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Monthly Poll Question:

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As always, we want to know how we can serve our members more effectively, so please tell us what you do and don't like about AIA Michigan's services [here](#).

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President's Message:

Dearest Members,

Two weeks ago I was both recovering from, and basking in the aftermath of, our 70th Mid Summer Conference. Recovering from too much good food and drink (and perhaps a pecan ball every night), too little sleep and too many hours in high heels. The recovery is (or could be) quick with exercise, discipline and sleep, but the memories and stories remain vibrant and warm: watching a movie outside in the tea garden; playing in the bocci tournament (even if we were knocked out in the first round!); having cocktails on the porch enjoying one of the most spectacular views in the country; learning about the history of the island from the director of the Mackinac Island State Park; touring a brand new cottage on the beach; and being welcomed personally by the Governor and first lady at the Governor's summer residence and hearing them speak about both the house restoration and Placemaking in Michigan.



I was struck by the number of people who mentioned to me how especially warm and inclusive this year's conference felt. One element is undoubtedly the return of the Fudgetime Players (AIA Michigan's very own theater troupe) and the world premiere of "Pure Mackinac" by General Bob Raisch and Diva Jan Casai. After all there is no better way to bond for life than to make a fool of oneself! (I am speaking about myself as the fool because the talent in our combined AIA and AGC families is tremendous!) I want to give a shout-out to the Bats, (who show up in every Fudgetime Players production), bravely taking on the world's first "bat rap" (at my request to bring in some newer music). It was fun, funny, somewhat unprofessional and even a bit terrifying as a real bat flew in an open door back stage and started dive-bombing the audience. The warmth and inclusion expressed was especially important not only to me, but to conference chair (and business partner) Gene Hopkins, and our wonderful staff Cathy, Evelyn and Christine who all worked very hard to make it feel that way. This year, we went to great efforts to make the event more accessible, providing no-cost housing and discounted meals to a number of members and including younger professionals from the AIA and AGC in panel presentations-- and of course the Fudgetime Players!

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Contact christine@aiami.com for information!

Just before the conference began, I received a piece of exciting news that puts AIA Michigan in a strong position to influence policy affecting the built environment in Michigan through Placemaking. Placemaking is a simple concept based on a single principle - people choose to live in places that offer the amenities, resources, social and professional networks and opportunities to support thriving lifestyles. The goal of the MI-Place Partnership Initiative is to create more jobs, raise incomes and thereby restore prosperity in Michigan at least in part, through targeted local and regional placemaking activities.

There are several collaborative efforts underway to achieve Michigan's placemaking objectives. The Sense of Place Council is one of these. The SOP council includes the Michigan Municipal League, MSHDA, stakeholders and now.....AIA Michigan! Cathy and I presented in front of the Sense of Place Council on July 26th and on August 7th we received the fantastic news that AIA Michigan was awarded a place on the Council. The goals of the council include 1) Promoting principles and practices which create attractive places to live, work and play, and 2) Creating strategic activities that lead to retention and attraction of talent.

Some of the SOP Council's accomplishments include: Significant focus on placemaking by the Snyder administration, a study of the current placemaking social network in Michigan, and development of recommendations to foster economic gardening.

To learn more, check out Mlplace.org, and take note of the placemaking toolkit and placemaking curriculum. There are countless opportunities to step up and it is exciting to be a part of this one. Please contact me with any ideas and thoughts you have on where we could go with this.

Sincerely,



Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA

Executive Director's Message:



Happy August everyone!

August has been very busy, both at the Beaubien house and across the state. Earlier this month, the Mid Summer Conference was a big success! It drew over 300 attendees and it featured great speakers, smart collaborative discussions between the AIA and the AGC, and there was still time for family fun and some "batty" performances from the Fudgetime Players. The dates for next year's conference are August 7-9, 2014, so let the countdown begin!

This month I also traveled with Evelyn to the Saginaw Valley Chapter's annual picnic and Repositioning meeting. Shelley Herrington, AIA, generously provided a beautiful space for the event and Evelyn and I had a great time and a positive Repositioning

discussion. I am always happy to travel to chapter events so please feel free to ask myself or any of the staff to attend your events!

