AIA Michigan Monday's Minutes

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Happy Monday!

Last week was busy and exciting-- I had the opportunity to interact with both current members and with future AIA leaders in varied settings.

I was invited to attend the AIA Northern Michigan Chapter's monthly meeting on Wednesday. It was great to spend more time

with members I only get to see at a few events a year and meet members I had never met before. I appreciate that the Northern Michigan Chapter invited me and was happy to accept their invitation. I am off to the Flint Chapter meeting later today and am looking forward to seeing old and new faces there as well. I want to visit every AIA Michigan chapter, so please invite me to an upcoming meeting or event in your chapter, I would love to attend!

Last week I also attended the AIAS Freedom by Design silent auction with keynote speaker Thom Mayne, FAIA and found it to be both entertaining and enlightening.



Mayne is a dynamic speaker and had a lot of interesting and thought-provoking things to say about design and how we can shape its future.

There is a great group of future AIA architects at LTU and I encourage you to support their activities and comprehensive learning experience. The auction will continue online later this week and I will update you with the link when it opens.

Sincerely,

Cathy Mosley, Hon. Aff, AIAMI AIA Michigan Interim Executive Director

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- June 14, 2013: AIA Michigan Design Awards, Ann Arbor
- June 17, 2013: AIA Michigan Educational Facilities Conference, Lansing
- June 20-22, 2013: AIA National Convention, Denver
- August 8-10, 2013: AIA Michigan/AGC Mid Summer Conference, Mackinac Island

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What Does AIA National Actually Do?

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Not many of AIA National undertakings and activities are clearly communicated and filtered to the state and local levels, leaving component chapters to wonder what AIA National does with all the dues AIA National collects each year! In order to better communicate AIA National initiatives to our membership, we will feature a category from the 2012 Accomplishments publication AIA National released at AIA National Grassroots in March.

This week we are featuring the "**Relevance and Value**" category, which has eight main focus areas under the umbrella topic of "*On The Hill*":

Democracy: A strong call from the AIA generated national media coverage that urged Congress to approve funding for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol to repair the U.S. Capitol Dome.

Taxes: For the third year in a row, the AIA successfully blocked a proposal in Congress to raise payroll taxes on many small architecture firms that organize as S corporations.

Infrastructure: Our advocacy efforts in coalition with allied organizations succeeded in lobbying Congress to pass a transportation bill that protects funding for infrastructure for two years and also provides a firstever pilot program for transitoriented design.

Business: The U.S. Small Business Administration abandoned its plan to raise architectural size standard to \$19 million after an unprecedented grassroots effort by AIA members. The U.S. Congress passed AIA-backed legislation to prevent such actions in the future.

Markets: The AIA won a competitive award from the U.S. Department of Commerce to help architects enter the Indian and

<u>Cathy Mosley</u>: All of the above, Public Awareness, Government Affairs, Sponsorship, etc Sri Lankan design and construction markets. In October, the AIA and Commerce organized and launched the first-ever architectural trade mission to India.

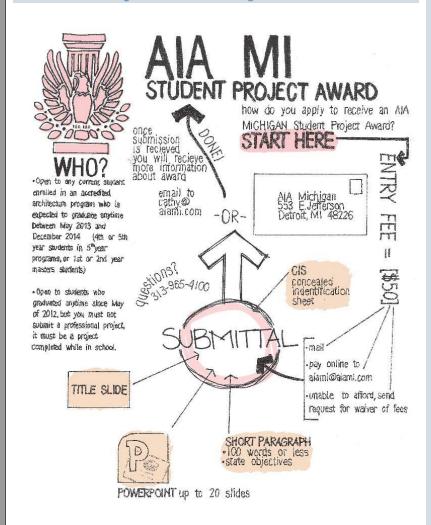
Voice: ArchiPAC, the only federal political action committee that speaks for the profession, raised more money in 2012 than ever before, elevating architects' voices in the political process.

Climate: The AIA is leading a fight to block an effort in Congress to roll back 2030 energy efficiency requirements for federal buildings.

Students: Teaming with the American Institute of Architecture Students, the AIA launched an advocacy campaign to pass federal legislation to enable architecture graduates to provide pro bono work in exchange for student loan debt relief.

To read the entire "2012 Accomplishments" publication, click here.

Student Projects Due May 3rd!



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