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2006 President's Report

Our theme for 2006 has been Designing a Better Michigan through the AIA.

The Three Main Focus areas for the year were centered on AIA Michigan's Mission – Advocacy, Education and Fellowship. It is our belief that if we reach out to those outside of our profession and show them the power of design that we as architects can make a positive difference in our communities and the State.

ADVOCACY

On the advocacy front we had a very successful legislative day and Howling event. There were 57 architects that participated in visits to our State Representatives and Senators. We were welcomed to the event by our legislator of the year for 2006 Senator Mark Schauer of Battle Creek. Our agenda for this year included advocating for a certificate of merit bill and increased penalties for unlicensed practice. We were successful in getting sponsors for both of these bills. Representative John Pastor introduced House Bill 5948. If this bill becomes law, it would limit the number of frivolous actions filed against design professionals due to the up front requirement to engage an expert before a law suit could be filed. Representative Chris Ward introduced House Bill 5874. This bill would provide for increased penalties against those who practice Architecture without a license. Specifically, a third offense would become a felony. The bill passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform. If this bill becomes law, interest on the part of local prosecutors in enforcement activities should increase. We also continue to fight the package of Interior Design licensing bills. Our goal for 2007 is to have at least 150 architects storm Lansing on March 20 to again push for passage of the legislation that is important to protect our profession.



*Jeffrey Hausman, AIA
2006 AIAM President*

In October we had a tremendously successful event hosted by the Grand Valley Chapter to learn some lessons on how we can advocate for more cooperation on a regional level regarding planning. The Mayor of Grand Rapids and the planning directors for the City of Grand

Rapids, Holland, Walker, North Shore, Muskegon Heights and the Charter Township of Holland spoke to our board about the vision and skill that architects bring to the urban planning process. Bob Daverman and the Grand Valley Chapter had conducted a regional planning Charette in January 2005 and the results have pushed regional cooperation, captured additional planning funds and have generated the vision of 75 planning charettes in the West Michigan area in the next 5 years. Greg Norton president of the West Michigan Strategic Alliance has advanced this vision and is seeking funding sources. This is clearly one area where architects are designing a better Michigan through the AIA. The next set of three planning charettes will be conducted early next year as part of the AIA 150 Blueprint for America project. A charette was also conducted by the Southwest Chapter this year for the Three Rivers area.

We strategically utilized our APAC funds to support legislators that have been supporters of the design profession. We conducted several fund raisers this year and supported 27 legislators.

EDUCATION

To support leadership development and continuing education we held three events.

In January we held our annual Leadership
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President's Report

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Training conference for all the chapters. This event held at the Grand Traverse Resort is an opportunity for Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents to join the AIA Michigan board for planning; sharing lessons learned and develop news idea for programs at the chapter level.

In May the board met at Alden B. Dow home and studio. This was a great opportunity to see how a significant architect in the state from the past is still influencing the region well beyond his life time and that there are people motivated to maintain the facility but more importantly the archive of his work.

Then in September was the 17th annual Design Retreat at camp Hayo-Went-Ha. At this annual event AIA Michigan Honor Award winners are presented in-depth so that practitioners of all ages can gain a thorough understanding of the design intent and the processes that were utilized to reach these award winning solutions. If you have never attended this event, I highly recommend you plan to attend in September of 2007.

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship was the key at two of our events.

In August the 67th Annual Midsummer Conference was held on Mackinac Island at the Grand Hotel. This was the second year we held this event in conjunction with the Associated General Contractors of Detroit and Michigan. Although fellowship is one of the primary reasons for this event, at the urging of our contractor friends, more learning opportunities were presented including a tour of several beautifully designed cottages done by AIA architects such as former AIA National President Gene Hopkins. One of the highlights of this event was the opportunity to meet the new Executive Vice President and CEO of AIA National Christine McEntee. Chris provided an

updated on where she seeing the institute moving in the net several years.

In December as the final event of the year we gathered at the Beaubien House for the annual Holiday Open House. It was great to see old friends and reminisce about the year. We also gathered food for the hungry in our community.

GOALS

Some of the Goals for this year were:

Linkages - Never have a meeting alone – We had a 50% success rate

Financial – Implement Investment Policy – completed

Financial – Complete the year with a balance budget – we were slightly better and that money will be put into our reserve

Strategic – Examine a combined AIA Michigan/AIA Detroit operating structure

Name Committee – a report was presented to the board

Strategic – Develop a Conference focused on Cities and Municipal Planning – we made progress with the planning. The conference will be held in 2007. Watch for details.

Strategic – Plan AIA 150 celebrations. Dennis King and the Chapter Presidents have led this planning. 2007 is shaping up to be a great year of celebrations and creating gifts to our communities through the Blue Print for America.

APPRECIATION

There are many people that I want and need to thank as I close my year as president.

First, I want to thank everyone that has contributed their time and talent to the AIA this year. You are the heart and soul of our organization and the reason for our existence.

Second, are the members of the Government Affairs Committee led by Co-Chairs Kevin Shultis and Fred Butters they continue to work extremely

diligently advocating on behalf of our organization and profession.

