

I've now been back here in Cleveland since June of 2006. Thanks to the experiences I've gained here and partly thanks to my previous training, I am now versed in everything from BIM (building information modeling) to hand drafting. There are only a few programs that relate to the field that I don't know about. There are only slightly more that I haven't at least opened, used, and reviewed. I am willing and excited to share my knowledge of technology and I'm happy to be a leading member of an AIA chapter that can aid architects in this knowledge-sharing endeavor.

With the AIA-Cleveland, I'd like to facilitate classes and lectures focusing on training and exposure to programs related to the field. User groups can also be very rewarding and helpful in furthering this region's use of technology. Above all, I'm eager to hear what the community would like to see, so that we may be able to offer an appropriate agenda within this realm. I look forward to be able to give input as well as receive it.

Did You Know: ...that the AIA has established a Technology in Architectural Practice Knowledge Community? It is a wonderful resource for keeping abreast of all the changes that are taking place. Browse to: http://develop2.aia.org/tap_default

Lunch & Learns

Tuesday Mar. 18

Learn @ Breakfast

Tuesday: March 18, 2008

8:30 AM, AIA Cleveland Chapter Office

This is an AIA Self Report Activity*. Certificates of Completion will available

Hosted by:

Lindsay James, Manager of Sustainable Strategy
InterfaceFLOR

Complex Choices – The Many Shades of Green”

Will explain how all products have environmental burdens that are not readily apparent.

Free for Members.

* http://www.aia.org/ces_default (for self reporting form/transcript)

\$5.00 for non members

Upcoming Lunch & Learns, mark your calendars:

Tuesday April 8, @ noon

Sam Diaquilla

Sounds Solutions

Tuesday April 22, @ noon

John Griffith, Delta Faucet Company

“Water Delivery Systems for Green Building

1 CEU for each session

Watch upcoming emails for details

Free for Members

\$5.00 non members

AIA Cleveland Storefront

by *Tim Neufer, AIA*

CHAPTER INITIATIVE TO IMPLEMENT THE COMPETITION WINNING ENTRY

Dear AIA Cleveland Chapter Membership:

As you may recall, a winning entry was selected in the Chapter Storefront Design Competition. Since that time, a task force has been formed, with Board Member Tim Neufer acting as chair. Mike Christoff, our own Associate AIA Board Director was the competition winner, and Forum Architects, his employer is supporting the development of the winning entry into project documents. We are thankful to eBlueprint who has agreed to donate all printing for the project. The task force will be looking to issuing completed documents for bidding in the coming months. Implementation will follow a successful negotiation of the necessary commitment of the Chapter.

We would like to invite all interested members to participate in this effort. The Storefront Task Force will be meeting to finalize bid documents, establish implementation strategies and solicit bids for the work.

If you are interested in assisting this effort, or have industry contacts who are interested in participating, please contact Mary Helen 216.575.1242 or maryhelen@aialeveland.com. Thank You.

AIA Launches Soloso

article provided by AIA National

Soloso is the AIA's new online resource that connects AIA members to the most current and emerging information on architecture that can serve their practices and careers. The Institute introduced the beta version of Soloso at the AIA 2007 National Convention in San Antonio. Development is now complete, and Soloso already been launched.

Soloso's theme line ("Get. Give. Grow.") represents how members and the larger architecture community will benefit from this interactive knowledge resource. Architects can find the information they need quickly; post their own content; comment on others' contributions; and, through knowledge sharing, strengthen the whole professional community in the process. (It's a win, win, win.)

Best of all, Soloso grows exponentially through member participation. The more that people use Soloso, the better it gets. As an innovative Web 2.0 site, it fosters and facilitates knowledge and idea sharing among architects like never before. Soloso links members to a continuous information flow that provides insight on important architecture-related trends, solutions, products, and strategies—information they can apply to daily practice.

AIA members have unlimited free access and participation when signing in to Soloso.aia.org. Members sign in the same way they would log in to aia.org. They can search for information through either a traditional keyword search or a visual map. The Thinkmap-based search feature fosters exploration and ideation by allowing the member to follow paths of related concepts.

Contributing content is a key aspect of what makes Soloso so beneficial. Members can create a professional profile highlighting expertise and interests, upload projects, save favorite images and articles, post reviews—even blog. Whether you're looking for articles, projects, case studies, images, video, or reviews from the AIA, AIA members, and other select parties, it's all available through Soloso.aia.org.



