

# AIA Michigan Monday's Minutes

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

What are the top 5 things an Architect does?

We will post the results in our next newsletter.

"Among the planets of the arts, architecture is the dark side of the moon."

-Bruno Zevi



Happy Monday!

I thought this week I would share the results from Legislative Day to the membership: A total of 132 architects, engineers and surveyors visited legislators and senators March 13th in Lansing. Focus issues included:

\*Certificate of Merit: Legislation would require a plaintiff to obtain a positive opinion from an expert witness as to the merits of a claim prior to filing it with a court, which will reduce the number of lawsuits clogging court dockets and tends to separate claims that have merit from those that are not meritorious.

\*Electronic Seal and Signature: Support legislation when introduced to allow architects, professional engineers and professional surveyors to submit documents via electronic media.

\*Remonumentation: Action seeks to restore the Remonumentation Commission funded through the program and place a hold on the current proposed Administrative Rules (hearing set for March 28th) as the proposed rules will remove the Remonumentation Commission from the rules or do not adopt this particular change. \*Transportation Funding: Support legislation that will increase Michigan's investment in our transportation infrastructure by the necessary \$1.6B. Action needs to be taken now. Waiting will cost dollars, lives and jobs, further damaging the Michigan economy. Efforts to advance these issues will continue over the following months building on the critical face-to-face discussions that AIA members and others had directly with elected officials.

AIA Michigan - UP held its Legislative Day on March 15th and was well attended by 10 architects/engineers and 4 legislators.

## Click <u>here</u> for a letter from the Government Affairs Committee!

Please take a moment to answer the poll question in the left side bar. As part of a larger public awareness initiative, we are gathering responses from architects across the state in all types of practices to see what five things they do most often. I will share the results when all the answers have been gathered and I look forward to seeing your answers, so thank you in advance for participating!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

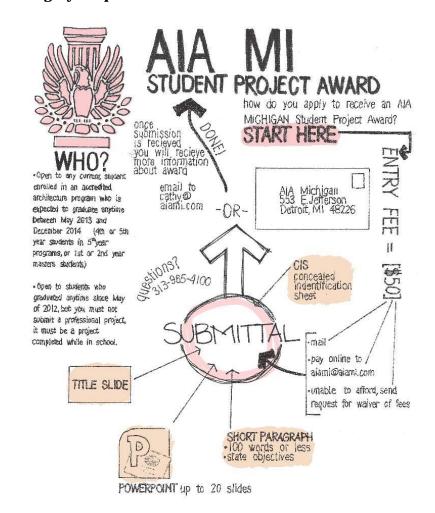
- \*AIA Michigan Design Awards: June 14, Ann Arbor
- \*AIA Michigan Educational Facilities Conference: June 17, Lansing (Kellogg Conference Center)
- \*Registration for the <u>AIA National Convention</u> (June 20-22nd in Denver, CO) is open on the AIA National <u>website</u>. On the website you



can build your own itinerary (<a href="here">here</a>), and <a href="hotel">hotel information</a> is available as well. We have secured a hotel block at the <a href="mailto:Magnolia Hotel">Magnolia Hotel</a>, please contact <a href="mailto:aiami@aiami.com">aiami@aiami.com</a> if you are interested.

\*The annual Mid Summer Conference is August 8-11, 2013! Join us with the AGC of Michigan for this wonderful event on Mackinac Island.

## AIA Michigan Design Awards: Student Project Award Category is Open for Submissions!

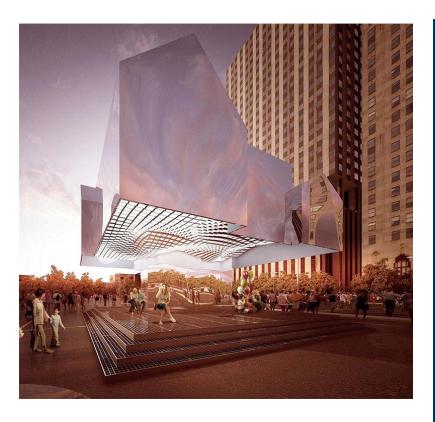


Submissions are due May 3, 2013. Please email aiami@aiami.com with any questions.

## **Call For Committee Volunteers**

Openings are now available for volunteers to assist with Honor Awards, Education, Design Retreat and Annual Meeting Day! If you are interested in becoming involved with any of these committees, please call the office (313.965.4100) or contact Evelyn at <a href="mailto:evelyn@aiami.com">evelyn@aiami.com</a>.

Flint Flat Lot Competition Winning Project Will Debut April 12 at Flint Art Walk



Excerpt from Flint Public Art Project and AIA Flint press release:

Flint, Michigan - Flint Public Art Project and the Flint Chapter of the American Institute of Architects announce that Two Islands, a team of architects and designers based in London, have won the \$25,000 grand prize in the inaugural Flat Lot Competition to design and build a temporary summer pavilion on Flint's central downtown parking lot. The project opens June 14 for Flint Art Walk and will remain on the site until fall.

The winning proposal, Mark's House, tells the story of an imagined Flint resident, Mark Hamilton, whose family loses a home to foreclosure. The project perches a Tudor-style house clad in reflective panels on top of a mirrored pedestal, giving the structure the appearance of floating in mid-air. The house serves as a metaphor for both what the city has lost as well as its ongoing revitalization, while also providing a canopy and stage for flat lot events. In addition, the structure can hold up to 1,500 gallons of water, which can be released as a cooling spray during hot summer days.

"We're thrilled that the first design-build competition organized by Flint Public Art Project and AIA-Flint produced a beautiful symbol of a new city,"says Stephen Zacks, executive director of Flint Public Art Project.

Save the Date! AIAS Freedom by Design Silent Auction!





Save the Date! 2nd Annual Great Lakes High Performance Building Conference:



### Save the Date! 2013 MAF Dumke Open:



## **Chapter Reminder: Send us your 2013 Calendars!**

Please send your 2013 calendar of events to <a href="mailto:christine@aiami.com">christine@aiami.com</a>. 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!

#### Please take the time to like us on Facebook

We would like to get the entire membership posting and checking our page daily! Take the time and do it now with the following link.

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### Job Board - Updated Weekly!

Looking for work? Need to post a position? Send your information to <a href="mailto:christine@aiami.com">christine@aiami.com</a>. If you are in the market for a new job or if you are just curious to see what is available, don't forget to check out the <a href="mailto:AIA Michigan Job Board">AIA Michigan Job Board</a> every week for new posts.

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### **Reminder to AIA Detroit members:**

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