We recently welcomed the University of Detroit School of Architecture staff to the Beaubien House for their beginning of the semester staff meeting. We are always happy to have groups and committees utilize the conference room and meeting areas, so if your group needs a place to meet in downtown Detroit, please contact us!

We've had great events this month but we can't rest on our laurels-- there is a lot about to happen just around the corner! Today is our first Tiger Tailgate party! We sold out of tickets earlier this week but next year we will buy even more to accommodate the enormous interest in the event. We also have "Courthouse is in Session" in Grand Rapids coming up on Sept 6th and the Michigan Modern tour at Cranbrook on Sept 7th. Everyone is very excited for the Design Retreat (Sept 20-21st) and registration is open on the [website](#), so be sure to register before Sept 6th for the early registration discount!

I hope you are all having a productive month and that I will see you at our events in September!

Chapter Focus: AIA Saginaw Valley

The Saginaw Valley chapter is active in all levels of the AIA and in their local community.

The Chapter participated in AIA National and state events including the AIA National Convention, which was attended by Doug Kueffner, AIA, and Dan La Pan, AIA; the AIA Michigan Leadership Retreat, attended by Paul Haselhuhn, AIA, Dan La Pan, AIA, and Les Tincknell, FAIA; the AIA National Grassroots attended by John Reis, AIA; and Legislative Day attended by Doug Kueffner, AIA, Dan La Pan, AIA, Paul Haselhuhn, AIA, and Crystal Tocco, Associate AIA.

In their community, Saginaw Valley Chapter members have been involved in supporting the Great Lakes Bay Region "Art and Soul" program, participated as judges for the MAF scholarship and for the Flint Chapter's Design Competition, and have coordinated fundraising initiatives for the restoration efforts at the historic "Hill House". This fall, Chapter members will judge the annual Delta College Scholarship Competition and the Chapter plans to award scholarships to the winners at the annual AIA Saginaw Valley Chapter Christmas party.

The chapter hosted a series of CES programs in the spring and will host additional programs in the fall, as well as their annual Christmas party. The chapter has held their annual picnic earlier this month.

Meet your AIA Michigan Board Member from the Saginaw Valley Chapter:



Dan La Pan, AIA was born and raised in Michigan and attended Ferris State College, Delta College and the University of Michigan, where he earned his B.S. Arch, 1980, and his M.Arch Degree, 1982.

He worked for several architectural offices in Colorado Springs, Colorado as well as in Michigan. Dan was recruited by Saginaw School District to serve as the Executive Director of Facility Services. During his tenure with the district, numerous projects were completed, including the district's

70 million dollar facilities bond that included the construction of the new Loomis Math Science and Technology School and the Thompson Middle School. He is currently employed with R.C. Hendrick & Son, Construction Managers/General Contractors as their Business Development Manager servicing School Districts throughout "the Thumb" and Central Michigan.

Dan has been a member of the AIA for 27 years and has served the Saginaw Valley Chapter as Secretary, Treasure, Vice President and President twice before his current role as the Saginaw

Valley Director on the AIA Michigan board. Dan is the chairman of the Saginaw Transit Area Regional Services board for which he has served as a trustee since its origination in 1994. He has sat on the Boys and Girls Club building committee and the Saginaw Salvation Army board and has been an affiliate member of MSBO (Michigan School Business Officials) for 22 years. Dan is an alumnus of the Leadership Saginaw Program, and a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church where he serves as a member of the Finance Committee and Eucharistic Minister.

Dan is also involved in coaching youth sports: including football, basketball, baseball and softball. He and his wife of 37 years currently reside in Saginaw and have three children.

The Grapevine

- 2013 AIA Michigan Associate Member Award winner, **Amanda Harrell-Seyburn, Associate AIA, M.Arch**, joined **Sedgewick & Ferweda Architects** in July. Amanda comes to Sedgewick & Ferweda from Michigan State University School of Planning, Design and Construction where she was a full-time faculty member. Amanda has an MArch from Andrews University School of Architecture and is the 2013-2014 AIA Michigan State Associate Director.
- **SmithGroupJJR** has selected six new members from its offices nationwide to join its Board of Directors, including **Christopher (Chris) Purdy, AIA, LEED AP**, the Learning Studion leader based in Detroit.
- **Bryan Koehn, AIA** has been named Lawrence Technological University's 2013 Distinguished Architecture Alumni Award Recipient. If you are interested in attending the Sept 12th reception and presentation in his honor, please click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

AIA National Committee Openings for 2014

If you want to shape the AIA and/or get insight into how AIA National functions, join an AIA National Committee! If you are a veteran of AIA National involvement or a newcomer to the AIA, joining an AIA National Committee can provide you with new perspective and insights into your practice and new networking connections across the country.