Third, are the other committee chairs and their committees that did a great job for us including Art Smith – Honor Awards and Design Conference, Alex Ivanikai Mid-Summer Conference, Ed Francis – Recognitions and Mike Strother – Communities by Design.

Fourth, I want to thank the staff of AIA Michigan for their efforts. We are pleased that our Executive Director Rae Dumke has agreed to lead this group for at least another three years. A special thank you to Cathy Mosley for her efforts while several of the staff faced health issues at the beginning of the year. May 2007 be a healthy and productive year. Thank you Evie, Sara, Lynn and Evelyn for your efforts this year.

Fifth, I want to thank the AIA Michigan Board for your support. I believe we

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2006 Vice President's Report

I can't believe that my year as AIA Michigan Vice President is already over! I was just starting to get comfortable with my new role and responsibilities as a part of our Executive Committee. Nonetheless, let me begin by offering my personal thanks to my ExComm colleagues for their assistance and guidance throughout this year – particularly to President Jeff Hausman, and Executive Director Rae Dumke, who taught me how to pace myself and who always offered advice with a smile. My year

was filled with many worthwhile activities, which I have attempted to summarize for you in this report.

PLANNING FOR 2007 – AIA150

The most important responsibility for our Vice President is to plan for his or her year as President. Thanks to the celebration of our AIA National Sesquicentennial in 2007, my theme was set for me – AIA150. National's "Blueprint for America" program put in place an important mission for us to accomplish in 2007, and was formulated early enough for all interested AIA components to get their planning underway this year. We (cleverly) recruited Gene

Hopkins to Chair the AIA150 Planning Committee for AIA Michigan, and it worked like a charm. In the end, AIA Michigan, plus six of our Chapters, submitted for and were awarded funding grants from National for Blueprint for America Initiatives. It should be noted that only three other states have planned and been funded for more initiatives than Michigan – those being New York, California, and Texas. Not a bad showing for a state in the "economic doldrums!" Thanks and congratulations to all who have been involved. In addition to our Blueprint for America initiatives – AIA's "Gift to the Nation" – we have been busy planning a full slate of rich programs and events for 2007. Check

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have set the stage for many good things in the future.

Finally, a heart felt thank you to the Executive Committee, Dennis King, Steve Smith, Ron Campbell, Celeste Novak, Harry Terpstra and Rae for your guidance, encouragement and wisdom during the year. You made this year fun.

In closing, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your AIA Michigan President during 2006. Hopefully, I have helped make Michigan a little bit better place to live, work and play. And that I have helped bring honor to our profession and made our society a little bit more responsive to our members. May 2007 be a year of celebrations marking the accomplishments of our first 150 years and the beginning of planning for our next 150 years of making a positive difference in our communities. Good luck to Dennis King as president in 2007, I know he will do an excellent job. As my mother use to tell me, "You can make a positive difference in the community all you need to do is put your mind to it and take action." Mom, in your memory and honor, I hope I made a positive difference this year.

Thank you and may God Bless us in the coming year.

JEFFREY HAUSMAN, AIA

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out the calendar and plan to participate during this celebration year. Our big AIA150 Celebration Event will take place on April 20-21 at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth. Scheduled as a Friday evening Awards Celebration – coupled with a Saturday morning Design Brunch, we're expecting a great turn-out for this key AIA150 observance in Michigan.

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS LIAISON AND APAC CHAIR

As Vice President, I had the opportunity to participate with our outstanding Government Affairs Committee. This was one of the busiest and most effective years yet in the political arena. Punctuated by a very successful Legislative Day in Lansing – held in conjunction with our lobbyist, Kelly Cawthorne, and the AELC (Architects and Engineers Legislative Committee), we worked on a myriad of important matters impacting the profession.

Fundraising for our Architects Political Action Committee is another responsibility for the Vice President. We appreciate every dollar contributed. As you might expect in an election year, our PAC spent a lot of the funds that had been contributed by you. While we are sensitive to the soft economy here in Michigan, we should not let our guard down. More issues than ever affecting the practice of architecture, are in play. We need all the legislative backing we can get and our PAC contributions play a key role in that. If every member gave what they could, we would be in a much better position to support our profession's political "friends."

WEB-SITE COMMITTEE

Another liaison responsibility, that of Public Affairs, led me to chair a Task Force created to (1) oversee the graphic upgrade of our AIA Michigan Web-Site, and (2) to serve in an advisory capacity

for policies and practices regarding information published on the site. The Task Force includes representatives from our Staff, AIA Michigan, AIA Detroit and the MAF – the three organizations that contribute financially to the Web-Site. Assisted by Skidmore Inc. of Royal Oak, a new site design format has been established. Our web consultant, Mike Mosley, has begun applying the new design to our site which we plan to unveil at the January Leadership Conference.

PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

AIA Michigan's Past-Presidents form our organizations' Presidents' Council. This group is intended to offer insights and guidance from their positions of experience, for the Vice President during that year of planning. Unfortunately, this valuable resource has not been utilized to its full advantage. This year I took the opportunity to make a formal recommendation to the Council that focused on having these leaders broaden their active involvement. I'm pleased to say that the proposal was endorsed and an annual "Opportunities for Involvement" form was developed to annually solicit greater participation by the members of the Presidents' Council. We look forward to their re-invigorated participation.

