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Monthly Poll Question:

What would you like to see at Annual Meeting Day 2013?

As always, we want to know how we can serve our members more effectively, so please tell us what you do and don't like about AIA Michigan's services here.

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President's Message:

Dearest Members,

September has been a wonderful month of celebrating design and exploring the place of an architect in placemaking so to speak. Starting off the month, I was privileged to be part of a panel discussion at LTU where the LTU-AIAS screened the documentary *Archiculture*. The film is about the unique teaching methodology of studio-based design education, told from the perspective of a group of students, interspersed with dialog from leading professionals, historians and educators. Dean Glen LeRoy led our panel in a discussion with a group of students on topics such as how well our schools prepare architects for the profession and how design education can lead to diverse career paths.

The next night, AIA Michigan joined AIA Grand Rapids at the Kendall College of Art and Design for a wonderful evening talking about Federal Courthouse transformation. Ron Bogle, president and CEO of the American Architectural Foundation and Bob Theel, chief architect of GSA Region 5 presented along with several of our Michigan members. Joyce Lee, FAIA who organized the event, presented a very similar courthouse-to-school transformation in Hong Kong.

AIA Michigan formally began exploring its new connection with the Sense of Place (SOP) council. Cathy and I met with representatives from the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and MSHDA to understand its history and purpose. We are planning another meeting to talk more in depth about the Green Health Conference and how we can partner with the SOP council. I attended my first SOP council meeting last Friday and it is fascinating and eye opening to see the diverse members of the council - planners, realtors, representatives from MSHDA, MEDC, MDOT, MDEQ, the Land Policy Institute and Michigan Environmental Council, to name a few - and how they look at placemaking and how they perceive the architect's role which is in some cases, as you might surmise, very different than how we look at our role.

I attended the AIA Detroit Celebration of Architecture at the Eastern Market, which had a record turnout, and included great attendance from the general public. For those of you

that stuck around for the fashion show which was part of the Detroit Design Festival, you got to see our own Christine Lovstrom in a hairdo you shouldn't try at home!
The Design Retreat was especially great this year with plenty of stories from the presenters and we all went home inspired and with a fresh perspective on our work.

You all should have received the emails regarding proposed bylaw amendments which I hope you will review and arrive ready to discuss the proposed changes at the Annual Meeting.

In closing, as you may know, AIA Michigan is searching for a Public Policy Director and has received numerous resumes which the search committee is currently reviewing. Soon, we hope to have that person on board and helping Cathy, Evelyn and Christine in strengthening our public engagement. With initiatives such as this new addition to our staff and our new role on the SOP council, AIA Michigan is becoming a broader organization, reaching out, engaging the public, joining relevant coalitions, and adding value to what is happening in our communities. In this way, we demonstrate - with actions - the strengths that architects bring and the value of having us involved.

Sincerely,

Tamara E. L.Burns, AIA

Executive Director's Message:

Happy end-of-September everyone!

I had a wonderful time at Design Retreat again this year and the program went very well thanks to our awesome speakers and our generous sponsors. Thank you all who attended and we look forward to having even more of you at the 25th anniversary celebration of Design Retreat in 2014!

I have included a few photos from this year's event below:

The team from Rossetti presented their international stadium project in the Kresge Lodge.

Paul Stachowiak, AIA, gave the Saturday Night Keynote Presentation on Working with "Starchitects"

Attendees were toasty-warm from the bonfire and good company on Saturday night!

We have two events coming up in October: the A.R.E. Weekend Seminar and the AIA Michigan Annual Meeting Day. Both will be educational and fun! The A.R.E. Seminar will prepare licensure hopefuls for the rigorous exams and those of you who fall into the "Intern Architect" category are encouraged to check out the event page and contact christine@aiami.com with any questions. The Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Michigan Jack Roth Stadium in Ann Arbor and I am looking forward to the tour sites, the speakers and the chance to meet new members and catch-up with long-time members as well.
Please check the website for the tour schedule. Remember that the Annual Meeting portion of the event as well as the reception is free to all members so I hope you will join us in Ann Arbor on the 25th.

I hope you are all having a productive month and I will see you in October!

Chapter Focus: AIA Southwest Michigan

The AIA Southwest Michigan chapter is an active chapter that encompasses a sizeable geographic footprint and a membership with diverse career paths. This year the chapter is focused on developing joint programs with other local organizations, including the Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum, USGBC, and NAWIC.

The Southwest Chapter has also hosted a number of tours this year, including: Consort Display, Pine Creek Reservation, Superior Precast, Landscape Forms, and WMU Legacy Collections.

The AIA Southwest Michigan Annual CEU Marathon Day just occurred on Friday, September 27th. This is a joint event with USGBC and each year anyone is welcome to attend!

