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President's Message - Tamara Burns, AIA



Can you believe we are already past the spring equinox?!?

March has been a busy month for AIA Michigan: events included the Health Facilities Planning Seminar, Legislative Day and our National Grassroots conference in DC.

I attended Health Facilities for the first time and found an event where people from different professions come together to explore and celebrate healthy and healing built environments. My focus this year as President is to broaden AIA Michigan's collaboration with our partners in the built and natural environment and the Health Facilities Conference is a great example of where we are already doing it and doing it successfully. We had a waiting list for the event! The focus of the conference is how to plan, design, construct and maintain health facilities. I am not a health care architect and I don't share the knowledge the typical attendee has about designing healing environments, but I do share the belief that architecture can promote healthy living; the belief that design not only can support the latest developments in health care but that design in itself can promote health and promote a healthier Michigan. This can be anything from placing stairs where they will be used instead of an elevator, to maximizing daylight and natural ventilation. From designing safe and enjoyable pedestrian and bicycle pathways that will be used instead of driving a car, to designing spaces that lift the spirit through color and form.



Health Facilities attendees



President Tamara Burns, AIA, speaking at the conference

There are exciting conversations going on about this all over - the intersection of Design and Public Health. How many of you have seen the Designing Healthy Communities series on PBS? If you haven't, look into it. This is a series by Dr. Richard Jackson, an MD who used to be with the CDC and was the public member on the AIA national board a number of years ago. I've had the privilege of hearing him talk numerous times and it always inspires me to think about how design can promote healthy living. The obesity rate in Michigan is over 30%, 1 in 10 Michiganders are diabetic. Shape Michigan is an initiative that has just been rolled out on a statewide level to help combat this appalling statistic. By collaborating, design professionals and health professionals can have an impact on this initiative and the greater health of Michigan.

Collaboration continued at our Legislative Day in Lansing, where Architects joined forces with Engineers and Surveyors to lobby our legislators on topics such as Transportation and Electronic Seals. As always, the

debate and discussion was the richer for the different viewpoints and backgrounds.



Legislative Day attendees



Irvin Poke, AIA, speaks to the attendees.

Later in the month, Architects from all over the country gathered in DC to bring our lobbying powers to the "Hill" as part of our Grassroots Conference. More on this event in the next AIA Michigan Newsletter!

Cheers!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TELB".

Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA

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

I had a wonderful time at the AIA National Grassroots event in Washington, D.C. this past week. I learned a lot and have a lot to share:



The buzz word at this year's 2013 Grassroots Annual Leadership and Legislative Conference was **Repositioning**. The AIA just presented the final research recommendations and the AIA Repositioning Implementation Plan at AIA Grassroots 2013. Watch

videos of the presentations [here](#), including the AIA Manifesto.



On Thursday, March 21, AIA members stormed Capitol Hill to discuss issues important to the AIA with their members of Congress. Learn more [here](#).

This newsletter this month includes the second 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:

*AIA Michigan Design Awards (June 14) in Ann Arbor

*AIA National Convention (June 20-22) 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.

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:



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 Flint and the information that follows was provided by Kurt Neiswender, AIA:

"As Emerging Professional Chair of the Flint Chapter, I have worked closely with John Gazall and Shannon White, fellow Flint members on the Flat Lot Competition. AIA Flint is working in partnership with The Flint Public Art Project, which is led by Stephen Zacks, a native Flintoid and well known journalist and writer for Metropolis and NYT. The Flat Lot Competition recently ended after 380 registrants from 38 countries, and over 200 completed submissions for Jury review. This was an outstanding response with a well vetted jury from across the country. Please visit flintpublicartproject.com for more info about the competition and the project themselves. The Jury selected a winning team of architects from London and Madrid offices. Myself and Jeff will be collaborating with the winning team to assist with navigating the local municipalities, because their proposal will be fabricated on the Flat Lot this summer! I will keep you updated, as this is a very exciting proposal and great collaboration effort.

Other things on the horizon are: collaboration with Habitat for Humanity for a CanStruction Day and AIA Flint will participate, for the fourth year, in Downtown Flint's Parking Day in September."

Meet Your AIA Flint Board Members!

Read below to get to know your board from Flint!