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Cleveland Engineering Society

by Kurt C. Weaver, AIA, Dir. of Community Outreach

Letter to AIA Cleveland Chapter Membership:

As you may recall, I have been working with the Cleveland Engineering Society's Design & Construction Conference Committee for about a year now on their annual Design & Construction Conference. CES welcomes all of us to all of their events, however, the Conference in particular is an event that CES specifically desires their architect colleagues to attend and participate.

I know, it is an engineering conference. And I suspect half of you have stopped reading already, but seriously, we work with these guys all the time. And...

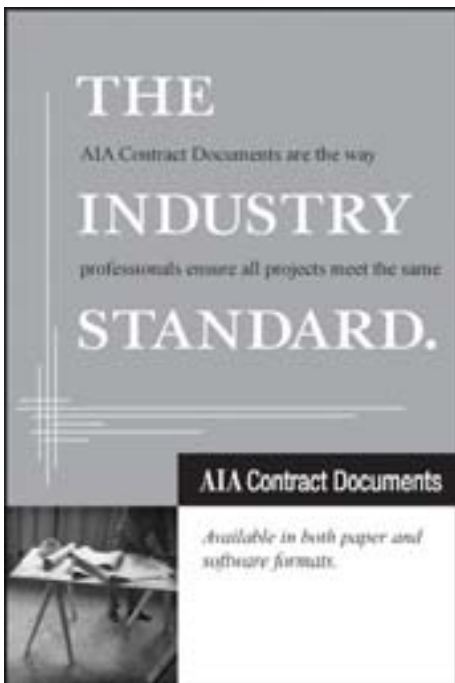
Sustainability or "green" or whatever you want to call it (a conscience) is getting more and more exposure, and most likely should be the most important reason to engage the engineering community. It might be another arena where architects get left behind. Be careful, your future might be affected.

We can continue to enjoy most of what we think it is we need, we just have to find new ways. Engineering will help us do so, and is in virtually everything we do. Yeah, there are likely some who will remain obstinate that sustainability is a fad and doesn't fit with the realities of practice. Well, I hope you will wake up. Too bad for us until you do.

This year's 56th Annual Conference theme is "Opportunities + Leadership = Success". A promotional piece should be somewhere in the newsletter. You will receive their invitation as the event approaches. Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at LaCentre in Westlake. It's not so bad, there are continuing education credits available, and if you haven't been to see Crocker Park, you can check up on member Jack Bialosky, AIA's work.

CES would like to know what would excite the architects and pique their interest in attending their conference? I think I asked you this last year. Hey, you do not have to tell me, just attend the conference. Tell them. Thanks.

If you would like to volunteer to assist the Chapter at this year's Conference, please contact Mary Helen 216.575.1242 or maryhelen@aialeveland.com or myself 216.749.6223 or akwinc@sbcglobal.net.



AIA Architect Finder Updated

A new version of the Architect Finder went live December 3. The new version draws firm data from AIA member records. If you are a licensed architect member offering services to the market, the core data for your firm should appear in search results.

In addition, we have added the ability for firms to build more complete firm profiles, adding firm descriptions, specializations, building types, number of employees, areas where licensed, plus top-line project profiles, including images. An e-mail and direct-mail campaign this month is urging firm principals and contacts to take full advantage of this site in anticipation of the new AIA ad campaign, which will be launched in January 2008 and include Architect Finder as an action-item destination. Architect Finder is one of the top-ten visited areas of aia.org and thus far this year through November, its search page has generated 363,343 page views.

Thank You All...

by Beth Ann Kalpos, AIA

Thank you all for your support and participation in 2007! I hope there was an event or function that piqued your interest and/or strengthened you professionally.

We began the year with a Mardi Gras party where I got to meet many new members and see some old friends. On the flip side to complete the New Orleans theme, Yolita Rausche shared her experience as a Historic Preservationist with FEMA in New Orleans post-Katrina on February 28th at the AIA Office this year.

In early Spring we focused on the Breuer Tower with a very well attended Forum at the Levin College. At the Forum and in the months to follow we spoke our minds when it came to the demolition of the tower, stood our ground, and made a difference. Whether you were in agreement with saving the tower or not, it was great to see so many come together in honor of Marcel Breuer. Speaking of honor, our focus turned to many of our own great architects and educators. At a reception at the CUCD to honor Mr. Bob Gaede we all learned how he made a difference in the field of Architecture as a practitioner and professor, and got to enjoy some of his work that was on display. The fantastic turnout said it all! Again, in honor of our own, Jim and Nina Gibans along with Anthony Hiti put together a very interesting program at the Beck Center in Lakewood titled "Cleveland Goes Modern". The exhibit was so successful that they now intend on displaying the exhibit to various locations throughout Ohio.