SUMMARY

In closing, permit me to share my excitement regarding the coming year. We have an opportunity to enhance our visibility in the communities we serve through a vigorous celebration centered around AIA150. Looking longer-range, however, we do have some challenges to overcome. Our membership base will most likely begin to shrink as the "baby-boom" generation moves toward their retirement years. At the same time, the cost of our operations continues to increase, if even at a modest rate. This means that we will need to find new ways to expand our base of support and creatively increase our income. Our

vision is always to increase services and benefits for our members. Finding the financial resources will be tougher than ever.

Having said that, I invite you to participate in AIA150 during 2007. Get active, get involved, and be proud of our role as business and community leaders and advocates.

*DENNIS M. KING, FAIA
2006 Vice President/
2007 President-elect*



Firm News

Hobbs+Black has been selected to perform design/build services for Bell Memorial Hospital Replacement Facility...**McIntosh Poris Associates** took top honors in awards programs sponsored Detroit Home magazine and received an honor award from the AIA Detroit...**Schley Architects** announces the addition of Stephen G. Kellogg to their firm as project architect...**Rossetti** announces the joining of Jan Purcell as an Associate to the firm...**TMP Associates, Inc** announces the promotion of **Eric L. Geiser, AIA** from principal to vice president; Dawn Lyman, CPSM was promoted to Director of Marketing; Michael S. Zenos, promoted from Associate to Senior Associate...**Design Plus, Inc** has moved to the Abram W. Pike House at 230 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-3211, phone 616-458-0875...**Professional Concepts Insurance Agency (PCIA)** announces their new offices and Conference Center at 1127 S. Old US 23, Brighton, MI, 48114, 1-1800-969-4041, www.PCIAonline.com



AIAMI Government Report for 2006:

OVERVIEW:

We had a full year opposing legislation that is harmful to our profession (i.e. Interior Design Licensure) and supporting legislation (i.e. Increased Penalties, Statute of Limitations and Certificate of Merit) beneficial to our cause.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Interior Design Licensure Bill

As was it was in 2005, this was our primary focus throughout the year. House Bills 4262 and 4311 passed House in February and were referred to the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform. Through the efforts of our Lobbyist, Kelley Cawthorne and the committee we were successful in bottling these bill up in Committee where the died. This was a major victory for our profession. Unfortunately, we will have little time to celebrate new legislation will be introduced next year.

Legislative Day in March

We had a marginally successful day at this year's Legislative Day in Lansing. Participation was up from the dismal showing in 2005. Talking points for the day's visits included Certificate of Merit, Increase Penalties for Unlicensed Practice, Interior Design Licensure and Statute of Limitations. 2006 Legislator of the Year recipient, Representative Mark Schauer, kicked off the day with a few kind words. A much greater attendance in needed at the 2007 Legislative Day on March 21st and we urge that you attend. This is your chance to meet face to face with your legislators and voice your concerns.

DMB and the State Contract:

We understand that urged by the passing of HB5656 in 2004 DMB has decided to write a new state contract. A draft is due out soon and we are confident it will me a much fairer contract to design professionals.

Statute of Limitations:

Earlier this year the Michigan Supreme court overturned ten years of case law which limited the statute of limitations on professional malpractice to two years. Instead the Court decided that another statue ruled that extended the statute of limitations period to six years. With the help of Representative Phil LaJoy we introduced HB6437 which, if passed, would overturn the Court's ruling and reinstate the two year limit. Unfortunately, no action was taken by the Legislature this year so we will be re-introducing it in 2007.

Increased Penalties:

Representative Chris Ward sponsored House Bill 5874 which increased penalties for the unauthorized practice of architecture, professional engineering and professional land surveying. Unfortunately, this bill fell victim to the interior design controversy within the Legislature and it died. We will re-introduce this bill early in the 2007.

Certificate of Merit:

Two bills were introduced this year that would require a plaintiff to obtain a certificate of merit prior to filing a malpractice lawsuit against a design professional. House Bill 5948 and Senate Bill 1401 (sponsored by Senator Bruce Patterson) were not passed this session so they will be introduced again next year.

Legislator of the Year Award:

AIAMI will recognize the 2006 Legislator of the year for his support of issues critical to our profession.

Brief look ahead to 2006:

We will continue to oppose the Interior Design Licensure and will re-introduce legislation on Increased Penalties, Certificate of Merit and Statute of Limitations.

KEVIN SHULTIS, AIA AND FRED BUTTERS, AIA
Government Affairs, Co-Chairs

Grapevine

Beth Yorke, AIA has been promoted to Director of Operations for the Education Group at Barton Malow... **James Turissini, AIA** was promoted to vice president of business development at Skanska USA in Southfield... **Tawny Ryan Nelb** has written a new book entitled *Architectural Records, Managing Design and Construction Records*, Architecture and design records are exciting resources for historical research and vital for documenting and maintaining the built environment. Yet their temporal nature often makes them difficult to preserve, and managing collections of these records can be a challenge. In addition to addressing preservation issues, this resource helps archivists, curators, librarians and researchers understand how to assess the value of architectural records. This is available online at <http://www.archivists.org> or look for this title in your local bookstore.





