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## Take a Mid-Term Look at Our Efforts

As we rapidly approach the midway point in this year's agenda, let's review our efforts and recommit to the priorities defined at the leadership retreat at the beginning of our year.

We discussed recommendations regarding supporting public affairs, taking a proactive stance on local issues, supporting key legislators and a national ad campaign. As leaders from across the state, we made a commitment to emphasize the role of the architect in livable communities and to make livable communities our first priority in public awareness. In addition, we recognized the impact architects could have on public perception through our public awareness and government affairs initiatives.

It was exciting to see some of these issues brought to light in a recent public television documentary entitled "The Sprawling of America." Several distinguished governmental, planning and architectural experts shared such powerful messages that follow-up editorials on the core issues appeared in the *Detroit News* and on Channel 7.

University of Michigan's Dean Doug Kelbaugh FAIA offered inspiring insights. (Doug is this year's AIAM Presidents Award honoree.) Also featured was Andres Duany, the celebrated planner of New Urbanism and consultant to downtown Birmingham development (the same place we chose to launch our "Great Places in Michigan" agenda).

They stressed the great cost on a regional level of trading the quality of our vertical infrastructure (schools and cultural amenities in urban communities) for new horizontal infrastructure (roads and sewers). We are consuming farmland at six times the land area for the rate of growth of our population.

Perhaps our legislative initiatives on issues with developers and the homebuilders needs to be expanded from square footage to square miles, and our legal responsibility for schools should be shifted from construction control to planning.

Although concerns in our major urban areas like Detroit and Flint extend beyond quality design and

planning principals, it was encouraging to learn how a shift to a regional government in Grand Rapids has made a difference to smart growth and the revitalization of the downtown. To that end, AIA Michigan has wholeheartedly endorsed the proposed legislation in the *Coordinated Planning Act, House Bill 6124* throughout Michigan. *HB 6124* combines various planning acts into one.

Other AIAM actions so far this year include:

- Our Lansing Legislative Day with an exhibit in the Rotund illustrated the role of architects in enhancing the quality of the communities through design.
- Our first "Technology and the Workplace" conference examined sustainability and provided good examples of buildings that blend harmoniously into their environments.
- Fund raisers for key legislative candidates were held in architect's offices, bringing home the message to our representatives that support of our issues is good for the health and welfare of their constituents. As Senator Burton Leland said, "Architects are involved in issues in the community that make good policy, and good policy is good politics."
- Michigan architects attended the AIA National Convention and supported a renewed national media program. We also learned how Denver has managed its growth and redeveloped its downtown urban core. We enjoyed a vibrant Sixteenth Street pedestrian center alive with diversity, culture and entertainment. It is truly a livable community to model. While this did not happen in Denver overnight, it would not have happened if architects hadn't taken on a leadership role with a proactive stance on changing legislation and educating the public.

In AIA Michigan we are learning how to become more involved in the public realm, not just through our work, but rather, through our actions. I can feel the difference.



Andy Vazzano, AIA  
2001 President

## President's Report

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## NEW FELLOWS

### Three Architects Named Fellows

*Fellowship is the second-highest honor, behind the Gold Medal, that the Institute bestows on a member. Out of a membership of more than 66,000, there are fewer than 2,500 AIA members distinguished with the honor of fellowship.*

The American Institute of Architects elevated 72 architects to its prestigious College of Fellows, an honor awarded to members who have made contributions of national significance to the profession. Three Michigan architects were inducted into the College of Fellows on May 18 at the 2001 AIA National Convention and Expo in Denver. All three new fellows earned their distinctions in Category One: To promote the aesthetic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession. John Meyer, FAIA, Lorri Sipes, FAIA and Ilene Tyler, FAIA were all elected to receive this honor because of their contributions to historic preservation.

#### John T. Meyer, FAIA

John Meyer became a pioneer in preservation before it gained national attention. His passion for preservation has resulted in preserving our heritage from houses to churches, commercial buildings, historic districts, courthouses and the state capitol. Since 1975 John has been a leader in the preservation field. He helped establish four National Register Historic Districts and assisted other communities in establishing local and state districts. John also helped place several buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Through his efforts, communities structured their revitalization and economic growth around historic



preservation. His leadership prevented the demolition of City Hall in Bay City, listed as one of the nation's 50 most significant city halls.

John's work with Wigen Tincknell and Meyer, a Saginaw architectural firm, includes five county courthouses and two city halls listed on the National Register and the rehabilitation of many churches and commercial buildings. He led the firm's participation in the restoration of the Michigan State Capitol, a project that involved a collaborative effort with three other architectural firms.

