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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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Executive Director's Message:



June has been quite an exciting month!

President's Message:

Dear Members,

The AIA Michigan Design Awards ceremony was wonderful this year and I want to share my thoughts about why design award programs are important to the architectural community.

Of course, there is recognition. As much as we try to deny it, we all have egos - some ..."healthier"... than others!



As architects, it's important to us that our work is experienced and used the way the client envisioned it and the way we executed the vision through the design of the building. We put our heart and soul into the designs we create and we put in long hours because to us design matters. We love what we do but we are our own toughest critics and it is high praise to be publically recognized by our peers for our creativity and for our contribution to the quality of the built environment.

So recognition is important and something that drives all of us to some degree to aspire to, however I believe there are two higher values to be gained. Those are Inspiration to the profession and raising the public's awareness of the importance of good design... (click [here](#) to read more!)

Sincerely,

Tamara E. L. Burns, AIA



I talked about National Convention news and updates in Monday Minutes, so I will report on the Design Awards. We had a successful event this year and drew in over 250 attendees. The venue, the University of Michigan Museum of Art (UMMA) was beautiful and provided a dramatic backdrop for the evening's events. This year was the first year we recognized the contributions of the contractors of design award projects. Another first for this year-- we honored student achievements in two ways: the Universities in the area sent their Deans to present the Student Gold Medal Awards and AIA Michigan awarded two

Student Project Awards.

It isn't too early to think about Mid Summer Conference! Rooms at the Grand Hotel are filling up so please register as soon as possible. The Grand Hotel is running a special this year: If you stay three nights, August 8, 9 and 10, the fourth night, August 11th will be at the rate of just \$169.00 per room (not per person). Please take advantage of this when you are registering! *(If you have registered already please email evelyn@aiami.com to let her know you are interested in the reduced Sunday night option).* The Mid Summer Conference mailings went out last week and we will send out an event e-blast this week, but you can get all the information right now by clicking [here](#) for the online program brochure and registration information.

Chapter Focus: AIA Mid Michigan

The Mid Michigan Chapter is comprised of the area in and around Lansing, our state capitol. The chapter has a lunch and learn each month and is involved in many activities!

AIA Mid Michigan will be taking part in at Canstruction event at the Lansing Mall this year. They are working with C2AE and the project will benefit the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The build date is scheduled for October 5, 2013 and there are still openings for participants and sponsors. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Middlin: jennifer.middlin@c2ae.com.

The City of Lansing Walking Tour Brochure is available at the following locations: the Greater Lansing Michigan Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the Lansing Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). If you wish to obtain copies of the brochure for any upcoming tours or events, please contact Matt McGaughey at mccgaughey@mayottearchitects.com.

The chapter recently formed a Communications Committee co-chaired by Bryan Lijewski, AIA and Charles Popovich, AIA. The committee is implementing new communications efforts and will be launching a brand new chapter's website this year, so stay tuned!

If you are in the Lansing area, be sure to visit the Michigan State University Museum for the exhibition, East Lansing Modern: 1940-1970, open through August 18, 2013. You can download walking and driving tours of East Lansing Modern at: michiganmodern.org/tours/

Meet your AIA Michigan Board Members from the AIA Mid Michigan Chapter:



Daniel Bollman, AIA is the owner of "east arbor architecture," located in the Lansing area. A University of Michigan graduate, he earned his B.Arch, his M. Arch and his MBA from the institution. Daniel is involved with the AIA National Trust for Historic Preservation and is a member of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) on their Education Committee.



Amanda Harrell Seyburn, Associate AIA is the AIA Michigan State Associate Director. Amanda has recently taken a position at Sedgewick & Ferweda Architects and is currently transitioning into AIA Flint



chapter, but she has been very active in the Mid Michigan chapter as well as at the State and National levels. She has traveled across the country several times this year to advocate on behalf of Associate members. She has twice been a fellow panelist with

AIA National President Mickey Jacob and most recently she was a speaker at the AIAS Forum in Savannah, GA. Amanda's portfolio is diverse with experience ranging from single family home design to award winning masterplanning. She is also a faculty member at Michigan State University School of Planning, Design and Construction where she teaches and researches high performance building design.

The Grapevine

- The Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD) honored **Dennis King, FAIA** with a Technology Century Image Award on Thursday, June 27th at the Henry Ford Museum.
- **Dominick Tringali Architects, Inc.** has moved to: 3005 University Drive, Suite 100, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-4609.
- **Hobbs + Black Associates Inc.**, won an American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Honor Award from the company's role in the City Creek Center, a multi-use complex, in Salt Lake City, UT.
- **David K. Myers, AIA**, has started his own firm, "DKM Architect, RA, AIA< NCARB", in Luddington, MI and can be reached at dkmarchitect@hotmail.com.
- **JPra Architects** in Farmington Hills, MI has announced that **William Beitz, Jr., AIA**, is the new President/CEO. The company also announced that **James Grigsby, AIA** will remain Chairman of JPRA and oversee business operations.
- **Jonathan Lee Architects** is now at 6 Pennsylvania Plaza, Petoskey, MI, 49770 and Jonathan can be reached at studio@jleearch.com.
- **Richard Skowron, AIA** has formed Richard Skowron Architects, located at 1572 Pebble Beach Drive, Pontiac, MI 48340 and can be reached at richard.skowron@comcast.net.
- **Rossetti** won two Michigan Interior Design Excellence Awards (MIDEA's) for the company's design of Qzine, the Quicken Loans cafeteria in the Chase Tower in Detroit, MI. The project won the "Best of Competition Overall" and the "Corporation over 10,000 SF" categories.

James Kinville, AIA: 1935-2013

James E. Kinville, AIA passed away peacefully on June 22, 2013. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in architectural engineering. He was a former resident of Rochester, Michigan, before moving his family to Thousand Oaks in 1979 to open the Rossetti office in California.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paschal Baylon Catholic Church in Thousand Oaks. We offer our condolences to Jim's wife, Patricia, and his children.

New AIA Michigan Members!

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

Ms. Beverly K. Hannah-Jones, AIA; Mr. Sam Jeffus, Associate AIA; Mr. Shawn T. Lettow, Associate AIA; Mr. Richard Warren Mitchell, AIA; Mr. Brandon J. Newcomer, Associate AIA; Mr. Timothy T. Nichols, AIA; Ms. Lauren Rosenberg, Associate AIA; Mr. Bryan M. Shishakly, Associate AIA; Mr. Gregg R. Stouder, AIA

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

Upcoming Events

- August 8-10, 2013: AIA Michigan/AGC Mid Summer Conference, Mackinac Island
- September 20-21, 2013: AIA Michigan Design Retreat, Torch Lake



*Is there something new you want us to know about you or your firm?
Is there an event or project you want to share with the AIA Michigan Membership?
Email christine@aiami.com and check out our [calendar](#) for the latest events!*

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