



THE REGION OF THE VIRGINIAS

January 2013 Report

HEADLINES

NEW VIRGINIA FELLOWS

Please congratulate Virginia's newest AIA Fellows:



Robert W. Moje, FAIA

AIA Central Virginia

Robert is a Principal with the firm VMDO in Charlottesville.



Alan Hansen, FAIA, LEED AP

AIA Northern Virginia

Alan is a Director with DBI Architects based in Washington DC and in Reston Virginia.



Elizabeth Reader, FAIA

AIA Northern Virginia

Elizabeth Reader is a Principal with Reader & Swartz Architects based in Winchester, Virginia.

AIA WORKING TO GENERATE JOBS

AIA President, Mickey Jacob, FAIA, announced the AIA's federal advocacy agenda for the new Congress: *Let's Get America Building*. You can read the agenda here:

<http://www.aia.org/advocacy/federal/AIAS078578>

The agenda is the product of months of collaboration and dialogue with AIA members and leaders. An astounding 3,400 AIA members offered their views about what policies the AIA should advance through



the annual Call for Issues last fall. The Board Advocacy Committee, under Russ Davidson’s leadership, used that data to craft an agenda that speaks to the challenges and opportunities our profession and nation face: Building an economic recovery that creates jobs and helps firms of all sizes grow, fixing aging buildings and infrastructure, revitalizing our communities to make them safe, sustainable, resilient and vibrant, and giving emerging architects the tools to thrive in the new economy

CONTINUING EDUCATION - CHANGE

The Board agreed to change the rules to remove the requirement that any continuing education credits be sustainability related. Members must still accrue 18 credits total per year, and 12 must still be HSW. There was discussion about the “W” eventually becoming “wellness” in light of the AIA’s support of salutogenic design instead of “welfare”, but this discussion was deferred until later.



UPDATES ON THE AIA REPOSITIONING INITIATIVE

In December, the Board heard a message from our consultants that AIA members expect the Repositioning initiative to produce real and meaningful change. Below are some of the highlights of the presentation by LaPlaca-Cohen and Pentagram.

- At that presentation, the consultants outlined a repositioning platform statement and identified specific areas in AIA that require change.
- We are in the process of finalizing the platform statement for AIA which emphasizes that our members are at the core of our purpose, creating enduring value, driving positive change, leading with vision and shaping the future.
- Recommendations for specific change initiatives also are being developed with a focus on AIA leadership structure, our institutional framework and operational focus.
- These three broad areas were identified by our consultants based on consistent and irrefutable feedback from our members.
- The action plans will be shared at the upcoming Grassroots conference.
- When the platform statement and plans are introduced, they will send the very strong message that **WE ARE HERE TO SERVE OUR MEMBERS**. Together we will work to create a stronger and more relevant AIA.

AIA staff is working on a high level implementation plan. Watch for more details at Grassroots in March. Also, Robert Ivy has written about the repositioning effort in ARCHITECT magazine.



NAAB JURY MEMBERS NEEDED

Each year, AIA nominates 10-15 practitioners to serve as representatives on **National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)** school visits for a four year term, 2014-2017. Our members find that participation in these visits is an informative and rewarding opportunity to advance architectural education.

On behalf of the members of The American Institute of Architects, I strongly encourage you to submit an application to the NAAB Visiting Team jury pool for a four year term, 2014-2017. To apply, please send a brief cover letter and resume to matthewwelker@aia.org before **March 1**; additional information is available [here](#).

RESOLUTIONS DUE

The deadline is April 5, 2013 for submitting resolutions to go before the delegates at the AIA National Convention in Denver June 20-22, 2013. If you need more information, e-mail me at mpcox@vcu.edu

GRASSROOTS



AIA Grassroots 2013



LEADERSHIP AND LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

Grassroots will be held in Washington DC March 20-22, 2013 and the host hotel is the **Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill**. As President-Elect, **Helene Dreiling** is responsible for organizing Grassroots. Please be there to support her efforts!

We'll have a **regional dinner** on Thursday evening after the AIA Open House. The restaurant is **Black Finn** located at 1620 I Street, NW, near AIA Headquarters, and our reservations are set for 7:30 pm. Each person will be responsible for their own check. Please notify me by March 8, 2013 if you plan to attend. The menu is available at www.blackfinndc.com

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to the two amendments proposed at the May 2012 convention, The Board conditionally approved the following subject to comments it may receive at the 2013 Grassroots leadership conference:

- **Rights of Associate and International Associate Members:** Components would be authorized (but not required) to have Associate and International Associates as officers. Associates may



not hold more than two seats or 1/3 of the total seats, whichever is greater, even if this amendment is adopted.

- **Allied Members** – Chapter Allied members would be permitted to use the phrase “Allied member of the [Name of Chapter] Chapter of the American Institute of Architects” to describe themselves.

There were no additional Bylaws changes proposed at the December meeting.

AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The AIA 2013 National Convention will be held in Denver Colorado June 20-22, 2013. Emerging Professionals may qualify for a reduced rate. See below. Stay tuned for more updates.

<p>Limited Offer: Special Convention Rate for Young Professionals Glenn Ono 202-626-2551 The AIA is offering a new Young Professional rate. AIA architect and associate members, 40 years of age or younger, can receive a reduced registration rate of almost 30 percent off. This promotion is restricted to the first 700 members who meet age and membership criteria and complete their registration. Share the complete details with your members.</p> <p>Registration Opened: January 23</p>
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OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2013

The following members have declared their intent to stand for election in 2013. Candidates still have time to submit their application, but this is the slate as it stands now:

2014 First Vice President, President-Elect (one will be elected)	Dennis Andrejko, FAIA	AIA Buffalo, NY
	Kevin Flynn, FAIA	AIA St. Louis, MO
	Deb Kuncce, FAIA	AIA Indianapolis, IN
	Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA	AIA Corpus Christi, TX
2014-15 Vice Presidents (two will be elected)	Nicholas Doucas, AIA	AIA Central Valley, CA
	James Easton Rains, FAIA	AIA North Carolina
	Thomas Vonier, FAIA	AIA Continental Europe
2014-15 Treasurer (one will be elected)	T. Gregory Ames Jr., AIA	AIA Connecticut
	John P. Grounds, AIA	AIA Washington DC



DETAILS



NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Since my term will expire in December 2013, we've put together a timeline for nominating and selecting a new Regional Director for the Virginias who will start his or her term in January 2014 which will coincide with the Presidency of Helene Combs Dreiling FAIA. This promises to be an exciting time to be part of the AIA National Board! The timeline is outlined below.

New Regional Director Election Timeline:

June 2013	Regional Director requests names of nominees from Chapters and the Regional Board. Notice is given to all AIA Virginia and AIA West Virginia members via their websites. A nominating committee is appointed by the Regional Director.
July 2013	Nominations are closed.
August 2013	Nominating committee reviews the list of candidates and selects a nominee.
September 2013	Nominating committee presents the nominee to the Region of the Virginias Board. The Regional Board then elects the new Regional Director.
September 2013	AIA National is notified of the next Regional Director. The Regional Director-Elect is appointed to a committee and entered into the e-mail system.
Oct – Nov 2013	Regional Director-Elect shadows existing Regional Director and learn about processes, responsibilities and organizational matters.
December 2013	Regional Director-Elect attends orientation in Washington DC.
January 2014	New Regional Director starts his or her term.

CHAPTER VISITS

As Regional Director, I try to meet with each Chapter in Virginia and West Virginia every year. These are the meetings set so far:

- April 13, 2013 AIA West Virginia

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