

## AIA Michigan Monday's Minutes

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### Happy Monday!

We ended last week on a good note with a great Annual Meeting Day. We had insider tours of the University of Michigan Athletic Facilities, informative continuing education sessions, a productive Annual Meeting and capped it off with a brief address from William Martin, the former University of Michigan Athletic Director who oversaw the construction of many of the facilities we toured and who

has set the precedence at UofM for building quality facilities and establishing maintenance and preservation as post-construction priorities. Thank you so much to our sponsors for making the Annual Meeting Day possible and many thanks to our attendees!



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If you have questions or are interested in placing an opening or resume, email [christine@aiami.com](mailto:christine@aiami.com).

### Upcoming Events

-October 25, 2013: AIA Michigan Annual Meeting Day, Ann Arbor



*The UofM Athletic Facilities tour concluded on the football stadium field... A few members practiced their end zone dance celebrations there as well!*

Have a great week and we hope you stop by the Beaubien House for a visit or a tour if you are in Detroit!

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## AIA Flint's Flat Lot Competition Project Gains International Press!



*Oct 2013 ARCHITECT magazine feature on "Mark's House"*

The AIA Flint and the Flint Public Art Project Design Competition for the Flat Lot has caused quite a stir - *internationally!*

While the finished project, "Mark's House" by Two Islands Studio, received some negative publicity and tough criticism and the local media did not consistently champion the project, it created quite a buzz in the design community and has put Flint on the international design scene map!

The project has been featured in [Russian](#), Italian ([here](#) and [here](#)), [Greek](#) and UK ([here](#) and [here](#)) design journals and is featured in the October 2013 edition of ARCHITECT magazine (see above picture). To read the local M-Live article about the project with links to other international coverage, click [here](#).

The long-term plan for this Project Design Competition is to host a competition every other year (the next will launch in fall of 2014 and built for the summer of 2015).

To quote We Heart: Lifestyle and Design Magazine, "Brilliant work, people."

-December 5, 2013: AIA Michigan Holiday Open House co-hosted by AIA Detroit, Beaubien House

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*Thank you to Shannon Easter White, AIA and Kurt Neiswender, AIA for updates on the Flat Lot Competition and Mark's House!*

## Government Affairs Update! HB 4585!

### House Bill 4585 - Electronic Seal & Signature

October 17, 2013:

Today at 1:00pm I appeared before the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee, in Lansing, and testified in support of HB 4585 which will change our licensing law, Article 20, and add language that expands the definition of seal and signature to include "Electronic Seal" and "Electronic Signature". The bill passed unanimously (7-0) out of committee. This bill will now move to the floor for a full Senate vote, I believe within the next few weeks. All expectations are that the Senate will unanimously approve the bill, as did the House also unanimously approved the bill on September 25, 2013. I venture to predict that the governor will sign the bill before the Thanksgiving break and take effect 90 days after enactment.

This bill will allow governmental agencies the option, not mandate them to permit/request and receive permit drawings electronically. The state's Bureau of Construction Codes has received all the necessary hardware and software to begin receiving permit drawings electronically in 2015. They also have begun departmental training for this new procedure. The plan reviews will also be done electronically with comments being forwarded electronically to the licensee for action, in the same manner as you would with hard copies, except all is accomplished over the internet.

Why does this bill benefit you? In the near future you will no longer need to print several sets of construction documents because this can be accomplished electronically. In many cases there are up hundreds of sheets per set that need to be delivered to the government agencies.

I have recently experienced this procedure with a project in Chicago, which has mandated that all drawings for permitting be submitted electronically, no hard copies accepted.

Yes we are assured the software has security to protect your electronic seal and signature. Before the state implements this requirement the Bureau will send advance notices as to required procedures. In the latter part of 2014 the Bureau will be initiating an education program for licensees regarding this new procedure.

A copy of [HB 4585](#) is available on the AIAMI website under the Government Affairs Committee website tab.

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## LTU Solar Decathlon team: Solar Detroit!

# WHAT IS SOLAR DETROIT?



## The Detroit Urban Pioneer

Midwest pioneers of the 19th century created vernacular houses from the available resources at hand in the context of the place and climate they chose to settle in. These simple houses demonstrated both modesty and innovation in their conception and construction.

Urban Detroit is being settled by a new group of urban pioneers who are working under the same spirit and principles of the original pioneers. Drawing on a new range of resources and technologies applied in modest, creative ways. Our 2015 Solar Decathlon house is designed for this target market of Urban Pioneers. The house will also pioneer the asset principles in the Living Building Challenge while drawing on the available natural and human resources native to the Detroit region. The design of the house reaches back in time to connect with the sustainable houses of the traditional pioneers, while pioneering present and future technologies in resource use and elegantly integrated building systems.



**Mission:** "We are committed to designing and implementing student initiated projects that strive to increase ecological mindfulness as well as induce positive, lasting change in our surrounding communities."



**Inspiration:** Revitalizing a Detroit Community through effective environmental-friendly design.



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What is "Solar D"?? Many people have asked about this international competition and how they can help the local team at LTU bring their innovative plan to fruition. To learn more, click [here](#) to read the full information flyer and click [here](#) to visit the Solar Detroit team website.

## 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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