The chapter will close out the year with its Annual Design Awards on Wednesday, November 6th. This even will feature a unique movie production and take-home book!

Meet your AIA Michigan Board Member from the Southwest Michigan Chapter:

Norman Hamann, Jr. AIA, LEED AP is the President of Diekema Hamann Architecture and Engineering in Kalamazoo, MI. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Norm has led Diekema Hamann in the design of educational facilities and historic renovations for over 20 years. In 2004, he received the Governor's Historic Preservation Award for Diekema Hamann's renovation of Escanaba Middle School. Currently, Norm is working on Western Michigan University's School of Medicine as the Partner-in-Charge for Diekema Hamann. This inaugural facility will be home to a pioneering class of students, faculty, and staff and will remain relevant to the future generations that will follow in their footsteps. Norm is involved in Michigan's Preservation Network, Rotary Club of Kalamazoo, and serves on AIA Michigan's Board. This fall you will find him supporting Michigan Football with his wife Kate and their two children.

The Grapevine

- The **Detroit Ceramic Tile Contractors Association** held their first Scholarship Golf Outing on July 30th at Lyon Oaks Golf Club in Wixom, MI. The field of over 80 golfers enjoyed wonderful weather, masterful golf and a great dinner following the round. Joining the group for dinner was **Dean Will Wittig, AIA** of U of D Mercy and Howard Davis, Director, Corporate and Foundation Relations from Lawrence Tech. A portion of the proceeds of the event were donated to the scholarship funds at **U of D Mercy School of Architecture** and **Lawrence Tech University School of Architecture** in the amount of $1000 to each school.
- **Damian Farrell Design Group** has moved to 359 Metty Drive, Suite 4, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.
- **Nicholas McGee, AIA** has retired and can now be reached at nwmcgee@comcast.net.
- **Rossetti** has moved to Detroit and is now located to 160 Fort Street, Suite 400.
- **Victor Saroki, FAIA** is celebrating the 30th birthday of his firm, **Victor Saroki & Associates Architects**, and has officially changed the firm name to: **Saroki Architecture**. Congratulations, Victor!

Society of Architectural Historians "Study Day" in Columbus, Indiana

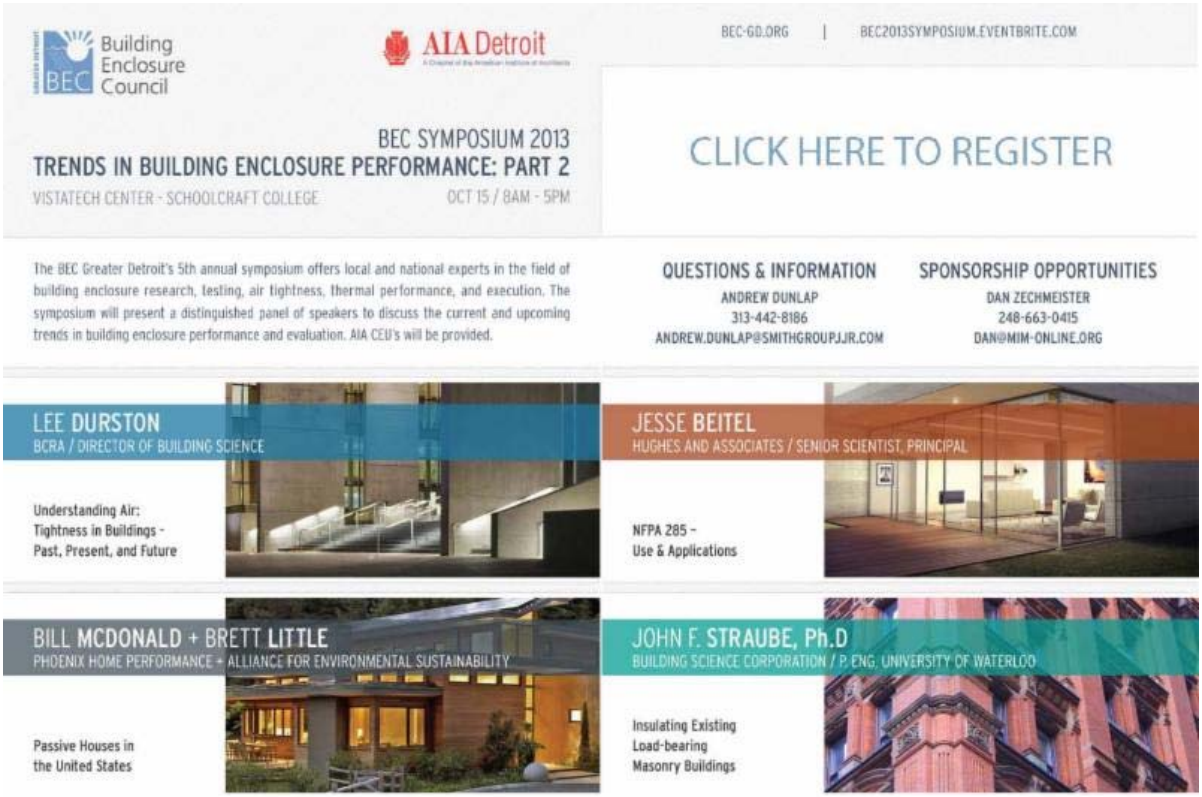
SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIANS

The Society of Architectural Historians has extended an invitation to the AIA to attend a "Study Tour" on October 4th. The tour will feature several important sites in Columbus, Indiana and attendees will earn 6 HSW credit hours.

Tour sites will include the Miller House and Garden, which combines the design genius of Eero Saarinen, Dan Kiley, and Alexander Girard, as well as two sites not open to the public - the recently restored Irwin Union Bank by Eero Saarinen and the Cummins headquarters by Kevin Roche. Also included are works by world-renowned architects I. M. Pei, Eliel Saarinen, Gunnar Birkerts, Myron Goldsmith, Edward Bassett, Ralph Johnson, and Fred Koetter, as well as landscape designs by Dan Kiley, Jack Curtis, and Michael Van Valkenburgh.

For more information and to register, click here.

BEC Symposium 2013 on October 15th!



For more information about the BEC, click here. To registser, click here.

A.R.E Weekend Seminar: Oct 19 and 20th at LTU!

AIA Michigan Annual Meeting Day: October 25th in Ann Arbor!

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ANNUAL MEETING DAY

October 25th 2013

9:00am - 9:30am **Registration - Enter Michigan Stadium at the North Gate (E. Keech Ave.)**

9:40am - Noon **Tour of Athletic Facilities**

A walking tour of the athletic facilities presented by an AIA member part of the design team for each project. Approximately two hours of walking, about 1.25 miles long. Tentative Destinations:

Ray Fisher Stadium
Grandstands by SmithGroupJJR

Yost Ice Arena
Renovation by Rossetti

Glick Fieldhouse
TMP/JLP

Schembechler Hall
Integrated Architecture
Addition in Progress

Crisler Center
Renovations by TMP/Sink Combs Dethlefs

Michigan Stadium Locker rooms
Rossetti

Michigan Stadium Field/Skyboxes
HNTB

Noon-12:45pm **Lunch**

Located in the center section of the Stadium Club Level.

1:00pm - 2:00pm **REBRANDED! Understanding Ethics for the Design Professional**

Mike Cosgrove, Professional Concepts Insurance Agency
Randy Lewis, XL Design Professional Insurance
Craig Thompson, Sullivan Ward Asher & Patton, PC

This workshop helps A/Es understand the topic of ethics as it relates to the design professions. Participants will define ethical behavior, review professional association ethical canons, explore models for ethical decision making and develop strategies for ethical responsiveness. This workshop includes a case study workshop, materials from professional associations and an excerpt from the Contract Guide.

2:15pm - 3:15pm **Building a Better Michigan Through Placemaking**

Jeffrey T. Gaines AIA, AICP, LEED AP BD+C, Senior Associate, Director of Sustainability and Urban Planning; Albert Kahn Family of Companies

People choose to settle in places that offer the amenities, social and professional networks, resources and opportunities to support thriving lifestyles. Michigan can attract and retain talent – especially young, knowledge-based talent – by focusing on how best to utilize our regional communities' unique placemaking assets. Our job begins by working together to create, improve and maintain quality places across Michigan that will help us reimagine our State for the 21st century.

3:30pm - 4:15pm **Annual Meeting and Afternoon Address**

Attend to hear reports from the AIA Michigan President, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Director and to vote on proposed bylaws amendments.Weston Lounge located on Club Level.

4:15pm - 5:00pm **Closing keynote**

William C. Martin, former University of Michigan Athletic Director

A reflection on his half century working with architects as he oversaw the design and construction of over a dozen athletic facilities, and with Jiirst Martin Corporation, the

development company he founded in 1968, which has restored many more landmark buildings, all contributing to a lifetime of owner/architect relationships.

5:00pm - 6:00pm **Reception**

Upcoming Events

- October 19-20, 2013: ARE Weekend Seminar, LTU
- October 25, 2013: AIA Michigan Annual Meeting Day, Ann Arbor

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Is there an event or project you want to share with the AIA Michigan Membership?
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