

AIA Michigan Monday's Minutes

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Don't forget to take our current survey question of the month.

How likely would you be to participate in a mentoring program involving the AIA Michigan Emerging Professionals and the AIA Michigan Established Professionals?

We will post the results in our next newsletter.

"Architecture approaches nearer than any other art to being irrevocable because it is so difficult to get rid of"

-G. K. Chesterton





Good Afternoon! I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend! I just received an important call-to-action from the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) and I encourage all members to take five minutes read and respond to this call:

"Please contact your State Senator and ask them to support HB 5466. This bill aims for

fairness and accountability in contracts between public entities and architects, professional engineers and professional surveyors. Current public entity contracts contain unfair indemnification provisions and require design professionals to accept risk they cannot control. Licensed architects, engineers and surveyors cannot insure against the negligence of others, only their own. As a result of these uninsurable contract clauses, public owners often do not have the protection of a design professional's insurance policy and are thus put at risk.

Passage of HB 5466 would ensure fair contracts, which will attract more interest in a project, thus creating increased competition, greater innovation and better value for public entities. Please take a moment and ask your senator to vote "yes" on HB 5466."

The GAC has made it easy for you to get involved-- simply click <u>here</u> for a sample letter and more information.

Reminder to Chapters: Please send your calendar of events to <u>christine@aiami.com</u>. We would like to get them all on one main calendar next year. The calendar is on the front of the website and is also listed in all of our pulications. We will also promote your events in our Newsletter or Monday Minutes. We need to hear from you!

Upcoming Events:

December 13 from 4:30-7:00pm: AIA Michigan, AIA Detroit EPC, and AIA Michigan EPC join together for a Holiday Open House at the Beaubien House. Please remember to bring canned food items for the "Oh Can-nenbaum" Canstructionstyle project!

MAF Survey of Architects' Book Collections

The MAF is conducting this survey to discover which books architects value most in their architectural book collections. This survey will be used to ascertain both your collection size and what you would consider the "must have" books about architecture. The end result will be a compiled list of up to 100 architectural books to be used as a pilot program to market architectural books to the public. This collection could be housed at one or more libraries in Michigan and would be available to all through the Michigan Electronic Library Catalogue.

To participate in this short survey, click <u>here</u>.

Government Affairs Committee Survey

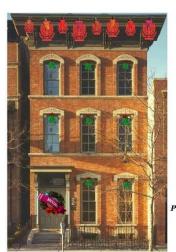
Have you participated in the GAC survey? This short survey gives you the opportunity to tell the committee what professional issues they should focus on in the coming year. This short survey will help the committee and let your voice be heard, so click <u>here</u> to participate.

2013 AIA Michigan Honor Awards Call for Entries!

The Honor Awards are celebrated in June, but now is the time to submit your project! Many of the changes our membership has asked for will be enacted this year and the Award ceremony will be even bigger and better than previous years. Changes include opening our awards to every licensed architect across the state and the addition of three new awards: the Associate Member Award, the Student Project Award and the Unbuilt Project Award. To read the guidelines and deadlines, click <u>here</u>. To register online, click <u>here</u>.

The Beaubien House is all decked out for the return of the:

Annual Holiday Open House



AIA Michigan and AIA Detroit EPC

Welcome you on

Thursday December 13, 2012 4:30p.m. to 7:30p.m.

Beaubien House 553 E. Jefferson Detroit, MI 48226 RSVP - <u>evelyn@aiami.com</u>

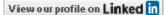
Please bring a donation of canned goods for the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit

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Don't forget to check out our new Linked In page:



Job Board - Updated Weekly!

Looking for work? Need to post a position? Send your information to <u>christine@aiami.com</u>. And don't forget to check out the <u>AIA Michigan Job Board</u> for new posts!

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