Public Affairs Recap

The following memo summarizes the 2006 public awareness initiatives to date, including media relations activity, AIA 150 Blueprint for America initiative assistance and other initiatives.

MEDIA RELATIONS

2006 Media Placements to Date:

- Comcast Newsmakers interview with Victor Saroki regarding AIA150 Blueprint for America in December 2006, scheduled to air Jan. 15-Jan. 21, 2007)
- “Expanding the design vocabulary, Architecture companies eye overseas markets,” Business Review Western Michigan Inside New Construction focus articles (interview with Robert Daverman, past president of Grand Valley AIA), Nov. 23-29, 2006 issue
- “Building to Suit,” Business Review Western Michigan Inside New Construction focus articles (interview with Dennis King, incoming Michigan AIA president), Nov. 23-29, 2006 issue
- “Natural Connections focuses on building the sustainable way,” article on Natural Connections Summit 2006, MiBiz, Oct. 16, 2006
- “Architects Say It’s a Flat Market,” Ann Arbor Business Review (interviews with Seth Penchansky and Connie Brown), June 29-July 5, 2006 issue
- “Eye of the Beholder: Cranbrook Popular with Architects,” Oakland Business Review architecture focus article, May 11-17 issue
- “AIA Huron Valley Honor Awards,” Washtenaw Livingston Business Review, Feb. 8, 2006
- “Detroit Architecture Guide Launched in Conjunction with Super Bowl,” (interview with Victor Saroki, 2006 AIA Detroit president), WUOM-FM (Michigan Public Radio), Jan. 30, 2006
- “Architectural Firm Brightens Day Care for the Super Bowl,” The Oakland Press, January 22, 2006
- “Detroit Architects Liven up Woodward Ave. for Super Bowl,” (interview with Clift Montague, Kahn Global Services/AIA Detroit member), WXYZ-TV Channel 7, Jan. 20, 2006
- “AIA Detroit Woodward Ave. Windows Project,” WJBK-TV FOX2, (interview with Michael Berlin, TMP Architects), January 12, 2006
- “AIA Detroit Woodward Ave. Windows Project,” WWJ-AM, Jan. 12, 2006
- “Art Opens Window on Detroit,” article on AIA Detroit Windows project, The Detroit News, Jan. 11, 2006
- “AIA Detroit Woodward Ave. Windows Project,” WDIV-TV, Jan. 10 and Jan. 11, 2006

AIA150 BLUEPRINT FOR AMERICA INITIATIVES

ML&CO is participating as part of the committee for the AIA150 Blueprint for America initiative, and will continue to work closely with the committee to develop and execute various campaigns surrounding the initiative.

ML&CO has – and will continue to – participate in activities in support of the initiative statewide, which include but are not limited to:

The writing of the grant application on behalf of AIA Michigan to obtain funding for a booklet that will compile the results of Blueprint initiatives around the state, and be distributed to business and municipal leaders and decision makers, and other stakeholders around the state.

STATUS: Grant application was written and submitted; grant of \$7500 was awarded.

The outline for AIA Detroit’s initiative, which will consist of an issues forum, to identify issues of importance with the

Detroit region, to be followed by a problem solving forum, which will provide solutions to the problem via a charrette or other community visioning session.

STATUS: Outline is completed, was utilized as a template to complete the grant application on behalf of AIA Detroit.

Grant application was written, submitted and awarded.

Letter/invite was distributed to community and municipal leaders to attend the October forum.

ML&CO will work with AIAD to coordinate aspects of the event(s) and activities.

Letter to Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and other local leaders drafted and disseminated requesting a proclamation for architecture week in conjunction with statewide celebration.

STATUS: ML&CO/AIA in the process of following up with area leaders.

Coordinating media relations leading up to, during, and following AIA150 events.

STATUS: ML&CO scheduled a January meeting with John Gallagher of the Detroit Free Press, Dennis King and Victor Saroki to walk Mr. Gallagher through the AIA150 initiative. ML&CO will continue to pursue additional media opportunities and introductions with publications throughout the state, including the Detroit News, Grand Rapids Press, Lansing State Journal, Ann Arbor News, etc.

Drafted article under Dennis King’s byline regarding the building of innovative, sustainable communities to be submitted to area newspapers in early January.

STATUS: ML&CO submitted article to Dennis King for approval; will distribute article to newspapers upon approval.

Draft a masonry article under Dennis King’s byline for The Story Pull.

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STATUS: ML&CO have assigned the story to a freelance writer; will receive a draft of the article in early January, for submittal to Dennis King.

The planning and execution of all activities related to the AIAMI Blueprint for America initiatives, including state and community activities, media relations efforts, and Architecture Week initiatives.

STATUS: ML&CO will work to secure media partnerships and interest and help coordinate additional activities and initiatives.

AIA DETROIT

Neighborhoods by Design Initiative:

The initiative will be comprised of three related forums to discuss and address neighborhood sustainability issues and engage architects, community leaders, business leaders, government officials, student architects and other stakeholders from each community and the region. AIA Detroit will serve as the facilitator for all three forums.