John promotes good preservation practices at all levels in communities, enhancing cultural heritage throughout the state of Michigan. Bay City, a community in which he has promoted preservation for 25 years, recently won a National Main Street Award.

#### Lorri D. Sipes, FAIA

Lorri Sipes has had a major impact on the national historic preservation movement through her outstanding achievements as a designer, mentor and preservation advocate. She began her work in the field of historic preservation soon after receiving her master's degree 22 years ago from the University of Michigan. In 1984, Lorri co-founded an historic preservation firm in Ann Arbor (Architects Four, Inc.). Over the next 15 years, as managing partner, she developed the firm to national prominence. In 1999, as a direct result of the firm's excellent reputation, it merged with the SmithGroup, one of the oldest and largest A/E firms in the country. She currently is director of historic preservation, providing services to branch offices in 10 U.S. cities and two overseas countries. Lorri has designed and directed the revitalization of more than 150 National Landmarks and buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places,



including the Cranbrook Educational Community, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. and Michigan's Grand Hotel. For her work on the Michigan State Capitol, her firm received an AIA Honor Award for Architecture in 1996. In addition, she has received 15 local and regional design awards.

A committed mentor to the next generation of preservationists, as her firm's managing partner, Lorri brought more than 50 young architects into the firm and trained them in preservation philosophy, technology and aesthetics. Many are now leading their own firms and furthering the cause of historic preservation from Maine to Oregon.

#### Ilene R. Tyler, FAIA

Ilene Tyler has become a voice for our historic buildings, protecting them, enhancing them through distinguished design interventions, and teaching us to understand what they meant in the past and mean for the future.



Advocacy is at the core of her contributions to design, the profession of architecture and the larger community. As one of the few women in the School of Architecture at the University of Michigan in the 1960s, and the only female in her graduating class, she faced all the challenges of women in her generation.

Ilene's underlying intensity became the catalyst for her earliest efforts as a community advocate. In the late 1960s, she was a member of the National Association of Student Planners and Architects, an early advocacy organization. After graduation from the University, she spent two years in Baltimore with VISTA, the domestic Peace Corps.

From Baltimore, Ilene moved to southwestern Pennsylvania, where she founded her own practice and worked for

# AIA MICHIGAN AWARDS

the preservation of Fallingwater, a Frank Lloyd Wright landmark threatened by time and the increasing pressures of tourism.

This commitment is reflected in her role as a partner and director of preservation at Quinn Evans Architects of Ann Arbor. Her work on a wide range of technically complex restoration projects of dramatic scope includes The Parthenon in Nashville, The Mother Church of The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, the Michigan Capitol Building and the Wayne County Courthouse.

She plays an important role in mentoring young architects in her firm, and has taught at both the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. Ilene has presented numerous technical papers on preservation technology, and authored a chapter in a new book, *Historic Preservation: An Introduction to Its History, Principles and Practices*.

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## Recognitions



### *Gold Medal*

**Edward Francis, FAIA**

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### *Hastings Award*

**Stephen Vogel, FAIA**

University of Detroit Mercy

### *President's Award*

**Douglas Kelbaugh, FAIA**

Dean, Taubman School of Architecture + Urban Design - University of Michigan

### *Young Architect of the Year*

**Bryan Koehn, AIA**

Architects Asylum

### *Honorary Affiliate Member*

**Mary Anne Drew**

Taubman School of Architecture + Urban Design - University of Michigan

**David Gresham**

Steelcase

### *Firm of the Year*

**Luckenback/Ziegelman Architects, PLLC**

Birmingham, Michigan

### *David Evans Memorial Grant for Historic Preservation*

**The Pewabic House**

Hancock, Michigan



## Design Honor Awards

### ***Building Category***

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**ABC Harley-Davidson**

*Waterford*

Architect: Victor Saroki & Associates Architects, PC

**Delta College Planetarium & Science Learning Center**

*Bay City*

Architect: Kessler Associates

**Detroit Cornice & Slate Building Addition**

*Detroit*

Architect: Kessler Associates

**Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center**

*Ypsilanti*

Architect of Record: Barton Malow Design

Design Architect: Rossetti Associates Architects

**Henry Ford Community College - Child Activity Center**

*Dearborn*

Architect: Straub Pettitt Yaste

**Kalamazoo Public Library - Oshtemo Branch**

*Oshtemo Twp.*

Architect: David Milling & Associates / Architects

**Kalamazoo Rotary Stage**

*Kalamazoo*

Architect: Eckert Wordell

**Montcalm Community College Beatrice E. Doser Building**

*Sidney*

Architect: Straub Pettitt Yaste

### ***Twenty-five Year Award***

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**Kempton Elementary School**

*Saginaw*

Architect: Wigen Tinknell Meyer & Associates, Inc.

