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## President's Message - Victor Saroki, FAIA



Hello members! I recently returned from the Design Retreat and although I have a renewed appreciation of my creature comforts at home, I was happy to discover that the cautions about "roughing it" were unfounded. I enjoyed the rustic, casual atmosphere and the design presentations from many notable architects and firms. Harvey

Ferrero's talk was certainly a highlight, as many fellow attendees will agree. Thank you to the committee and the Michigan staff for a great presentation line-up and job well done!

In past newsletters I have mentioned the AIA Large States meeting happening this week and that it is an honor for our state to be hosting the other AIA Large States. I am pleased we will be able to share examples of the great architecture and design that Michigan has to offer with other states, but you might not expect that I am looking forward to the Annual Meeting Day for the exact opposite reason. You see, the Annual Meeting Day, on October 26th, is an opportunity for us to come together as a state to share our concerns, goals and great design ideas *with each other*. As a result, the Annual Meeting Day is an exciting event and I hope to see many of you this year.

Sincerely,

Victor Saroki, FAIA



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall weather and that you are excited for the fall programs available through the AIA. The turnout for the annual Design Retreat was great and we have received positive feedback about this year's retreat, so I hope this is an indicator for our fall programs!



*Photo of the Design Retreat attendees, provided by Jolanta Skorupka, Adjunct Faculty and AIAS Advisor at LTU*

This month's newsletter is packed with events and I realize it is a lot of material to read, so I am going to keep my message as brief as possible in this edition. Some of this month's events include the Large States Meeting, NOMA, BESTT and the Annual Meeting Day. I have been promoting a new speaker from the Annual Meeting Day line-up in each of my Monday Minutes and will continue to do so this month. A few other important topics include the three morning tour options (9-10:30am), the Annual Meeting of Members (3:45-4:45pm), the Town Hall session (4:45-5:30pm) and the Afterglow sponsored by Christman Company (5:30-7pm). Details for these events and more information about the speakers and CES credits can be found on our [website](#). It is a great opportunity for AIA members and AIAS members to learn and lead together. It only happens once a year, but the inspiration and motivation the Annual Meeting Day provides last all year long.

For those of you attending the Annual Meeting Day, please consider attending [The Build Environment Showcase- Today and Tomorrow \(BESTT\)](#) event the day before on October 25th. This event, organized by the MSU Land Policy Institute (LPI) will be truly informative and both events will qualify for CEU's. Mark your calendar for Oct 25th and 26th and we'll see you there!

Please take a moment to answer this month's poll question at the top left of this newsletter. The poll results from last month indicated that a number of firms provide employees with continuing education information, but the majority of you search for CEU's on your own. We will be adding more continuing education events to our [calendar](#) to ensure that you all have an updated resource.

If you are not following the AIA Michigan on Facebook, Linked In or Twitter, click below:



- **Tricia Beck, AIA**, recently joined **Smith GroupJJR**.
- **Meredith Steckling, AIA** is now **Meredith McLellan, AIA** and can now be reached at [meredith.mclellan@smithgroupjjr.com](mailto:meredith.mclellan@smithgroupjjr.com).
- **Quinlan Associates, LLC**, firm of **Bill Quinlan, AIA**, has moved to 19900 Doyle Place East, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236.
- **Debra B. McMillan, AIA**, is now **Debra B. Johnson, AIA**.
- **Hue Projects Architecture + Ateleir**, firm of **Jonathon Disbrow, AIA**, has moved to 8811 West 11 Mile Road, Huntington Woods, MI 48070.
- **Gary Salata, AIA LEED AP**, is now Adjunct Faculty at **ITT Technical Institute** in Canton, MI.
- **Cynthia Enzer Radecki, AIA**, has been promoted to the position of director of business development for architecture firm **Lord, Aeck & Sargent (LAS)**. Radecki, who has served in that role for the firm's Ann Arbor office since early 2007, takes on additional nationwide business development responsibilities for the firm, whose other offices are in Atlanta, Georgia; Austin, Texas; and Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- Quinn Evans Architects is pleased to announce the promotion of Richard Hess to Associate. Quinn Evans Architects is a full-service architectural firm with a staff of 60 professionals in offices located in Washington, DC, Ann Arbor and Detroit, Michigan, and Madison, Wisconsin.

