

AIA Michigan Monday Minutes

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Happy Monday!

I hope everyone is having a great Monday and that you are looking forward to our great upcoming programs!

The **Leadership Retreat** begins this Friday, the 31st, so please email [Evelyn](#) if you have any questions. Friday also marks the deadline for the 2014 AIAMI Honor Awards **Call for Entries!** If you are thinking about

registering your project(s), please [download the form](#) and send it to us this week.

Registration is open for the **Grassroots Conference** (March 19-21st) in Washington, D.C. Be sure to [register](#) early, book your [hotel room](#) by February 14th, and read the article below about the available **Travel Stipend** if you need financial assistance to attend the event! The **deadline** for the stipend application is **Feb 1st**, so please act quickly!

Legislative Day 2014 is now open for registration! The registration form for the event, held on March 5th this year, is available on [our website](#). Please call the office if you have any questions!

Registration for the **Health Facilities Planning Seminar** is currently open and we are happy to announce that this event offers 6.5 LU hours and 5 HSW hours! Visit our [website](#) for more information and to register.

Have a great week and remember to contact me anytime with your ideas or if you would like to join a committee!

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Sponsorship Available!

Let us help you sell your product or service! Advertise with AIA Michigan and see your ad in next week's Monday Minutes!

Email christine@aiami.com for more information

AIA Michigan Job Board

Have you checked the [Job Board](#) lately? New positions and resumes are added every week and we collect opportunities from across the state to help you find the right fit for your career.

If you have questions or are interested in placing an opening or resume, email christine@aiami.com.

Upcoming Events

-January 27, 2014: ESD

AIAMI Design Awards: Call for Entries!

Architects across the state of Michigan are invited to submit their best work for consideration in a juried design awards program. This prestigious competition has, for over 48 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.

Submit [registration form](#) and fee for each building project and for each nomination entry to AIAMI by January 31, 2014. Specific instructions will be forwarded to all entrants beginning Monday, January 27th. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

Grassroots: Travel Stipends Available!

This travel stipend was created to provide monetary assistance to component leaders and component executives who would not be able to attend Grassroots without some financial support. The AIA believes that the investment to support our leaders is a crucial part of its mission. Due to budgetary constraints, assistance will not be afforded to all components but every effort will be made to help as many components as possible. First priority will be given to components that haven't been able to send any of their leaders to Grassroots for the past three years. Consideration will also be given to components that can only afford to send one of their leaders.

The AIA will provide one-to-one matching funds, not to exceed \$1,000 per person, for only one individual per component. If you are unable to provide any funding for a component leader to attend, please indicate this on the [application form](#).

Small Business Tax Break Notice

The State of Michigan has made significant changes regarding personal property taxes. Beginning December 31, 2013 eligible personal property is exempt from taxation if the "true cash value" of the property is less than \$80,000. This exemption affidavit must be **filed by February 10th**.

What does this mean for a small business in Michigan? Let's say your business is an office environment and you have approximately 10 employees. Assume your business is 10 years old, and over that period of time you have acquired \$100,000 worth of office furniture, computers and other equipment. This would typically result in a true cash value for property tax purposes of approximately \$50,000. The resulting personal property tax due for that company would be in excess of \$1,000. By simply filing the Affidavit of Exemption by February 10, you will not be subject to this tax.

The typical kinds of equipment found in a small business environment that would be subject to personal property tax are office furniture, computer equipment, phone systems, copiers, equipment to manufacture and assemble your product, shelving, cash registers, cooking equipment, tables and chairs, etc. Other than inventory and supplies, if it is not attached to the building and you can take it with you, it is subject to the personal property tax.

Now for the details, in order to comply with these regulations, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- The exemption must be properly claimed on Form 5076 and filed by February 10. This form can be downloaded at:

Regional Future City
Competition, Novi

-January 31 - February 1,
2014: AIA Michigan Leadership
Retreat, Detroit

-February 5, 2014: Michigan
Construction and Design
Tradeshow (sponsored by
CAM), Detroit

-March 5, 2014: AIA Michigan
+ AESLC Legislative Day,
Lansing

-March 20-21, 2014: AIA
Michigan Health Facilities
Planning Seminar, Traverse
City

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www.michigan.gov/documents/treasury/5076_439273_7.pdf

- The personal property must be classified as industrial or commercial property.
- The property cannot be leased to or used by a person that previously owned the property.
- The combined True Cash Value is less than \$80,000. This includes property that is owned, leased or in your possession.