AIA Detroit will then gather and compile the results into a booklet to summarize the initiative and serve as a set of guidelines, complete with additional resources for creating neighborhood sustainability, and distribute to all interested communities throughout southeastern Michigan.

STATUS: First forum set for January 26. Postcard mailed in November.

Follow-up letter and registration materials sent in December by MLC.

ML&CO has drafted a media relations plan surrounding the Neighborhoods by Design initiative.

Will work with AIA Detroit to determine materials needed for follow-up forums.

Will follow up with Alan Cobb regarding fundraising outreach:

ML&CO wrote packet.

Alan Cobb to approach funders.

Upcoming Items:

Follow-up calls to be made by AIA Detroit members in early January to select municipal leaders

ML&CO will work with AIA to develop packets for event for participants, which will include:

Communities by Design booklet

150 summary (Celebrating the Past ...)

Event agenda

One-page backgrounder

Calendar

Bios of Deans of Schools of Architecture

List of participants (bring to event for check in)

ML&CO will continue to contact and follow up with media to secure their attendance at the event, as well as follow-up and advance stories.

AIA FLINT

AIA Flint Partnership for Community Service

INITIATIVE:

Produce a cooperative master plan for the Whaley Children's Center and surrounding neighborhood, including a prototype building that can be constructed at low cost by volunteer labor and fulfill similar housing needs elsewhere. The residents of the center require 24-hour supervision and therapeutic services in a residential setting. The current center is too small and the surrounding community suffers from myriad socioeconomic challenges.

STATUS: Launch of Initiative is underway

ML&CO re-contacting WJRT-TV and The Flint Journal

ML&CO to review with chapter and Jeff Ferweda

AIA SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN

Continue the Momentum and Build a Vision – A Community Design Charrette for the City of Albion, MI

INITIATIVE: The "Continue the Momentum & Solidify the Vision – A

Community Design Charrette for the City of Albion, Michigan" will lay a foundation for discussion based on the Principles for Livable Communities. The Charette process will also aim to construct a decisions filter for the community to use in the future. At the Charette's conclusion, a summary slide presentation will be given as a gift to the community.

STATUS AND UPCOMING ITEMS:

ML&CO has been in contact with chapter on initiative

ML&CO wrote press release and sent to Sara Temple; MLC will follow up

AIA GRAND VALLEY

West Michigan Regional Urban Design Charrettes: An AIA Grand Valley AIA Blueprint Initiative

INITIATIVE:

AIA Grand Valley (AIAGV), in partnership with the West Michigan Strategic Alliance, produced the West Michigan Regional Urban Design Charrette. This partnership will again co-host multi-jurisdictional charrettes.

STATUS AND UPCOMING ITEMS:

Chapter launched event in October

Currently, chapter is accepting RFPs for charette

ML&CO will draft and distribute a press release on the RFP winners once they have been decided.

AIA HURON VALLEY

Ann Arbor Livability 101

INITIATIVE:

AIA Huron Valley will hold a number of informative and educational seminars to promote the AIA's 10 Principles for Livable Communities. It will also create a booklet that will provide developers and the community with the tools necessary to understand and incorporate the livability concepts that are fundamental to a sustainable Ann Arbor.

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AIA UPPER PENINSULA

STATUS AND UPCOMING ITEMS:

ML&CO has reached out to Fran Rutz

ML&CO will re-connect with chapter to write press release and assist with promoting initiative

OTHER INITIATIVES

Place Magazine

ML&CO has been working with the AIAMI Place Magazine committee on the editorial content and direction of the magazine. ML&CO assisted with the editing process for the first and second editions of Place Magazine, and will work closely with the committee to develop and craft editorial content for future issues as well.

STATUS: ML&CO completed the editing of the second edition, the directory issue, and wrote and submitted the article 'Client Perspectives on Working with Architects.'

Guides to Architecture

Detroit – ML&CO has assisted in placing over 20,000 copies of the AIA Detroit Guide to Architecture brochures, and will continue to identify additional locations for distribution; future distribution will include to schools of architecture and during AIA150 celebrations and events in 2006 and 2007.

Port Huron – ML&CO has been in contact with Port Huron regarding developing a guide to the city's historical architecture, and will assist the chapter with editing and project development. The city celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2007; the launch of the guide could tie in to the AIA 150 celebrations.

2007 Media Relations Plan

The attached 2007 media relations plan developed by ML&CO on behalf of AIA has been reviewed and approved by the AIA Michigan board; ML&CO looks forward to working closely with AIA on these and other initiatives in 2007.

Opportunities

State encourages proposals from Michigan architectural and engineering firms

The State of Michigan is Open for Business with Michigan-based companies such as yours. With its "Buy Michigan First" initiative, the Department of Management and Budget (DMB) is carrying out Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's directive to give preference to Michigan-based companies.

"We encourage Michigan firms to review our open projects and submit competitive proposals," said DMB Director Lisa Webb Sharpe. "These projects range from replacing roofs and remodeling offices to constructing new buildings."