### ***Interiors***

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**Detroit Country Day Pre-School**

*Bloomfield Hills*

Architect: TMP Associates, Inc.

**Hyatt Regency Dearborn Hotel Renovation**

*Dearborn*

Architect: Ford & Earl Associates, Inc.

**Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts**

*Grand Rapids*

Architect: McIntosh Poris Associates  
- SmithGroup

### ***Low Budget/Small Project***

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**JA.DA Barbeque Grill**

*Detroit*

Architect: Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.

### ***Steel Award/Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors Assn.***

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**Bay De Noc Community College**

**Joseph Heirman University Center**

*Escanaba*

### Michigan's Gene Hopkins Elected AIA Vice President

Eugene Hopkins, FAIA was elected vice president of the AIA at the recent AIA National Convention in Denver. A past president of AIA-Huron Valley, Hopkins is a partner of SmithGroup, Inc. He has also served as president of AIA Michigan, as an AIA Regional Director and as PIA Executive Committee Chair.

AIA members also elected Thompson E. Penney, FAIA of Charleston, South Carolina, as the 2002 first vice president/president elect. Penney will assume his new office in December 2001 and become president of the AIA in 2003. Gordon Chong, FAIA of San Francisco, will succeed John D. Anderson, FAIA as president in 2002.

In addition to Hopkins, delegates also elected James A. Gatsch, AIA and Edward J. Kodet, Jr., FAIA as AIA vice presidents for 2002, while Douglas L. Steidl, FAIA was elected treasurer of the AIA for 2002.

### AIA Delegates Pass Ad Campaign, Education Resolutions

The national convention of the AIA in May attracted nearly 16,500 architects, exhibitors and design industry professionals. The attendance numbers are exceeded only by last year's convention in Philadelphia and the 1998 meeting in San Francisco. The Denver meeting wrapped up with a standing room-only panel discussion on "designing for the future" by AIA Gold Medal-winning architect Michael Graves, FAIA and celebrated architect Daniel Libeskind.

Delegates to the convention passed a resolution sponsored by AIA Philadelphia supporting educational and licensing standards.

Per the resolution, the Institute resolves to partner with institutions of higher education to encourage active

AIA participation in degree programs leading to licensure; work toward creation of minimum acceptable standards for professional architectural degrees, licensure and AIA membership; and support offering the licensing exam uniformly throughout the U.S. – to begin in the final semester of any accredited professional architectural degree program.

In another decision, members voted to continue the Institute's multimedia advertising campaign, supporting an extension of the current \$50 dues assessment per member to fund the television portion of the campaign through the year 2004.

Delegates to the convention also passed a resolution from the floor, titled "Design and Energy Efficiency Initiative Committee on the Environment." The intent of the resolution is to delegate a committee selected from the PIAs to help the national leaders develop the National Energy Policy for Building Codes and Standards.

### NCARB News

#### Career Resource Offered for High School and College Students

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards has released *A Student's Pathway to Architecture*, an introductory career resource geared toward high school students and college freshmen.

*Pathway* offers an overview of the steps one must take in order to prepare for a career in architecture. Presented as a Flash movie, the material may be viewed from the Council's Web site.

A CD-ROM-based, PowerPoint version of the presentation is also available to individuals interested in giving presentations to students. Visit [www.ncarb.org](http://www.ncarb.org) to view the 4-minute presentation. Call NCARB at (202) 783-6500 to request the CD and speaking notes.

### IDP Validity Confirmed by NCARB Study

NCARB recently published results of its study to identify the tasks and knowledge/skills important to the competent performance of recently registered architects. One function of the survey is to ensure that NCARB initiatives are in alignment with significant, current, emerging and future practices. Survey results support the content validity of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) and reflect that NCARB has a strong foundation to develop future versions of the exam. Based on study results, other NCARB services were also validated, including the Council's Intern Development Program (IDP). Findings support the need for the IDP, as respondents emphasized the need to dissolve any perceived gaps between education and practice. In fact, participating architects indicated the IDP is a critical time for acquiring the necessary knowledge and skills. For more information on the IDP study, visit the AIAM web site and click on the IDP Link, [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com).