Committee openings include: the AIA Foundation, the AIA/AGC Joint Committee, the Contract Document Advisory Group, the Design and Health Leadership Group and almost a dozen other groups! To view the complete list of committees with openings, click [here](#). Instructions for applying are located at the end of the list. Please be advised that the deadline for applications is September 27th!

New AIA Michigan Members!

Welcome to our new members who joined, rejoined, or transferred to AIA Michigan in July 2013:

Matthew Bramstedt, Assoc. AIA ; Joel Hall, Assoc. AIA; Lucas Holwerda, Assoc. AIA; Andrew Laszczyk, Assoc. AIA; Jesse Lewter, Assoc. AIA; Matthew Schulte, Assoc. AIA; Alex Stuckey, Assoc. AIA; David Talsma, Assoc. AIA; Ekaterina Velikov, AIA; Jesse Wetzal, Assoc. AIA; Trevor Wilson, Assoc. AIA

Welcome to AIA Michigan and we look forward to meeting you at future events!!

The Empire Area Heritage Group Needs Blueprint Cabinet Donation

The Empire Area Heritage Group has contacted the AIA for assistance with the preservation of their history. The group is in need of a blueprint/document cabinet (old or new) to help them store their museum archives. Click [here](#) for more information about the cabinet type they need and please contact [Cathy](#) if you would like to help the EAHG.

NCI Charette System Training

NCI Director, Bill Lennertz, will lead a three day NCI Charette System Training in Lansing. The training will be held September 10-12 and participants will meet other top practitioners in the field. Refer to the NCI [website](#) for information about the NCI Charette Institute and click [here](#) for the program schedule and [here](#) for the program description.

AIA Michigan Design Retreat!



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AIA MICHIGAN September 20-22, 2013



The annual AIA Michigan Design Retreat provides an opportunity to network and discuss architectural design with peers. Attendees will be exposed to a wide variety of ideas and attitudes about architecture and design in an informal atmosphere. This is a chance to see how the challenges of design are handled by fellow members of the profession. Registration & attendance includes: Event T-shirt, food & beverages, cabin- style lodging. Interns, students and non-AIA members are welcome.

Schedule

FRIDAY, September 20, 2013
 12:00pm Design Retreat Golf Outing
 7pm- 9pm Registration/Check in:
 Kresge Lodge:
 Hospitality & Refreshments
 9pm Welcome:
 Old Dining Hall
 Arthur Smith, FAIA
SATURDAY, September 21, 2013
 7:30am Breakfast:
 Kresge Lodge
 8am-12pm Presentations
 12pm-1pm Lunch & Fly Over:
 Kresge Lodge
 Ron Staley's WWII Plane
 1pm-5:15pm Presentations
 5:15pm-6pm Free Time
 6pm-7:15pm Dinner:
 Old Dining Hall
 7:30pm-9pm Keynote Speaker:
 Paul Stachowiak, AIA
SUNDAY, September 22, 2013
 7:30am Continental Breakfast:
 Kresge Lodge

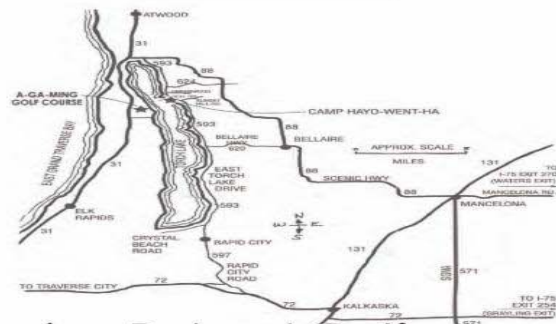
Presentations

Great Lakes Research Center | Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc.
 Federal Building Renovation | TowerPinkser
 Civic Cultural Exhibition & Activity Center | InForm Studio
 MSU Language Arts Building | Hamilton Anderson Associates
 MSU Eli & Edythe Broad Art Museum | Integrated Design Solutions
 Research & Development Facility | SmithGroupJJR
 International Soccer Stadium | Rossetti
 A Dozen Playgrounds | MAcE Studio
 126K House | SmithGroupJJR
 A Place in the Woods | progressive a | e
 A Private Residence-Grand Haven | Allegretti Architects, inc.
 Knapps Center | Quinn Evans Architects