You can find the information you need at www.michigan.gov/BuyMichiganFirst By following the "Doing Business with the State," "Bids and Proposals" and "Building and Construction" links on the left of these pages, you can:

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- Locate the Professional Services Minor Project Questionnaire – your first step in the proposal process
- Find open projects under “Advertisement for Professional Services”

Companies that receive contracts work with DMB’s Design and Construction Division. These staff members oversee the design, construction and renovation of nearly all State buildings.

To make it easier for architectural and engineering companies to do business with Michigan, Design and Construction staff are revising DMB’s professional services contract and its Small-Project General Conditions for Construction document – commonly known as the “short form.” Proposed professional services contract changes include a new section of common tasks that will help streamline contract terms. Changes to the short form will help align it with the

MICH Spec model for construction contracts. DMB hopes to have the documents ready to use by the end of 2007.

Design and Construction Division staff welcome your input on these revisions and the division’s projects. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Irene Jackson Henry, RA, NCARB, at (517) 241-3133, or Bob Hall, RA, NCARB, at (517) 335-1482.

This year the **2007 Upper Peninsula History Conference** is visiting Ontonagon June 22-24, 2007. This is the first time in over 55 years of UP conferences that HSM will be visiting this historic Michigan city. Join in for a wonderful adventure along the shores of Lake Superior!



AIA National Report

“...The fact is that we can no longer afford a system that discards cities and towns and the people who live in them. We can no longer afford a system that encourages waste, sprawl, neglect, and destruction. We can no longer afford a system that consumes our resources faster than we can replenish them ... The architect today, and the Institute he [sic] directs, must now, I believe, plunge actively into political life, enlist allies, swing votes, mobilize community action, and take positions on issues that were once thought to be outside our rightful area of concern.”

–Detroitter and past AIA President, –Robert F. Hastings. 1969

This quote from the past is our future. 2006 has been a year in which AIA National has committed itself to an aggressive agenda which will include politics, sustainability and a new focus on the architect as a member of a professional community. In 2007, the board adopted new public policies, a new strategic plan and a new mission statement:

Mission

The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architectural profession and the resource for its members in service to society.

The 2007 agenda is committed to increasing member value, becoming the authoritative source for knowledge about the practice and profession of architecture, serving as the credible voice for quality and sustainable design and optimizing organizational performance.

The new EVP/CEO of the Institute, Christine McEntee has taken charge of refocusing and strengthening the Institute. Among her accomplishments in 2006 are:

- Membership nearing 80,000; and an increase in member service response times to questions
- Strong Institute financial health
- Relaunch of AIArchitect – opening and reading rate from 61% to 74%
- Convention – 25,000; Podcasts – 40,000 downloads
- Advocacy - Katrina recovery, Mayors Institute adoption of the AIA challenge to reduce the fossil fuel in buildings and greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, 105 state legislative victories
- Support for emerging professionals – teaching firms, practice academy pilots
- Public/Media relations – 2,972 to 5,295 “According to the AIA” program

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- Review of AIA Advangage programs
- Publication of regular management reports.

Christine McEntee brings a new, open and transparent management style to the Institute as we begin the celebration of our 150th anniversary.

Detroit, Diane Van Buren Jones was elected in September as the next AIA Public Director. The program director for the Nonprofit Facilities Center, which is a joint program of United Way Community Services of Southeastern Michigan and the Nonprofit Finance Fund, Diane brings her expertise in administration, fundraising as well as her passion and commitment to sustainability to the board. Diane is known to many Detroit architects through her energetic support of their projects with nonprofits through planning grants, workshops, and charrettes on renewable energy systems.

Fundraising for AIA150 is on track and the institute is continuing to get commitments, from firms and private individuals. AIA150 projects can be seen on line. AIA is working on a link to Google Earth which will allow all AIA 150 events as well as the best 150 buildings to be found online by location.

Actions taken at the meeting of the AIA Board of Directors on December 6, 2006:

- Selection of Gold Medal Award to Edward Larrabee Barnes and Firm of the Year Award to Leer Wienzapfel
- Review and approval of the 2007 operating expenses and budget and a new policy for the end of year funding surpluses to reserves, scholarships and research.

- Reports on global initiatives, EKnowledge and sustainability
- Distribution of the Mayor's toolkit for cities which can be found online at: http://www.aia.org/static/state_local_resources/adv_sustainability/

Report on Contract Documents:

Highlights include new numbering systems, new platforms and new products which will include major revisions as well as small, medium and large versions for practitioners. The contract committee is looking at new documents for design build practices, service contracts for sustainability design, international design and integrated practice as well as digital practices.

Motion Approved:

- The Board of Directors endorses management's response to Convention Resolution
- 06-01, titled "Full Function Electronic Documents for All Firms, Small and Large."
- The new International director has surveyed our overseas members and the results show how important AIA is as a leader in global architectural practice, policies, codes and education
- An International Report on offshoring highlighted critical issues which will be explored in the next years as to new practice methodologies
- Report by Architectural Record and new services to be offered to members.

