



## THE REGION OF THE VIRGINIAS

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### HEADLINES

AIA National Board Meeting

#### **Honors and Awards**

The AIA had a robust awards program this year with the following results:

##### **Gold Medalist**

Presentations were made on the nominees. Steven Holl, AIA, was selected as the recipient of the 2012 AIA Gold Medal. As a result of his selection, Mr. Holl has been automatically elevated to Fellowship.

##### **Firm of the Year**

Presentations were made on the nominees. VJAA Architects, Minneapolis, Minn., was selected as the recipient of the 2012 AIA Architecture Firm Award

##### **Whitney Young**

A presentation was made on the nominee, Mortimer M. Marshall Jr., FAIA, and he was selected as the recipient of the AIA 2012 Whitney M. Young Jr. Award.

##### **Topaz Medallion -**

The recipient of the AIA/ACSA 2012 Topaz Medallion for Excellence in Architectural Education is George Baird, BArch, OAA, FRAIC, AIA.

All Board members were urged to make sure that the very best candidates are being nominated.

#### **Emeritus Status**

Subject to such comments as it may receive up to and including the AIA 2012 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference, the Board conditionally sponsored the following proposed amendment to the Institute's Bylaws, and directed that it be presented for approval by the delegates at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Institute:



*The delegates assembled at the 2012 Annual Meeting hereby amend Section 2.31 of the Institute's Bylaws as follows:*

**2.31 Eligibility.**

**2.311 Architect Members.** Any Architect member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70, and is retired from the profession of architecture (including involvement in research, administration or the teaching of architecture), or (ii) has achieved architect emeritus status under law in any state of the United States or (iii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in the profession.

**2.312 Associate Members.** Any Associate member may apply for Emeritus status who has been in good standing in the Institute for fifteen successive years immediately prior to his or her application, and either (i) has attained the age of 70 and is retired from an occupation related to the profession of architecture (including involvement in research, administration or the teaching of architecture), or (ii) is so incapacitated as to be unable to work in an occupation related to the profession of architecture.

**2.313 Waiver by the Secretary.** The Secretary, in exceptional circumstances and for adequate cause, may, on an individual basis, waive all or part of the period of good standing required for Emeritus status

Previous Regional monthly reports have outlined the particulars on the reasoning behind this action.

### **Continuing Education**

The Board amended Section 2.11 of the AIA Rules of the Board as follows:

*2.11 Continuing Education Requirement. The annual continuing education requirement for Architect members is 18 learning units, which must include twelve (12) hours of health, safety, and welfare education. During the years 2009 through 2012, this requirement must also include four (4) hours of sustainable design education within the total 18-hour continuing education requirement. The Institute will re-evaluate this requirement in 2012. The Institute shall determine what activities or programs qualify for learning units. One hour earned in an eligible activity or program shall equal one learning unit. An activity or program may qualify both for health, safety, and welfare education and for sustainable design education.*

The only change is that instead of 8 HSW credits, you must now earn 12 HSW credits. This brings AIA requirements in line with NCARB requirements and many architects exceed the number of HSW credits needed annually.



### **Budget Update**

Although the AIA is in good financial health, the budget is tight this year and is being carefully managed. The AIA has started to develop a system of “project based budgeting” so that each new funding request can be evaluated in the context of the program’s priority and consistency with the mission and goals of the Institute.

### **Small Firm Roundtable**

Many Board members had heard from representatives of the small firm roundtable requesting sufficient funds to meet twice yearly. This was discussed and the outcome was to keep the level of funding the same. This committee receives the same level of funding as others. There is adequate funding for a once yearly face-to-face meeting and for conference calls throughout the year.

### **Associates Attending AIA Convention**

Admission to the Annual Convention will be reduced by half for Associate members.

### **Candidates for Office in 2012**

**First Vice President, President-Elect:** Helene Dreiling, FAIA  
*(one position)* Peter Kuttner, FAIA

**Vice President:** Don C. Brown, FAIA  
*(two positions)* Tom Vonier, FAIA

**Secretary:** Fred Butters, FAIA  
*(one position)* Rich DeYoung, AIA

### Voting at 2012 National Convention

It is VERY important that every vote count at the upcoming 2012 National Convention, especially since Helene is running for the office of President-Elect. If anybody has questions about how to vote, please see me!



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## Dates for 2012 National AIA Events Published

- Grassroots will be held in Washington DC on March 7-10, 2012
- AIA National Convention will be held in Washington DC on May 16-19<sup>th</sup>

NOTE: The AIA Northern Virginia is planning a regional party for next year's convention. Stay tuned! I'll be organizing a dinner for Grassroots at Ceiba Restaurant.

## Virginia Society AIA Design Forum X

The tenth VSAIA Design Forum will be held in Charlottesville on March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be "Skins". There will be a regional meeting at the Design Forum and the regional board is invited to attend. VSAIA will publish more details later.

## Chapter Visits

I'll be visiting the Central Virginia Chapter in February and the West Virginia Chapter in March. I'll be in contact with other chapters in early 2012.

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