Camp Hayo-Went-Ha

NE Torch Lake Drive (593) north of Sunset Hill Rd., South of Greenwood School Rd. From East Torch Lake Drive (593), go north 5-7 miles; Pass Sunset Hill Rd; Camp Hayo-Went-Ha is on the West (left) side of road. If you reach Greenwood School Road, you've past the camp

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort is in the city of Kewadin, across from Torch Lake from Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.



Annual AIA Michigan Design Retreat Golf

September 20, 2013, Sundance Course @ A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort (866) 998-0656
 627 A-Ga-Ming Dr. Kewadin, Michigan
 Maximum 20 Golfers, 5 Tee-Times Reserved 12pm-1pm
 \$70 Per Person: Due September 6, 2013

"The Courthouse is now in Session: Shaping Livable Cities-- Community and Connection" at Kendall College of Art and Design on Sept 6th!



We all want vibrant, sustainable, and livable communities: historical buildings help. A stroll through Heritage Hill and past the Meyer May house makes walking more interesting because the buildings and landscape become storytellers. Joining the past to the present and the present to the past is not always easy. Done thoughtfully, preservation can knit past and present together to create a whole greater than the sum of the parts.

Join a distinguished panel, at Kendall College of Art and Design's Historic Federal Building in downtown Grand Rapids on Friday, September 6, 2013 (5:30pm Reception, 6:30pm Program). Panelists include Ron Bogle, president of American Architecture Foundation from Washington DC and Robert Theel, General Services Administration from Chicago.

Space is limited. Please RSVP early.

Oakland County EDCA's 2013 Annual Heritage Conference: "Managing Success"

Oakland County's 16th Annual Heritage Conference

AGENDA

8:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast at the Clarkston Union

9:00 a.m. Welcome
Irene Spanos, Director, Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs
Joe Luginiski, Mayor, City of the Village of Clarkston

Recognitions & Announcements
Bret Rasegan, Supervisor, Oakland County Planning Group

9:30 a.m. Keynote Address— *Too Successful To Succeed*
Scott Day, Urban Development Services

Can you become so successful that you are failing to provide the basics that made you successful in the first place? Scott will share success stories, from all aspects of American life: from the environment and recreational activities to community planning, historic preservation and revitalization to small downtown businesses. But more importantly, he will introduce the idea of managing success and the ingredients of building sustainable organizations.

10:30 a.m. What Makes Clarkston Successful?
Carol Eberhardt, City Manager, Clarkston

10:45 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Concurrent Walking Tours
 A. Exploring Clarkston's Haunted History
 B. Milling Around Town

12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Woodshop

1:15 p.m. Concurrent Early Afternoon Sessions at the Woodshop

Session 1: Managing the Highest Quality Trout Stream in Southeast Michigan	Session 2: Managing the World's Largest One Day Auto Event	Session 3: Street Smarts—Managing Traffic Congestion
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2:15 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Concurrent Late Afternoon Sessions at the Woodshop

Session 4: Growing It Right—Flint Farmers Market	Session 5: Green Pastures As Seen From the Other Side	Session 6: The Sashabaw Corridor—Managing Success by Maintaining the Vision
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3:30 p.m. Networking Reception (pre-registration required)

Session and tour descriptions are on the following pages

Seating is limited, so register early!
www.heritageconference.eventbrite.com



Please Note:
 3 AICP CM Credits are pending.
 3 Master Citizen Planner CEUs have been approved.
 3 AIA CES Credits are pending.

The event is Sept 13th in Clarkston. Please [click here](#) for the full flyer and click [here](#) to register.

Upcoming Events

- August 30, 2013: AIA Michigan Tiger Tailgate, Detroit
- September 20-21, 2013: AIA Michigan Design Retreat, Torch Lake
- October 25, 2013: AIA Michigan Annual Meeting Day



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