Jeff Ferweda, AIA, is the 2013 AIA Michigan Treasurer and the president of Sedgewick & Ferweda Architects, a boutique firm of six in Flint, Michigan. The firm was founded in 1958 by Tom Sedgewick Sr. FAIA, AIA MI Gold Medal winner and NCARB National President. The firm delivers several different project typologies and services. Currently, the firm designs dialysis facilities, assisted living housing, government projects, single family residential and does work for charter schools. National clients include DaVita Dialysis, Harley Davidson and Ethan Allen. Government clients include GSA, IRS, SSA and DOD. The firm mission statement is simply, "*Good Design for Good Clients*". President since 2001, Jeffrey is responsible for the direction and vision of the firm.

The task of serving the studio team members and bringing out the best in them is considered a privilege. Jeffrey is licensed in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota.

Jeffrey is a 1992 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. He studied abroad in the Florence/Volterra Italian Renaissance Art and Architecture study abroad program. He served on the UDM alumni curriculum committee and has mentored students from all of the accredited colleges, several community colleges and local high school programs.

Jeffrey has held many positions with the AIA at the local, regional and national levels. He was the Flint Chapter President, AIA 150 Flint Chapter Champion and was on the Grand Rapids chapter design awards jury. Jeffrey currently sits on the MAF Board of Directors and the MI Finance Committee, is the MI Small Firm Round Table Chair, the current MI Board of Director's Treasurer and is on the National Small Firm Round Table Executive Board.

Jeffrey is on his church Pastoral Council and Liturgy Commission. He is a Catechist, Lector and Eucharistic Minister and has just completed chairing a three year Disciples in

Mission program. Jeffrey is the Membership Chair of the Genesee Valley Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow recipient. He is a member of the Vienna Township and City of Flint Building Boards of Appeals.

Jeffrey and his wife Sarah have four children, Morgan, Evan, Jack and Paige. They enjoy the outdoors, fishing, hunting, golfing and tubing.



Kurt Neiswender, AIA, is the Young Architect Regional Director (YARD) and represents AIA Michigan at Young Architect meetings at the national level. He is a Project Architect at Sedgewick & Ferweda Architects, in Flint Michigan. Kurt also is a liaison for the AIA Flint chapter for a local nonprofit public art project funded by a national Art Place grant. Kurt has been licensed in the state of Michigan since 2008, as well as his LEED Accredited Professional.

Kurt received his Bachelors of Architecture degree from the University of Southern California in 2003, and is currently enrolled at Lawrence Technological University, pursuing a Masters of Urban Design, with a sustainable urbanism concentration. Kurt has held one of a very limited number of research positions within Lawrence Technological University, where he collaborated on directed research project focused on Southwest Detroit. Recently Kurt has been selected to represent LTU with the University Partners, a leadership training program that is modeled after Leadership Detroit. This group brings together students from seven area universities for monthly panel discussions and leadership exercises.

Being relatively new to the AIA and the local Flint Chapter has not stopped Kurt from making an impact right away. His first project was to coordinate the design and fabrication of their Park(ing) Day installation. With zero funds and limited resources, Kurt was able to guide a handful of volunteers to fabricate street furniture out of cardboard plotter tubes that were donated from local firms and a reprographics company. The entire installation cost no money and was featured on michigantimes.com and YouTube for its innovative use of materials. Since this early challenge Kurt has remained involved with the AIA at the local and regional level as a committee member focusing his energy on emerging professionals and public awareness of the AIA. In addition to being elected to the Young Architect Regional Directors, Kurt is also the AIA Flint Emerging Professionals Committee Chair.

Outside of architecture, Kurt is also on the Council Board of his Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, where he also is an Usher and a member of the Board of Stewardship. Originally from Stamford, Connecticut, Kurt has settled in Michigan with his wife. He enjoys the four seasons once again after 11 years in Los Angeles, though he always wishes golf season was a little bit longer! Kurt plans to finish his Masters degree in the spring of 2014 when he can relax with his wife Danielle and two dogs, Marty and Woody.

THE GRAPEVINE

- ROSSETTI welcomes aboard **Jonathan (Jon) Disbrow, AIA, NCARB**, who recently joined the team as an architectural design lead.
- A recent news article reported that the Crespi Hicks Estate in Texas is currently the most expensive home in the United States. Monetary value aside, we were interested to learn that the home's original architect was the reknown Maurice Fatio, a New York and Palm Beach area architect to the rich and famous, whobecame wildly popular in the 1920's. The home, built in 1939 is the largest

estate property in the country on 25 acres of land. Even more exciting is that **Peter Marino, FAIA**, was secured as the renovation architect and the home has been rehabilitated and enhanced in direct harmony with the original Maurice Fatio style. For more about the Crespi Hicks Estate, click [here](#).

