



## THE REGION OF THE VIRGINIAS

June 2012 Report

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### HEADLINES

#### **Regional Associate Director Needed**

The term of our current Regional Associate director, Michael Haslam Assoc. AIA, will expire in December 2012. The Regional Associate Director serves on a national governing board, works closely with the Regional Director and the Regional YAF Director. This person will also serve on the Regional Board for the Virginias. Please let me know **by August 3, 2012** via e-mail if you have nominees for this two-year position. Here is Michael's information. Please contact him if you have questions about this position.



**Michael F. Haslam, Assoc. AIA**  
*2011-2012 Regional Associate Director*  
*The Virginias Region*  
*National Associates Committee*  
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**Michael F. Haslam, Assoc. AIA**, is a skilled and dedicated designer. His work is driven by a desire to see every person benefit from thoughtful design. He believes in the pursuit of a better world through development that is at once careful, healthy, positive, and sustainable. Michael's architectural practice endeavors to create environments that provide catalysts for resonant experiences. To Michael, the successful design is one that improves the human condition and challenges individuals to care for, engage in, and be proud of their communities.

A graduate of Virginia Tech's College of Architecture and Urban Studies, Michael considers himself a lifelong student of design and the arts. He completed his Master's degree abroad as an exchange student at the Università della Svizzera Italiana's Accademia di Architettura in Mendrisio Switzerland, where he studied under the direct supervision of Pritzker Prize-winning architect, Peter Zumthor.

He is very proud to be a part of the team at Peyton Boyd Architect, a diversified practice in religious, institutional, commercial and residential architecture.



In accord with the Regional Bylaws (excerpted below), we notified AIA members of this opening in the May 2012 Regional Director's report which was published May 21, 2012. I ask that you **please spread the word to your constituents and post this on your website**. Nominations will close August 3, 2012.

#### **Section 6 – Regional Associates Director/Regional Associates Director-Elect**

The Board of Directors shall elect one Regional Associates Director to represent the region on the AIA National Associates Committee. The Regional Associates Director shall have powers and duties as prescribed by the Institute and NAC Rules of the Committee.

In even numbered years, the Board of Directors shall elect a Regional Associates Director for a two-year term. At least forty-five (45) days before the Nominating Committee convenes, the committee shall notify all members of the Region of the impending election and shall seek nominations and declarations of candidacy by qualified individuals. The committee shall evaluate nominations and present a nomination to the Board of Directors of the Region for its September meeting. Elections shall be by secret ballot and shall require a simple majority of the votes cast, excluding abstentions, for election.

Regional Associates Directors may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

The nominating committee will meet in mid-August and will consist of two past presidents of the state societies, two past Regional Directors and two At-Large members in good standing [see bylaws]. After receiving the nominations, the Nominating Committee will present a candidate to the Regional Board at its meeting in September 21, 2012. Although there is no official form to fill out, please ask candidates to highlight their past AIA activities, their experience and expertise and what they hope to accomplish as Regional Associate Director. The only requirements are that the candidate be an Associate AIA member in good standing.

#### **Section 2- Nominating Committee**

The Regional Director shall appoint a regional nominating committee comprising two past presidents of the state societies, two past Regional Directors, and two at-large members in good standing. In no case shall the Nominating Committee be comprised only of members from a single state within the Region. The Regional Director shall serve as chair of the committee. At least forty-five (45) days before the nominating committee convenes, the committee shall notify all members of the Region of the impending election and shall seek nominations and declarations of candidacy by qualified individuals. The committee shall evaluate nominations and present a nomination to the Board of Directors of the Region for its September meeting.

#### **Section 3- Election**

The Board of Directors will convene to evaluate the recommendations of the Regional Nominating Committee and vote on the candidate for the next Regional Director and the next Regional Associates Director. Should the Board of Directors fail to elect the candidate presented by the Regional Nominating Committee, then the Regional Nominating Committee shall present an alternate candidate until a Regional Director is elected. Elections shall be by secret ballot and shall require a simple majority of the votes cast, excluding abstentions, for election.



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## AIA National Awards

Robert Gurney, FAIA was recognized with an  
AIA Housing Award,



David Jameson, FAIA received an Institute  
Honor Award for Interior Architecture

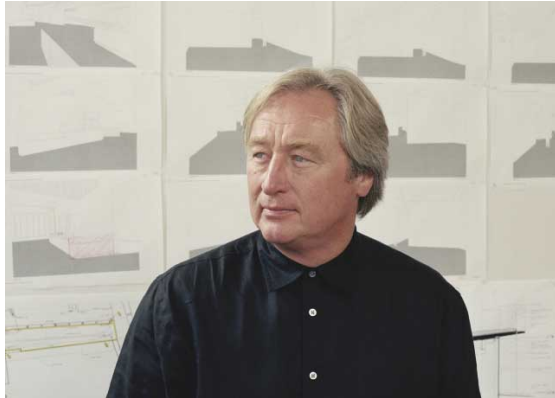
Virginia Tech was distinguished with an Institute Honor  
Award for Architecture for LumenHAUS. In June of  
2010, LumenHAUS won the international Solar  
Decathlon Competition in Madrid, Spain.

It was particularly rewarding to win out over 17  
prestigious research institutions, as well as four  
German Universities that enjoyed significant  
funding from their federal government





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AIA Gold Medal winner, Steven Holl FAIA, will speak at the VCU Singleton Center on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Richmond. The Sonia Vlahcevic Hall in the Singleton Center seats 500 people.

Since reservations are not available, please get there early to get a seat.

For information call Melanie Christian  
[christianma@vcu.edu](mailto:christianma@vcu.edu) for information.

## **AIA National Board seeks Public Directors**

You are invited to suggest the nomination of an individual for the position of Public Director to the AIA Board of Directors for the 2013-2015 term.

As defined in the Institute Bylaws, a Public Director is "...a non-architect who is not in any membership category (except Honorary Membership) nor employed by the Institute or a component."

Please send me an e-mail by July 31<sup>st</sup> if you are interested in nominating a public director.

## **DETAILS**

### **Emerging Professionals**



**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.



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### **AIA Board Meeting**

The next National AIA meeting is September 13, 14, 2012. So far no agenda has been published, but I'll post updates as they become available. We expect to receive updates on the AIA Repositioning effort, updates on AIA Position Statements and updates on Emerging Professionals efforts.

### **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. I am looking for mentoring coordinators from each chapter as well.

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