Happy New Year!

Like so many architects, I am an unabashed optimist - often crossing over the line to Pollyanna-ism - and I am very optimistic about this year and the profession we all love.

I intend this year to be one of being more inclusive and more collaborative - with our members, our partners in the built environment and in the broader communities beyond. AIA Michigan will be part of the important changes happening in our communities by LEADING - using our knowledge and leadership skills to advocate for things such as clean energy, healthy living and livable communities, and by TAKING PART - joining in the relevant and vital things already going on in our communities such as design thinking, performance art, urban farms, and place-making. We will be talking about this next Friday and Saturday at our annual Leadership Retreat in Ann Arbor where the Leadership from all over the state comes together to learn, share and connect.

Through the year, I am planning on visiting all ten of our chapters and connecting with the members. While in your communities, my goal is to spend a little time together participating in a service project. It helps out good causes, provides great networking and fun, shows our communities our altruistic side and makes for good PR! I will be in touch through your local President and your Michigan Director(s) and am looking forward to spending that time with all of you!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank Victor Saroki for his leadership and friendship in 2012. I am thankful that there is a past president role on our AIA Michigan board as I'm sure I'll be depending on his advice and guidance through this year.

Cheers!
Happy New Year! I wish all of you the best this new year and I am looking forward to our events and initiatives and meeting new members.

The AIA Michigan Leadership Retreat is just around the corner and I am looking forward to this positive event as our first of the year. I hope to see old friends and new members in attendance and I am eagerly anticipating the meetings and the speakers we have scheduled.

One of my new objectives for the year is to help all of the AIA Michigan chapters with their needs and questions by developing a stronger, more effective rapport. I hope that all of you in chapters across the state feel free to contact me anytime and that you will come forward with your needs from AIA Michigan so that we can find solutions together. I know this goal will take time to gain momentum but I look forward to developing our state and local relations over the coming months.

Just a reminder! Event dates have been released for the AIA Michigan Honor Awards (June 14th in Ann Arbor) and the Health Facilities Planning Seminar (March 7-8th in Grand Rapids) and that you can now register for Health Facilities online!

Please take a moment to answer this month's poll question at the top left of this newsletter.

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THE GRAPEVINE

- M3 Architects, firm of Matthew Bastos, AIA, has moved to 261 E. Kalamazoo, Suite L300, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. The office phone number is 269.352.2988, the website is www.m3arch.com, and Matthew can be reached at matt@m3arch.com.
- Wold Architects and Engineers has moved to 333 West 7th Street, Suite 320, Royal Oak, Michigan 48067. The office number remains 248.284.0611.
- Kurt R. Fogelsonger, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, has been named President and Chief Executive Office of Wigen Tincknell Meyer & Associates in Saginaw.
- Douglas W. Kueffner, AIA, is the new Chairman of the Board at Wigen Tincknell Meyer & Associates in Saginaw.
Welcome AIA Michigan’s 2012 Members

AIA Michigan welcomes the new members who joined between January 2012 and November 2012. We look forward to meeting you at future events!

* Jason M. Andre, Associate AIA * Tony J. Arini, Associate AIA * Christopher J. Baer, Associate AIA * Michael R. Bandkau, Associate AIA * Angela S. Bates, Associate AIA * Justin J. Bialek, AIA * Jake T. Bilinski, Associate AIA * Christopher M. Bohinski, AIA * Amber Brewster, Associate AIA * Steven R. Brown, Associate AIA * Philip J. Brown, Associate AIA * Joshua R. Budiongan, Associate AIA * Shayna Cary, Associate AIA * Rocco A. Castiglione, Associate AIA * Benjamin A. Castiglione, Associate AIA * Marc A. Chamberlin, AIA * Christopher Christian, AIA * Marcus S. Colonna, AIA * Bryan L. Cook, Associate AIA * Andrew Daley, Associate AIA * Richard W. De Boer, Associate AIA * Justen J. Dippel, Associate AIA * Kimberly N. Dokes, AIA * Brandon C. Friske, Associate AIA * Frank N. Frost, Associate AIA * Sonja Gale, Associate AIA * Megan E. Gelazus, Associate AIA * Andriana G. Georgieva, Associate AIA * Matthew Gerard, Associate AIA * David M. Giroux, AIA * Jamie L. Goforth, Associate AIA * Kyle W. Gonzalez, Associate AIA * Janice Grant-Baum, Associate AIA * Jessica M. Green, Associate AIA * Benjamin J. Guettler, Associate AIA * Daniel J. Gwozdz, Associate AIA * Matthew D. Haenlein, Associate AIA * Darius A. Horton, Associate AIA * Jonathon Jackson, Associate AIA * Kevin S. Jacot, Associate AIA * Robert J. Jess, Associate AIA * Michael S. Kirchner, AIA * Kevin W. Kirk, Associate AIA * Zachary C. Klima, Associate AIA * Anthony M. Kraatz, AIA * Mary C. Lancaster, Associate AIA * Alan E. LaTour, Associate AIA * Joyce S. Lee, FAIA * Christopher A. Lentine, AIA * Laura L. LeVasseur, Associate AIA * Matthew J. MacDougall, AIA * Eric D. Marcero, Associate AIA * Lydia G. Marsh, Associate AIA * Zachary S. Massad, Associate AIA * Omar Matti, Associate AIA * Vincent J. Mattina, Associate AIA * Azher Matty, Associate AIA * Drew J. McNamara, Associate AIA * Amy L. McNamara, Associate AIA * Jaclyn J.P. Melfi, Associate AIA * Jeffrey Francis Minor, Associate AIA * Hannah H. Moeller, Associate AIA * Kurtis K. Moosner, Associate AIA * Robert E. Murray, Associate AIA * Lauren R. Myrand, Associate AIA * Matthew L. Nelson, Associate AIA * Amanda Webb Nichols, Associate AIA * Maxwell W. Nykerk, Associate AIA * Jennifer O'Donnell, Associate AIA * Michelle B. Overley, Associate AIA * Monica Ponce de Leon, Associate AIA * Shannon E. Power, Associate AIA * Thomas J. Pustulka, AIA * Benjamin P. Rambadt, Associate AIA * Sneha Rasal, Associate AIA * Dana Glenn Richardson, AIA * Ellen M. Rotter, Associate AIA * Alexander Y. Saroki, Associate AIA * Benjamin L. Scholten, Associate AIA * Mark A. Schovers, Associate AIA * Emily R. Scrimger, Associate AIA * Joseph S. Shadik, Associate AIA * Scott G. Shall, AIA * Matt D. Showalter, Associate AIA * Katerina L. Smart, Associate AIA * Timothy A. Spitzley, AIA * James C. Stevens, AIA * Christopher P. Theisen, Associate AIA * Crystal Tocco, Associate AIA * Shannon Ashley Trumley, Associate AIA * David Valdes, Associate AIA * U. Sean Vance, AIA * Elvana Vila, Associate AIA * Xinyun Wang, Associate AIA * Wendi M. Welbes, Associate AIA * Anna Whiteside, Associate AIA * Justin F. Weber, AIA * Ashley R. Wilkins, Associate AIA * Carrie R. Wilson, AIA * Brian R. Wisniewski, Associate AIA * Ying Xiao, Associate AIA * Kaitlynn K. Young, Associate AIA * Yousif T. Yousif, Associate AIA * Hassan Zayat, Associate AIA * Jinxiu Zhang, Associate AIA *