As the President there were also many perks. Having dinner with William McDonough and Dr. Toby Cosgrove after Mr. McDonough's lecture was one. I also received a signed copy of his book, but that is not the best part. I saw Mr. McDonough on T.V. a few months ago with Brad Pitt in New Orleans. Six degrees of separation; I can now say I had dinner with a man who is a friend of Brad Pitt's.

The AIA booth at Ingenuity Fest was also a great success, if you missed it last year we will be participating again this year. I should but I will not mention each and every event, but I must say I thoroughly enjoyed being part of them all. Actually, what I really enjoyed was getting up in front of everyone and announcing the event. Maybe Don will let me do a few this next year!

One last event must be mentioned; the Design Awards. Tremendous time and effort by the committee; Christopher Diehl, Mike Christoff and Rick Ziska among others, made it a great event. Mehrdad Yasdani was a fabulous Keynote Speaker, the Akron Art Museum was a perfect location, and the turnout was fantastic!

In closing, I look forward to Don Rerko's leadership in 2008. Thanks again to my board, Mary Helen and Helen, and to the past presidents; Kevin Robinette and John Waddell, for their guidance.

"Physical space has a profound effect on our daily lives." It is our daily job, let's not disappoint.

Executive Director Messenger

By Mary Helen Hammer

I confess. I have done it again. Mine is the last article ready for insertion into our newsletter. Sometimes, inspiration is just not there for me. I am not certain why all you creative-types let me hang out with you. On the other hand, as far as inspiration goes, having just come from the annual Grassroots Conference, I am totally inspired about my job; and my passion for the possibilities for AIA Cleveland is renewed.

While there were no 'Hill Visits' this year, there were two and a half days full of programming dedicated to leadership development and successful advocacy techniques. I got to attend several awesome Keynote Presentations – (retired) General Hugh Shelton and Frances Hesselbein of the Leader to Leader Institute were particularly inspiring. Don, Robert & I tried to divide & conquer the numerous workshops, in order to maximize the information we could bring back to the chapter. On Friday, I was honored to participate in a panel describing the work of the Component Partnership Committee (CPC), which Doug Steidl had appointed me to in 2005.

For those of you who haven't heard about the CPC, here is a summary of our current goals and mission:

The Component Partnerships Committee provides advice and counsel to the Executive Vice President/CEO of The American Institute of Architects on matters related to the growth and development of the AIA accordingly, in 2007 and 2008, the AIA Component Partnerships Committee is asked to undertake the following:

1. Identify and agree to reasons for considering change, set goals and success criteria and evaluate the current component structure of the AIA; to explore alternatives and to make appropriate recommendations to the AIA Board of Directors by June 2008.
2. Complete the development of Standards of Service protocols that
 - a. Is responsive to the needs and resources of all-volunteer components and
 - b. Includes monitoring and evaluation procedures.
3. Identify opportunities for development of business relationships between and among AIA components that could be mutually advantageous in fostering the mission of the Institute to be *the* voice of the architecture profession and *the* resource to its members in service to society.

The main focus for the Component Partnerships Committee involves components. However, the CPC recognizes that members connect in many ways: through Knowledge Communities, the Young Architects Forum, and the College of Fellows, for example. We strive to be mindful of that as we deliberate.

I can attest that there is a wind of change in the air at the AIA. National is poised to really respond to the needs of the membership. However, they also have called for member engagement. It is the old JFK conundrum – we will only reap what we sow. You should review the Member Covenant, if you have not already. A copy has been sent to each member. To view the Covenant, please paste the following link into your browser - http://www.aia.org/SiteObjects/files/cmp_member_covenant.pdf . Or, better yet, spend a few minutes on the AIA website. Visit www.aia.org, scroll down the left side to the menu-offering "Member" – click through that section and see what information is available to you. Give me a call if you want to wander through the website together, you might be amazed at how much content is there. Please reach out to me when you have any questions, concerns, suggestions to make my service to you more effective.

I will be happy to report out some of the other leadership highlights in future articles. I think I have held this issue of the newsletter up long enough!!

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