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President's Message - Tamara Burns, AIA



Happy February!

I spent last weekend in the Upper Peninsula and after a beautiful snowy weekend of snowshoeing was reminded all over again why I moved back here. There's no place like Michigan...

AIA Michigan's Leadership Retreat was held at the end of January in Ann Arbor. For those of you who aren't familiar with this annual event, it is a gathering of

local chapter leadership from all over the state. The Deans of Architecture from UDM, LTU and UM joined us and we heard about how their programs support their graduates in transitioning to professional practice or alternative careers, and how we as AIA members can engage in that process more fully. We enjoyed a tasty reception provided by Hobbs + Black at their beautiful office. We were motivated by Cheryl Ronk of the Michigan Society of Association Executives (MSAE) to be better and more strategic board members. We had a funny and fascinating Pecha Kucha type presentation from our chapters on the amazing things they have been doing over the past year.

We wrapped up with a report from Phil Simon who is Managing Director of Communications and Publishing at AIA National on the "Repositioning the Institute" initiative. The Repositioning is going on now and reflects AIA's commitment to changing how we serve members to make the organization more vibrant, responsive and relevant. Basically, the AIA has to change or it will become irrelevant. We had a very frank and passionate discussion about what big bold changes we think would make a difference and make a positive impact on our members. Check out the Repositioning on the AIA website, debate it with your fellow AIA members, challenge your board of directors - make your voice heard!

I hope to see many of you at the Health Facilities Conference in Grand Rapids and at Grassroots in D.C. next month!

Cheers!



Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA

Interim Executive Director's Message Cathy Mosley Hon. Aff. AIAMI



I had a great time at the AIA Michigan Leadership Retreat this past month. It was good to see many board members from across the state make the snowy journey to Ann Arbor and the Leadership Retreat is a great way to start the new year. For those of you who were unable to attend, have a look at the Leadership Retreat Wrap-Up information ([here](#)).

The newsletter this month includes the first installment of the AIA Michigan Monthly Chapter Focus. It will serve to better acquaint our membership with the individual chapters that comprise AIA Michigan and it will enable all Michigan members to get to know the AIA Michigan Board. What do you have in common with board members from different chapters and what innovative AIA events are happening across the state? Read the following articles to find out!

Event Reminders:

- *Health Facilities Planning Seminar (March 7-8th in Grand Rapids) is coming up quickly! If you are not registered, you can register for Health Facilities [online](#).
- *AIA Michigan Legislative Day is March 13th in Lansing. More info is available [here](#).
- *AIA National Grassroots (March 20-23rd in Washington, D.C.) The Magnolia has been named the official hotel so be sure to make your reservations asap as it will fill-up quickly. If you have questions, please contact evelyn@aiami.com.
- *Mark your calendar for the AIA Michigan Design Awards event June 14th in Ann Arbor!

Please take a moment to answer this month's poll question at the top left of this newsletter.

If you have not visited us lately at AIA Michigan on Facebook, Linked In or Twitter, click below to say "hi" and see what's new:



AIA Michigan Chapter Focus: AIA Huron Valley

Each month the AIAMI newsletter will focus on a specific chapter, highlighting a few of the unique feature and events of that chapter. This month's focus is AIA Huron Valley:

"The Huron Valley chapter of AIA Michigan was incorporated in 1964 and has about 200 members. The chapter covers 5 counties in mid-lower Michigan: Washtenaw, Livingston, Jackson, Monroe, and Lenawee. Approximately 90% of the membership lives in and around Ann Arbor, with a scattering in Jackson, Brighton, and Monroe. The

leadership of the chapter, consisting of the board and committees, is entirely volunteer-based.

Being an all volunteer chapter has its challenges, since we all have full time jobs (and then some). But as a chapter we've made the commitments to our members to keep continuing education and fellowship events accessible and frequent. Every year we offer enough continuing education to our members - for free - that they can earn all of the education required by AIA. The continuing education opportunities include manufacturer-sponsored lunch & learns, brown bag non-sponsored lunch & learns, building tours, and joint-USGBC LEED seminars. We hold an awards ceremony recognizing local great buildings every other year. The award ceremony alternates with 'Archifest', which is a small festival usually consisting of a renowned speaker or short design-focused films presented to our members as well as the public. We also conduct an event called Chalk The Park, which is held during Art Fair in July. The boards from the awards ceremony are set up in a public park under trees, and we offer chalk for kids (or anyone else) to draw on the sidewalk under the trees. It's a welcome break from the heat and bustle of the fair.

What do we have planned for 2013? Ideas include regular happy hours for emerging professionals to meet with seasoned pros... a floating salon for the broader design community where we can meet other design professionals and exchange ideas.... seminars for clients (and potential clients)... and planning for our 50th anniversary in 2014. Stay tuned!"

Meet Your Huron Valley Board Members!