*CELESTE NOVAK, AIA
AIA Michigan Regional Director*



Organization Links

Check these links for current calendar of events

<http://ww2.esd.org/calendar/eventresults.aspx>
<http://ww2.esd.org/calendar/eventresults.asp>

AIA Michigan, AIA Detroit and Michigan Architectural Foundation
<http://www.aiami.com/calendar/calendar.htm>

Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD)
<http://ww2.esd.org/calendar/eventresults.asp>

Michigan Chapter AGC and AGC Greater Detroit Chapter Calendar
<http://www.mi.agc.org> - now known as Michigan Association of Constructors (MAC)

Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) <http://www.michiganspe.org/mspechapcal.htm>

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACECM)
<http://www.acecmi.org/Calander.asp?id=71&dev>

MIOSHA- Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration
www.michigan.gov/miosha

SMPS Upcoming Events
<http://www.smps-mi.org>

Quick Links

Architectural University Lecture Series
Andrews University – www.arch.andrews.edu for more information.

Lawrence Technological University – visit www.ltu.edu for more information

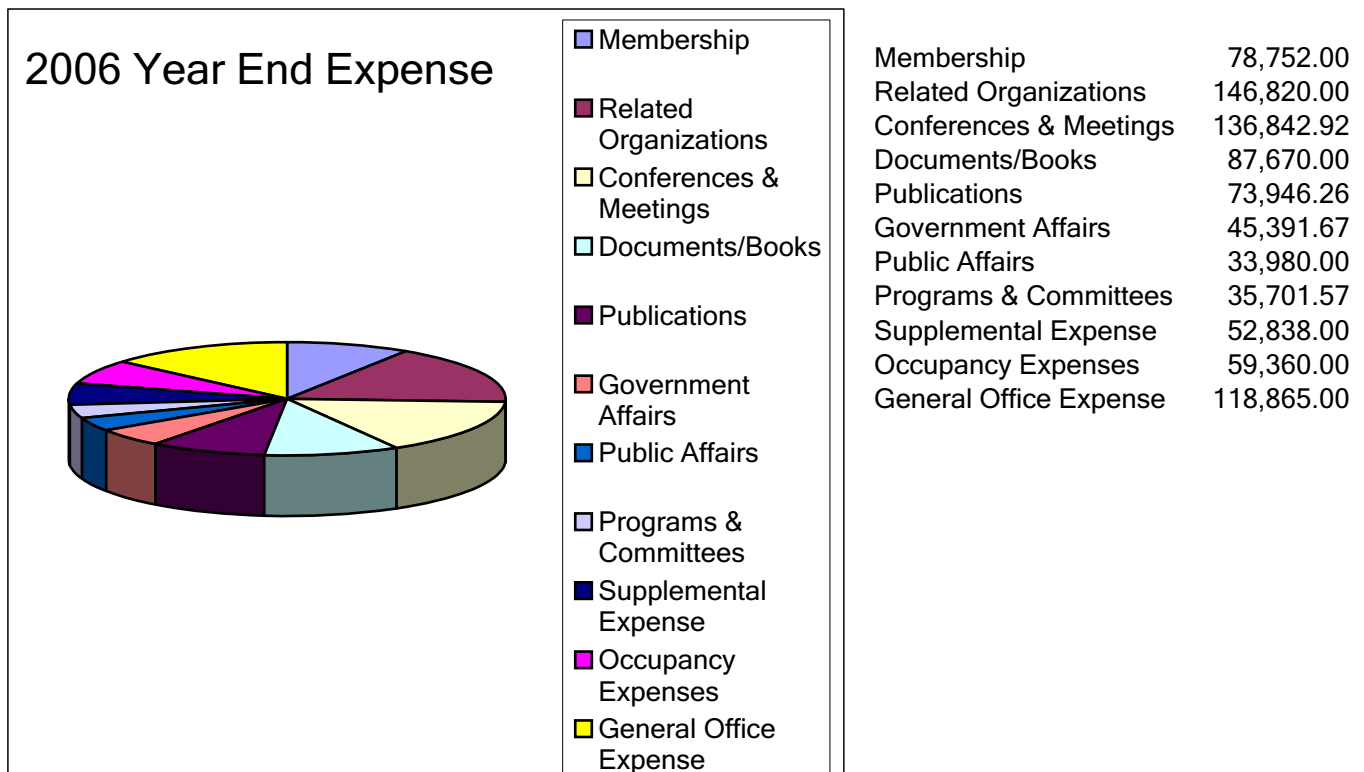
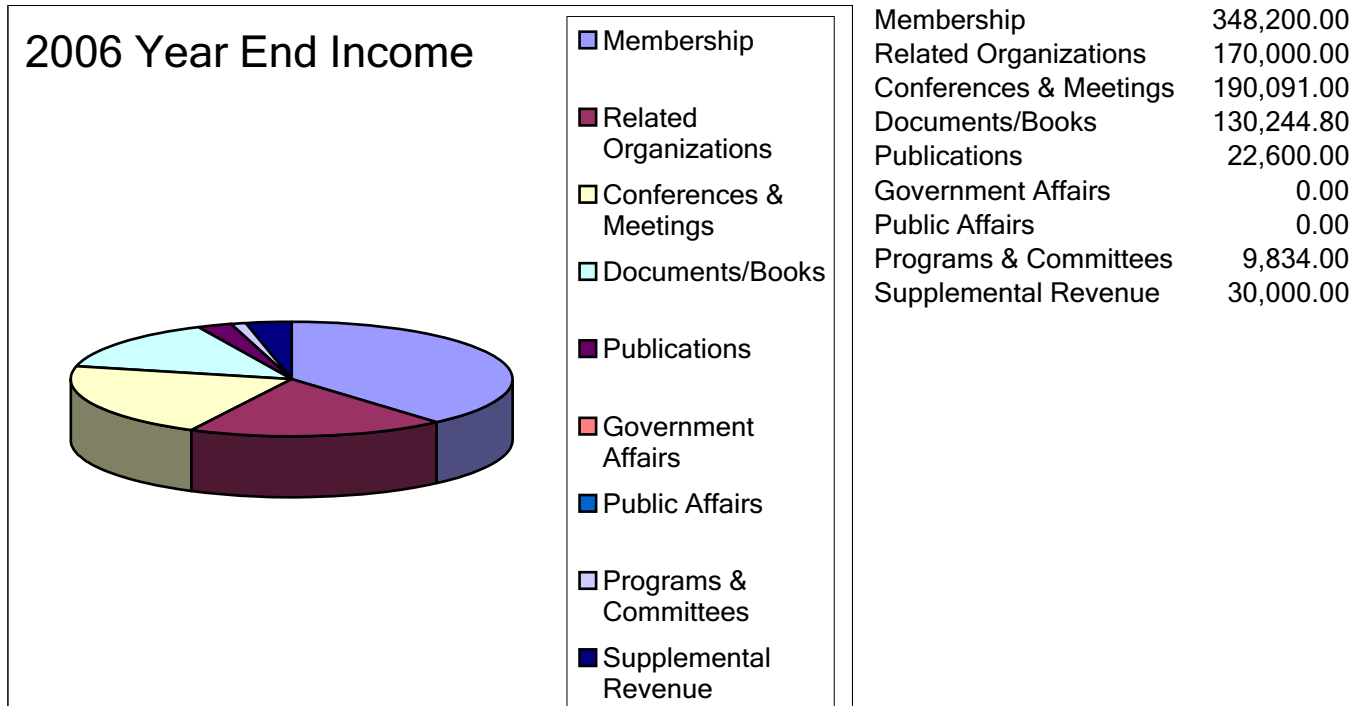
University of Detroit/Mercy – www.arch.udmercy.edu for more information