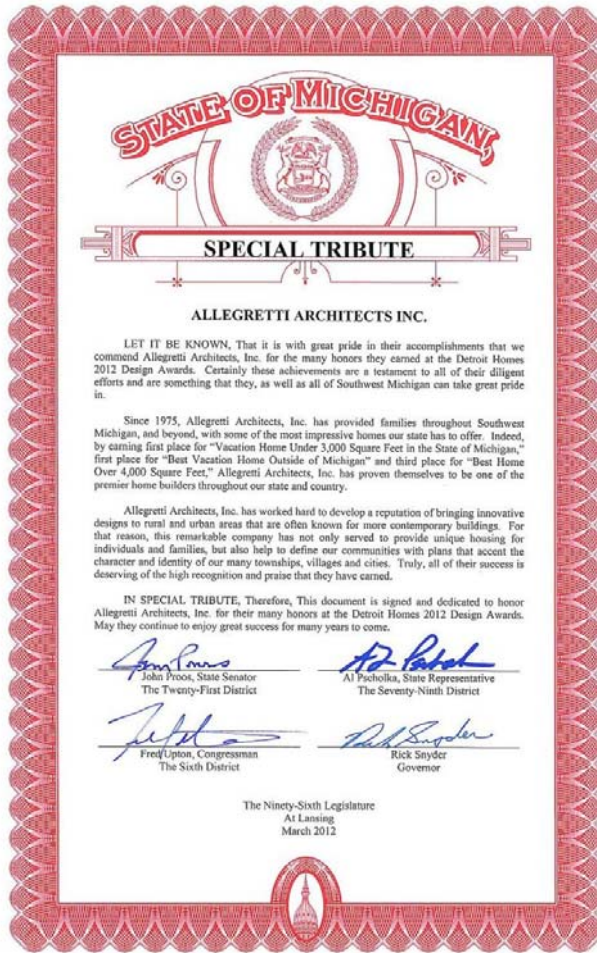
- **Kim Nelson Montague, AIA**, is the new Healthcare Design Strategist at Herman Miller Healthcare. She can now be reached at kimberly_montague@hermanmiller.com
- **URS Corporation** has changed email formats. To update your contact lists, please note that all employee emails are changed to firstname.lastname@urs.com.
- The Grand Rapids-area **TowerPinkster** office has moved to: 1001 76th Street SW, Suite A, Byron Center, MI 49315. (The firm website and phone number remains the same).
- As of April 5th, 2013, **Dennis M. King, FAIA**, will retire from Harley Ellis Devereaux. He has created DMKING Consulting, LLC and can be reached at dennis@DMKINGconsulting.com.
- **Cindy Pozolo, FAIA**, has moved firms to **SmithGroupJJR** and can be reached at cpozolo@comcast.net during her transition.

Welcome New AIA Michigan Members!

New members who joined from December 2012 through January 2013 include: Christopher M. Clinton, AIA; Lauren M. Helwig, AIA; Michelle R. Stock, Associate AIA; Thomas R. Barber, AIA; David S. Barduca, Associate AIA; Kyle R. Johnson, Associate AIA; Suzanne J. Roach, Associate AIA.

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

AIA Firm Receives State of Michigan Honors:



Student Project Award Category: Submissions due May 3rd!



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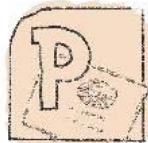
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TOUR OF GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

EVENTS IN 2013
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BOCCI
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GOLF
FAMILY NIGHT



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Save the Dates

Clear your calendar! Check out the links below for more information about these highly anticipated events and make sure to consult the full calendar on our website so you don't miss out on networking opportunities and celebrations across the state:

AIA Michigan Design Awards: June 14, 2013. Ann Arbor, MI

AIA Michigan Educational Facilities Conference: June 17, 2013. Lansing, MI.

AIA National Convention: June 20-22, 2013. Denver, CO.

AIA Michigan + AGC Mid Summer Conference: August 8-10, 2013. Mackinac Island

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