It is a big year at AIA Michigan for the AIA Huron Valley Chapter because both the current AIA Michigan president, Tamara Burns, AIA, and the Vice-President/President Elect, Paul Dannels, FAIA, are both Huron Valley Chapter members. Read below to get to know Tamara, Paul, and the rest of your board from Huron Valley!



Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA, LEED AP, is cofounder and principal of HopkinsBurns Design Studio which specializes in the preservation, restoration and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and in the design of new places in downtown neighborhoods that are context sensitive and respectful of heritage.

Ms. Burns has been active in the profession through the American Institute of Architects, serving as president of the Huron Valley Chapter, and currently 2013 president for AIA Michigan. Since 2011, Ms. Burns has chaired Ann Arbor's Design Review Board which reviews large development projects in Ann Arbor's downtown, providing an opportunity for early dialog with the developers on the values of the community.

Ms. Burns was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Michigan. She earned her Master in Architecture from the University of California at Berkeley and lived in the San Francisco Bay Area for 13 years before moving back to Ann Arbor where she now lives with her husband, son, niece and mother.

Paul Dannels, FAIA is a founding principal at SDI-Structures, where he develops innovative structural systems for buildings on behalf of numerous aspiring and accomplished architects. His designs have received many awards and recognitions including three AISC IDEAS awards, the steel industry's highest honor for building



design. His completed projects include the Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, the Law Commons at the University of Michigan, and the Lamar Corporate Headquarters in Hudsonville Michigan.

Paul is the 2013 President Elect of AIA Michigan, and has served in leadership of many non-profits including Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley and the Center for Faith and Scholarship. He grew up in western New York, where as a teenager grand buildings like the Buffalo City Hall and Buffalo State Hospital captured his imagination. He studied engineering and architecture at the University of Michigan and worked as a construction engineer in remote northern Michigan before founding SDI-Structures with his business partner Andy Greco PE.



Kristen Schleich, AIA is an architect and urban planner with Hobbs + Black Associates in Ann Arbor. She specializes in religious, educational, and retail projects in a variety of sizes. Previous to starting architecture school, she lived for a year in Japan and studied Japanese. Kristen earned all of her degrees from the University of Michigan. In her spare time, she serves on the board for the Legacy Land Conservancy.



Charles Bultman, AIA is the new Michigan Director from the Huron Valley Chapter. Charles is a native of New Jersey and a graduate from the College of Architecture at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University. Upon graduation Charles taught design at VPI&SU for three years before moving to Northern Virginia where he worked for an array of architecture firms and construction companies in the DC area for the next eight years. In 1997 Charles and his wife relocated to Ann Arbor, Michigan with their infant son. In 2002 Charles founded his own firm, Charles Bultman architect; a practice that focuses on residential and small commercial architecture with a specialized interest in the preservation of historic barns and timberframed structures.

THE GRAPEVINE

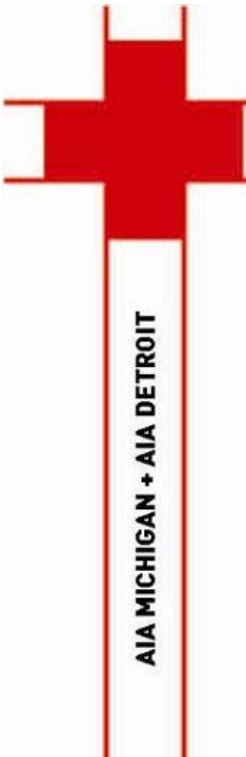
- **John Czarnecki, AIA, LEED AP, DBIA** has joined Turner Construction Company as preconstruction executive. He will work regionally in Michigan, Illinois, Indianapolis, and Eastern Canada.
- **Brad Laackman, PA** is the new Director of Architectural Products at Custer in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- **Cynthia (Cindy) Enzer Radecki, AIA**, Director of Business Development for architecture firm Lord, Aeck & Sargent, has been promoted to Senior Associate. Radecki travels extensively between the firm's offices in Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Austin and Chapel Hill, but is based out of the Ann Arbor office.

- Quinn Evans Architects has hired **James Mumby, AIA, LEED AP BD+C** as Principal in the Ann Arbor, Michigan office. Jim was formerly the Principal and Library Group Director for Fanning Howey and is a library advocate who has dedicated the past 25 years of his career to the design of public libraries.
- The Board of Directors of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotion of **Philip M. Davis, AIA, LEED AP** to the position of Principal, the highest management and leadership honor at FTC&H.

AIA Michigan 2013 New Fellows!

This year the committee certainly had their work cut out for them because every applicant has made great contributions to the profession, but AIA Michigan is proud to announce that **Cindy Pozolo, FAIA** and **Paul Dannels, FAIA** are the newest Fellows in Michigan! Congratulations Paul and Cindy!!

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AIA Michigan Health Facilities Seminar: March 7-8, 2013, Grand Rapids (more information and online registration [here](#))

AIA Michigan Legislative Day: March 13, 2013, Lansing (more information and registration form available [here](#))

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