



## THE REGION OF THE VIRGINIAS

April 2012 Report

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### HEADLINES

#### **Emerging Professionals Program**



**Philip Donovan AIA**, VSAIA Associate Director, was successful in getting a 2012 Component Grant from the AIA Trust/Victor O. Shinnerer to start a Knowledge Community for Emerging Professionals in Virginia. Philip has organized a steering committee which is poised to mobilize and launch the program. The grant proposal suggested chapter-based mentoring programs, roundtable discussion in IDP and Outreach initiatives targeting young professional associated and interns. You may wonder why Philip is listed above as AIA and not Assoc. AIA. Please congratulate Philip on recently passing his Architectural Registration Exam!

Both Philip and Corey Clayborne, Regional YAF Director, are planning programs at Architecture Exchange East in November which are targeted toward Emerging Professionals. Stay tuned for details on those.

#### **Chapter Visits**

As Regional Director, I try to meet with each Chapter every year. So far, I've met with AIA Northern Virginia, AIA Central Virginia and AIA West Virginia. I hope to meet with AIA Richmond, AIA Blue Ridge and AIA Hampton Roads this summer and fall. Since mentoring is so important to keeping our young professionals in the AIA, I'll be happy to do a presentation for any chapter who is interested.

#### **AIA Repositioning**

The AIA has hired a team of consultants to allow us to better communicate to the public who architects are and what we do. This is different from "branding" in that it has more to do with communicating than with forming or recasting an identity for the AIA. There was ample opportunity for members to provide input at Grassroots. There will also be opportunities at the AIA National Convention. There will be an online survey launched in April and Robert Ivy will address this in ARCHITECT magazine in April. A website has been set up to discuss the repositioning effort. You can weigh in at the address below: The URL for the discussion is:



<http://network.aia.org/AIA/Communities/CommunityDetails/?CommunityKey=7eacba66-1bef-4582-94e8-b44515e5a9b8>

## **AIA National Convention**

The AIA National Convention begins with workshops on Wednesday May 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through the Business meeting on Saturday May 19<sup>th</sup>. I held a conference call in early April to make sure that Chapter Presidents had received their voting packages and understood how the voting process worked. Each Chapter needs to send at least one accredited delegate to meet the Chapter's voting responsibilities; voting for new AIA officers and voting on the bylaws amendments and resolutions at the Annual Business meeting. There will be a Board conference call on May 8, 2012 and I'll let you know if there are updates to report after that call.

### **Candidates for Office:**

**First Vice President, President-Elect:** Helene Dreiling, FAIA (AIA Blue Ridge)  
*(one will be elected)* Peter Kuttner, FAIA (Boston Society of Architects)

**Vice President:** Don C. Brown, FAIA (AIA Birmingham)  
*(two will be elected)* Susan Chin, FAIA (AIA New York)  
Tom Vonier, FAIA (AIA Continental Europe)

**Secretary:** Fred Butters, FAIA (AIA Detroit)  
*(one will be elected)* Rich DeYoung, AIA (AIA Pittsburgh)



Helene Dreiling from Roanoke is running for Vice President, President-Elect this year. She will be making a speech at Grassroots and at the National Convention in Washington DC in May. Helene is currently serving as Institute Secretary and has exceptional knowledge of the AIA based on her past position as AIA Vice President of Members Services. She has been a strong supporter of Emerging Leaders and Member Value. Check out her website at: [www.runhelenerun.org](http://www.runhelenerun.org)



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

## **AIA Northern Virginia welcomes the Region of the Virginias to the 2012 AIA Convention**

As architects from around the country gather in Washington, D.C. for the [2012 AIA Convention](#), the [Northern Virginia Chapter](#) is pleased to welcome Virginia's architects with a cocktail reception in one of the area's most vibrant communities. Enjoy the company of friends and colleagues from around the region, exceptional food and spirits, the cool evening breeze and striking views from the rooftop lounge of [Eventide Restaurant](#) in Arlington, Virginia.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Convention in D.C., an open bar and assortment of fine canapés awaits you on this side of the Potomac, along with good company and the engaging atmosphere of one of Clarendon's acclaimed night spots.

The gathering is also an opportunity to celebrate the [Virginia Center for Architecture](#) as it embarks on a determined agenda to promote the value of architects throughout the state.

Reservations for four will be made in the name of architecture firms that contribute \$250 to this event, and a portion of the proceeds will be used to support the Center's programs. Participating firms will be recognized as supporters of the Virginia Center for Architecture.

Thanks to the generosity of our co-host, [K.C. Company/Pella Windows](#), the price of attendance is affordable for architects at every level. So kick off the Convention on our side of the river - the best view of Washington is from Virginia.



*Eventide Restaurant*

**Convene. Connect. Get to the Party.**  
**Wednesday, May 16, 5:30-8:00pm**  
**Eventide Restaurant Roof Terrace**  
**3165 Wilson Blvd**  
**Arlington, Virginia 22201**

**One block from the Clarendon Station on Metro's Orange Line**

**\$28 in advance/\$35 at the door**

**\$250 supports reservations for four and a donation to VCA.**

**Reserve your place on the roof at [aianova.com](http://aianova.com).**

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