### Prize Program Unveiled

The Inaugural NCARB Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy will recognize those academic programs that best emphasize the continuum between practice and education. A total of six cash prizes will be presented: five prizes of \$7,500 and a grand prize of \$25,000.

Architecture schools with degree programs accredited by the NAAB are invited to submit established projects – completed or in progress by Fall 2001, that demonstrate creative initiatives to bring together the academy and the profession within the studio curriculum. Submissions are due by Feb. 1, 2002. For information, contact Michiel Bourdrez, AIA, director, professional services, at (202) 879-0533; or e-mail [mbourdrez@ncarb.org](mailto:mbourdrez@ncarb.org).



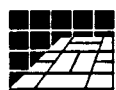
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## Firm News

### Awards, etc....

**Ad Club of West Michigan:** two ADDY awards earned by **Progressive AE** for an announcement and an invitation... **AIA Grand Valley:** **Markku Allison, AIA**, principal with Schemata, Inc., was named Young Architect of the Year; **Brian Craig, AIA**, senior vice president of Progressive AE was given the Presidents Award; and **Progressive AE** received a Building Design Honor Award for Steelcase University Learning Center and a Sustainable Design Merit Award for Aquinas College's Jarecki Center for Advanced Learning... **American Consulting Engineers Council of Michigan:** Honorable Conceptor awards to **HarleyEllis** for design of GM's Noise and Vibration Analysis Laboratory; **Hubbell, Roth & Clark** for construction of Detroit Metro Stormwater Control System; and **Soil and Materials Engineers, Inc.** for design solutions connected to the US-131 S Curve Reconstruction in Grand Rapids... **American College of Healthcare Architects:** inducted **C. Richard Hall, AIA**, of **HarleyEllis** as a founding member... **Detroit Regional Chamber:** **BEI Associates, Inc.**, **Dominick Tringali Associates** and **HarleyEllis** were both named in the 101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work for in Metropolitan Detroit... **Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission:** **Schemata, Inc.**, and architect **Edward Bolt** receive the Outstanding Historic Preservation Project by an Individual Award for a residential renovation.

### New Positions...

**BEI Associates:** Bob Pearce to director of business development and Kenn Scheffer to manager of business development... **BETA Design Group:** Lisa Martin, ASID, IIDA as interior designer... **Design Works A/E:** Michelle Olson to architectural/engineering/planning team and Nathan Cole to marketing team... **Duce Simmons Associates:** Christian Belz, AIA as senior project manager and Pamel Stasko, AIA as project manager... **Ford & Earl Associates:** Barry Johnston,

IIDA, to associate... **French Associates Inc.:** Craig Kahler as business development manager... **FTC&H:** Philip Davis, AIA and Robert Fuller, AIA to senior associates... **HarleyEllis:** Ayers Morison, Jr., AIA to architectural design team... **Integrated Architecture:** controller Tom Buteyn to senior associate; and project architects Tom Hunt, AIA and Kevin Kamradt, AIA to associates... **Integrated Design Solutions:** Michael DelPup, AIA as project administrator... **Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.:** Gordon Holness retires as chairman and CEO, leadership team headed by Stephen Whitney, FAIA, president and CEO; Matthew Kraft, AIA as project manager... **Kraemer Design Group:** Mark Mardirosian, AIA to senior project architect... **LTU College of Architecture:** David Chasco, chair of the Department of Architecture, to professor of architecture... **O'Boyle Cowell Blalock & Associates:** Robert O'Boyle, FASLA, to chairman of the board; Kathryn Blalock to CFO; promoted to principal are Eric Lyons, ASLA, Kenneth Peregou, ASLA, Woodrow Isaacs III, ASLA, Sandra Bliesener, ASLA and Wesley Steer, ASLA... **Progressive AE:** Anne Laurent passed exams to obtain her registered architect license... **Quinn Evans / Architects:** Kenneth Clein, AIA, as senior project manager... **SmithGroup JJR:** Tony Catchot, ASLA to principal.

### Addresses...

**AMDG Architects, Inc.:** to 25 Commerce SW, Ste. 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49503; ph: (616) 454-1600... **JJSB Architects:** to 23650 Woodward Ave., Ste. 100, Pleasant Ridge, MI 48069; ph: (248) 291-1012... **Moiseev/Gordon Associates:** to 818 W. Eleven Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067; ph: (248) 541-2388.