## AIA Michigan Meets with Senator Debbie Stabenow

From the offices of Fanning Howey in Novi, Michigan, 03 October 2012:

"Senator Debbie Stabenow and her staff met with several AIA Members at the offices of Fanning Howey in Novi Michigan on Wednesday. It was a great meeting and a wonderful opportunity to get to know her on a personal level. Ben Tiseo, FAIA, Celeste Novak, AIA, Dr. James Edoff, Assoc. AIA, and Theo Pappas, AIA had an opportunity to discuss several key concerns and issues of the AIA with regard to pending legislation on small business classification which affects a large portion of our membership, and support for continuing legislation on federal requirements for energy efficiency, and sustainable design initiatives. We thanked her for her past support for many of our initiatives and policy recommendations over the years and she pledged continuing support of the efforts of the AIA going forward.

We also had a chance to review several AIA award winning projects from our Huron Valley Chapter that were on display as well as discussing some current innovations in recently completed educational projects of Fanning Howey".



*From Left: Ben Tiseo, FAIA, Celeste Allen Novak, AIA, Senator Deborah Stabenow, Theo Pappas, AIA and Dr James Edoff, PA.*

## NCARB ReIssues "Welcome Back to NCARB"

NCARB is reopening their "Welcome Back to NCARB" offer of reduced fees for reactivating lapsed architect or intern records. The offer is valid from October 1st through November 30th. For full details please visit: [www.ncarb.org/welcomeback](http://www.ncarb.org/welcomeback).

## The MIM/AIA Masonry Awards- Entry Deadline extended!

The 38th MIM/AIA Annual Masonry Honor Awards Program is underway! Through this program, the Masonry Institute seeks to honor works of distinction by members of AIA Michigan and to bring to public attention outstanding buildings and projects designed by Michigan architects. The "Intent to Enter" Deadline has been extended to October 12th, so visit the awards [site](#) for more information and to register.

## Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations Debuts This Month

In *Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations* writer and photographer Michael H. Hodges presents depots ranging from functioning Amtrak stops (Jackson) to converted office buildings (Battle Creek) and spectacular abandoned wrecks (Saginaw and Detroit) to highlight the beauty of these iconic structures and remind readers of the key role architecture and historic preservation play in establishing an area's sense of place. The depots, particularly those built in the glory days from 1890 to 1925, epitomize the era's optimism and serve as physical anchors to both the past and the surrounding urban fabric.

*Michigan's Historic Railroad Stations* will reacquaint readers with the building type that once served as the nation's principal crossroads, and the range of architectural styles it employed both to tame and exalt rail transportation. Readers interested in Michigan railroad history as well as historic preservation can find more information about the book and how to order [here](#).

## Breakfast Fundraiser with Representative John Walsh (R-Livonia)

As Speaker Pro Tempore in the House and Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, Rep. Walsh was key in supporting and guiding the passage of our Statute of Limitations Bill in 2011. He understands the critical role of licensed design professionals in the built environment and has also supported our Indemnification Bill (HB 5466) that was successfully voted out of the House in June 2012.

Join the architects, engineers and surveyors to support Rep. Walsh at a Fundraiser Breakfast on Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 8-10am at Orchard, Hiltz & McCliment in Livonia. The breakfast is \$75 per person and registration forms are available [here](#).

## Progressive AE and Design Plus Have Merged!

Progressive AE and Design Plus, have announced they have merged to create one of the western Michigan's largest full-service design firms specializing in architecture, engineering and interior design. The combined entity brings together two respected and growing market leaders with nearly 85 years of experience, more than 150 full-time professionals and annual revenues of more than \$25 million. This merger will pave the way for the newly expanded firm to establish a stronger national practice by leveraging the distinct and complementary strengths of each partner.

The combined company, which will be headquartered in Progressive AE's 50,000-square-foot office located at 1811 4 Mile Road in Grand Rapids, will retain the Progressive AE name. The company will be led by Progressive AE's President and CEO Bradley Thomas, with a bolstered leadership team that will include senior members of the Design Plus team. Click [here](#) for the full press release.

## Harold C. Cunningham, AIA

We regret to inform you that Harold C. Cunningham, AIA passed away recently in his Peoria, Arizona home. Cunningham was a Michigan AIA member since 1960.

## 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:**

Large States Meeting, October 11-13, 2012

NOMA Conference, October 18-20, 2012

BESTT Event, October 25, 2012

Fundraising Breakfast with Representative Walsh, October 25, 2012

AIA Michigan Leadership Day, Oct 26, 2012

**2012 Upcoming Events and Calendar - Check [Website](#) for updates.**

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**Follow the link for all of the calendar items.**

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 [Lawrence Technological University](#)



 [University of Detroit/Mercy](#)



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