This is a great opportunity to save money for your business. The Affidavit of Exemption from Personal Property Tax Exemption must be filed by **February 10**. Please contact your tax professional with questions.

*This information was brought to you by Martin J. Talty, CPA, president of **Kopmeyer & Talty P.C.**, a Livonia-based accounting and business consulting company serving the local business community for 28 years.*

CAM's Michigan Construction & Design Tradeshow

The Michigan Construction & Design Tradeshow will return to MotorCity Casino Hotel in Detroit on February 5, 2014. This tradeshow, sponsored by the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM), and will be attended by construction owners, contractors, suppliers, architects and engineers. Show hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. A great opportunity for our AIA Members to attend, the tradeshow registration is **FREE!** Click [here](#) for more information at to register.

ESD Future City Competition



Future City is a cross-curricular educational program where students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades imagine, design, and build cities of the future.

Over four months, students work as a team with an educator and volunteer mentor to design a virtual city using SimCity software; research and write an essay addressing this year's theme; build a model of their city using recycled materials; write a brief narrative promoting their city; and present their city before a panel of judges at a Regional Competition in January. Regional winners go on to represent their region at the national competition in Washington, DC, in February.

This year's competition will take place on January 27th at the Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi, MI. For details, visit the ESD competition page [here](#).

AGC Annual Meeting: Feb 14th

The AGC of Michigan's Annual Meeting will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo on February 14, 2014. The meeting attracts several hundred contractors, owners, designers and other industry professionals. The meeting begins at 10:00 a.m. and concludes at 2:00 p.m. and lunch is included. AIA members are encouraged to attend and are being offered the AGC member rate for registration. Please [click here](#) for more information and to register.

Beaux Arts Ball: Sponsorships Available!

The annual AIAS Beaux Arts Ball is a production of the LTU and UDM AIAS groups. This year, the ball is at an exciting location: the Masonic Temple in Detroit! The AIAS groups have assembled a great package of sponsorship opportunities, click [here](#) to view the sponsorship details.



Great Lakes Masonry Expo 2014

The 2014 Great Lakes Masonry Expo will be held Wednesday, February 12, 2014 from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM at the Laural Manor in Livonia. There will be product representatives and exhibits, AIA CES classes, and lunch. If you are interested, please visit the [event site](#) for more information and to register!

Stu Pettitt, AIA and the CAE Want You!

Stuart Pettitt, AIA has recently been appointed to the AIA National Committee on Architecture for Education (CAE) Advisory Group for the term of 2014-2018. He is recruiting new members to join this committee and participate in professional networking, many learning opportunities including conferences and webinars, and sharing educational architecture expertise with professional peers.

The CAE is a large, active group of architects and allied professionals concerned with the quality and design of all types of educational, cultural, and recreational facilities. While a large portion of members practice in the K-12 and post-secondary education markets, the committee looks to serve the needs of those in the entire pre-K to 99 markets including libraries, museums, corporate learning, recreation facilities, and any other alternative learning environments. CAE identifies national educational facility issues critical to architects and works to strengthen relationships with allied organizations, client groups, and the public.

Many of you fancy yourselves as experts in educational architecture and here is a perfect opportunity to get involved nationally and make a difference in your profession! Please [contact Stu](#) to learn about the possibilities.

AIA + 2030 Professional Series

The AIA+2030 Professional Series begins Sept 26th and helps design professionals create buildings that meet the ambitious energy efficiency goals of the 2030 Challenge. Ten, 4-hour sessions offer strategies to reach 60% reduction in fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions, giving design professionals the knowledge and leverage to create next-generation, super-efficient buildings and provide firms with the skills that will set them apart in the marketplace.

AIA Huron Valley has arranged for this year's AIA +2030 sessions to be held at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. Please view the full description and registration information [here](#).

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