### New Firms, Names, Mergers, etc...

**Duce Simmons Associates** announces the formation of **Gunnar Birkerts + DSA Architects, LLC**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Duce Simmons Associates ... **MS Consulting Engineers** acquired **Edelstein Associates, Inc.**, a Southfield-based mechanical engineering firm... **Society of American Value Engineers** has changed its name to **SAVE International**.

## Grapevine

Congratulations to **Richard Frank, FAIA**, who was honored with AIA Huron Valley's Lifetime Achievement Award... Many thanks to **Roger Lepley, AIA at Consort Coporation** in Kalamazoo for donating new banner stands for AIA Michigan and MAF... AIA Detroit Honorary Member **Katherine Beebe** was named president of the Greater Downtown Partnership... *The Story Pole*, a newsletter published by the **Masonry Institute of Michigan**, will take on a new look. MIM Trustees voted to revitalize the publication as a bi-monthly color magazine... **Lawrence Technological University** has awarded Steve Harris of Detroit the 2001 HarleyEllis Architecture and Engineering Scholarship. Harris is a fourth year architecture student, and is a member of HarleyEllis' architecture team since 1998... Ann Arbor architect **Lawrence Brink, AIA** was appointed to the board of The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy, Chicago, and re-elected president of the Taliesin Fellows, Inc., Scottsdale.

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## Upcoming Events

### June

- 27 Green Buildings Seminar**  
AIA Detroit, CSI-Michigan, Johnson Controls and The Smith Group will sponsor "Buildings for a Livable Future." The program includes a half-day of presentations, followed by lunch and an optional tour of the EPA Regional Office highlighting Green Design. \$30. Call Michelle Miller, Johnson Controls, (248) 276-6332.

### August

- 9-11 AIAM Mid-Summer Conference**  
At Mackinac Island, [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com)

### September

- 14-15 Design Retreat**  
At Camp Hayo-Went-Ha, visit [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com)

### October

- 4-5 Educational Facilities Conference**  
At Shanty Creek, [www.aiami.com](http://www.aiami.com)
- 30 Smart Growth Conference**  
Michigan Smart Growth Coalition presents "Is Traffic Gridlock Inevitable? Land Use Solutions" conference at Troy Marriott. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$20 per person before August 1. For more information e-mail [meetings@builders.org](mailto:meetings@builders.org).

## Attention Golfers!

It's not too late to join in the fun with the Detroit Architectural Golf League, which plays each month through October at courses around Southeastern Michigan and Ontario. The next outing is June 25 at Paint Creek Country Club in Lake Orion. Additional league dates are set for July 23 (Washtenaw G&CC, Ypsilanti), August 20 (Oakhurst G&CC, Clarkston), September 10 (Grosse Ile CC) and October 1 (Essex G&CC, Windsor). For questions or information about the League, call Ernie Hickson, (313) 235-9224.

## Classified Advertising

### Architect

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### Project Manager

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## CALENDAR

### *JUNE*

27 Green Buildings Seminar / Livonia

### *JULY*

11 Board of Professional Surveyors / Okemos  
12 Board of Professional Engineers / Okemos  
26 Board of Architects / Okemos

### *AUGUST*

9-11 AIAM Mid-Summer Conference / Mackinac Island

### *SEPTEMBER*

5 Board of Professional Surveyors / Okemos  
6 Board of Professional Engineers / Okemos  
13 AIAM ExCom & Upper Great Lakes  
14 AIAM ExCom & Upper Peninsula  
14-15 Design Retreat / Camp Hayo Went Ha / Torch Lake  
20 MAF Board Meeting / Detroit

### *OCTOBER*

4 Board of Architects / Okemos  
4-5 Educational Facilities Conference / Bellaire  
12-13 Sister State Meeting / Cranbrook and Detroit  
17 AIAM ExCom, Board & Saginaw Valley / Midland  
23 AIA Detroit Annual Meeting

### *NOVEMBER*

## Future Dates: Mark Your Calendar

### *AIA National Convention*

May 9-12, 2002 Charlotte, NC  
May 1-4, 2003 San Diego  
June, 2004 Chicago  
May 12-14, 2005 Las Vegas  
June 10-12, 2006 Los Angeles, CA  
May 4-6, 2007 San Antonio  
May 15-17, 2008 Boston

### *AIA Michigan Mid-Summer Conference Grand Hotel • Mackinac Island*

August 9-11, 2001  
August 8-10, 2002  
August 7-9, 2003  
August 5-7, 2004  
August 4-6, 2005  
August 3-5, 2006  
August 9-11, 2007  
August 7-9, 2008

### *Grassroots/Nat'l AIA Leadership Conference*

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