Balthazar Korab, Honorary Affiliate of AIA Michigan, spent his career breathing life into architecture and the built environment. A native of Hungary, the architect-turned-photographer and long-time Troy, MI resident was known for his stunning images and the breadth and depth of his work's influence.
From Europe to the United States, from Le Corbusier to Eero Saarinen to Minoru Yamaskai, Korab learned from and worked with visionaries of modern design. A visionary in his own right, Korab's work has been the subject of many publications and his work has been featured in many more. (Just look at this web search to see numerous contributions to literature Korab has made, and these are only the books currently in print!)

AIA Michigan created the Balthazar Korab Award in 2012 and Korab himself was the first recipient in March of 2012. The Korab Award may be given each year in recognition of an individual's significant effort and contribution to Architecture and/or the Arts. Although Balthazar Korab was undeniably a unique genius, we know his work has inspired generations of architects, photographers and artists and we look forward to seeing the far-reaching effects of his exceptional talent and influence.

To read more about Korab and view slideshows of his life and work, please refer to the following: Architectural Record article; Detroit Free Press article; Architizer article; personal tribute article by John Gallagher.

Korab is survived by his dedicated wife, Monica. No memorial information has been released at this time but we will update you as soon as this information becomes available.

**Sustainable Design Credit Requirement Terminated**

From AIA National CES: "Recognizing that sustainable design practices have become a mainstream design intention in the architectural community, the Board of Directors has voted to allow the sustainable design education requirement to sunset at the end of calendar year 2012. AIA members will no longer need to complete the sustainable design requirement to fulfill their AIA continuing education. For 2013, AIA members are required to satisfy a minimum of 18 LUs per year. Of this total, 12 must meet the Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) criteria."

For more information, click here.

**AIA Michigan 2013 Honor Awards Call for Entries**

All members of AIA Michigan are invited to submit their best work for consideration in a juried design awards program. This prestigious competition has, for over 47 years, sought to honor and embrace the creativity, diversity and architectural excellence of Michigan architects. Members are encouraged to nominate individuals whose accomplishments have helped to foster healthy, safe and sustainable communities through good design.

Specific instructions will be forwarded to all entrants immediately after registration is submitted. Refer to the registration form for fees. All submissions and nominations must be received by January 31, 2013. Entry fee includes one plaque per award recipient. Additional plaques will be available for a fee.

- January 31, 2013: All submittals due - no extension
- February/March 2013: Notification to winners
- June 14, 2013: Honor Awards Ceremony

Call for Entries Form is now available online-click Here.
Save the Dates

Clear your calendar! Check out the links below for more information about these highly anticipated events and make sure to consult the full calendar on our website so you don't miss out on networking opportunities and celebrations across the state:

AIA Michigan Health Facilities Seminar: March 7-8, 2013, Grand Rapids

2012 Upcoming Events and Calendar - Check Website for updates.

WEBSITE CALENDAR
Follow the link for all of the calendar items.

Architectural University Lecture Series

Andrews University
Lawrence Technological University
University of Detroit/Mercy
University of Michigan

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Engineering Society of Detroit (ESD)
AGC of Michigan Calendar
Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE)
American Council of Engineering Companies (ACECM)
MIOSHA- Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration
SMPS Upcoming Events
Department of Environmental Quality
National Preservation Institute Seminars
Michigan Design Center