HE HEADLINES

Member Input Needed!
In order to find other sources of capital since the banks have tightened up on lending practices, the AIA assembled a “stalled projects database” to pair investors with architects and re-start some of these projects. So far, interest from the investor side has been strong, but there are only 18 projects on the database. Every Regional Director was challenged to supply at least one project for the database by Grassroots. Please add your stalled project today! Go to this website:

http://www.aia.org/stalledprojects/index.htm

and on the right hand side, click on “register your project”. Please help populate the website to get projects started again.

Jury of Fellows Seeking Nominations
As designated in the AIA Rules of the Board, the Jury of Fellows consists of seven Fellows who are nominated annually by the Institute Secretary for approval by the AIA Executive Committee. This year, there are two vacancies to be filled. See details at the end of this report.

New YAF Regional Director

Please welcome Corey Clayborne, AIA as the new Young Architects Regional Director (YARD) for the Virginias. Corey works at Wiley & Wilson in Richmond and has been serving as Intern Development Coordinator for the Virginia Society AIA. He completed the Emerging Leaders program in 2009 and has long been actively involved with Emerging Professionals in the Society. Corey is taking over from Teera Games who moved to North Carolina last year. Please welcome Corey into his new role!
Grassroots
There will be a Regional Dinner at Grassroots. Since the Region of the Virginias doesn’t have a budget, the cost will be on your own. Hopefully this will be an opportunity to see each other and catch up. This restaurant is within easy walking distance of the hotel. Please RSVP to mpcox@vcu.edu. So I can make sure we have enough room. Details below.

REGIONAL DINNER - Wednesday March 7, 2012  6:00pm

Ceiba Restaurant
701 14th Street NW
Wash DC 20005
202-393-3983

The following items will be discussed/announced at the member congress at Grassroots March 7-10th, 2012. Please contact me if you have any questions.

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 Vice President of Members Services. She has been a strong supporter of Emerging Leaders and Member Value.
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.

DETAILS

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 President-Elect. If anybody has questions about how to vote, please see me!

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Gregory Palermo, FAIA (Iowa) and Jeffrey Huberman, FAIA (North Carolina) completed their three years’ service on the jury, creating two vacancies to be filled.

There are a number of factors that are considered when selecting jury members. In addition to the individual’s ability to contribute to a congenial atmosphere among the jury members, an effort is always made to achieve an equitable distribution of members not only by geographic region but also by area of accomplishment. Their diverse cultural and professional background, often more important than regional representation, plays a significant role due to the wide range of accomplishments that are presented for review.

We are particularly in need of individuals whose Fellowship experience includes practice (category 2), or public/government service (category 4). In addition, the ethnic diversity of the jury could be improved upon.

For your information, regions that have not been represented for the last 4 years are Michigan, California, and the Gulf States.

If you have any suggestions for prospective jurors, please forward your letters of recommendation and a copy of the candidate’s resume, and the person’s object of nomination to Kathleen Daieda, Hon. AIA, Honors and Awards, at Institute headquarters to arrive no later than March 12, 2012. This is one of the most important juries serving the membership. Any questions about the jury selection process can be directed to me at 540-819-2600, helene@theplumstudio.com, or to Kathleen Daieda at 202-626-7474, kdaieda@aia.org.

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