University of Michigan – visit <http://www.tcaup.umich.edu> for more information.



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2006 YEAR END PROJECTIONS





Upcoming Events and Activities

(For more information go to www.aiami.com and click on the calendar.)

- January 26** AIADetroit Issues Forum
AIA150/LTU
- February 7-10** . . . AIA Grassroots, Washington, D.C.
- February 9** Accent on Architecture
- February 7-8** Design & Construction Expo CAM,
Novi Expo
- February 7** Expo 150 Reception for AIA
- February 23-25** . . . AIA Detroit 150 Charette with
LTU/UDM at UDM
- February 24** ACEC/M Awards/Soaring Eagle, Mt.
Pleasant
- March 8-9** Health Facilities Conference, Amway
Grand Hotel, Grand Rapids
- March 20** Legislative Day & Board of Directors
Meeting
- March 23** AIA Detroit 150 2nd Forum at LTU
- April 9 -14** Architecture Week 150
- April 20** AIA Michigan Honor Awards,
St. Johns Conference Center
150 Celebration
- April 21** Seminar Topic: Millennium Park,
Chicago with Edward Uhlir, FAIA
Brunch, St. Johns Conference
Center
- May 3-5** AIA National Convention, San
Antonio (150)
- May 3** AIAMichigan/LTU/UDM/UM
Reception Hotel Contessa, San
Antonio
- May 10** Masonry Institute of Michigan
Awards, Laurel Park
- May 17** AIAMI ExCom/Mid Year Strategy
Meeting Whaley House Flint
- June 7-9** MSPE Annual Meeting, Boyne Mt.,
Boyne Falls
- June 21** AIA Michigan Board of Directors
Brook Lodge, Augusta
- July 16-18** MSAE (MI Society of Assn.
Executives) Convention
Frankenmuth
- August 9-11** CACE Annual Meeting, New York
City
- August 9-11** Mid Summer Conference, Grand
Hotel, Mackinac Island
- August 9** AIAMI ExCom 10 a.m. AIA MI Board
of Directors
- August 10** AIA MI Annual Business Meeting
- September 7-8** . . . Design Conference, Camp
Hayo-Wenta Ha
- September 19** Municipal Facilities Conference,
Warren
- September 20** LTU Alumni Event – 150
- October 11-12** . . . Educational Facilities Conference,
Grand Traverse Resort, Acme
- October 18** AIA Michigan Board of Directors
12 Noon, UM.
- October TBD** LTU Solar Event
- November 2-3** AIA Michigan ExCom Retreat, Glen
Arbor (UM at MSU) Long Range
Planning
- November 16** Detroit Awards, DAC
- December 13** AIA Michigan Board of Directors
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