



Centerlines

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President's Message

—By Laird Macdonald, AIA

This column is the one that I thought would be the most challenging, and now that I am sitting in front of the keyboard, it is every bit of that and more. How do you condense and distill three-and-a-half days of meetings, seminars, events, meals and informal gatherings involving 700 architects, and capture even a fraction of the energy, knowledge and interaction that make up that experience? The best solution is hit the highlights and point you in the right direction to find out more.

First up is the annual trek to legislative meetings with staff in the offices of our senators and representatives, where AIA members have an opportunity to express support of key legislative issues and offer help and information. This year one of the issues is a huge one, with far-reaching consequences, and it is referred to as the Transportation Re-authorization Bill. Somewhere between \$250-300 billion (yes billion) will be allocated towards transportation. An amendment has been offered to require a study on the impact of transportation on the livability of communities. The end result would be information for government officials, project sponsors and residents on how to use transportation to improve their communities. I know we often receive requests to

contact our legislators to weigh in; this is one opportunity we can't afford to miss.

There is always a keynote speaker at Grassroots and this year it was Dr. Benjamin Carson, the surgeon who several months ago performed the surgery to separate Siamese twins co-joined at the head. He is also the director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins, and member of the governing board of Yale University. When I read his résumé in the conference program, I developed an image of the man and wondered about the connection between AIA members and a neurosurgeon. I expected an older man, Caucasian, with a patrician look and bearing, accustomed to wealth and privilege. In fact, Dr Carson is a youngish, unpretentious man of color who grew up in a single parent home in a ghetto. His was one of the finest presentations about what we humans are capable of, when we apply the determination to achieve anything, that I can remember. His presentation is available on the AIA's e-classroom and I highly recommend it.

One of the things that the national organization has done recently is fund a study to examine the AIA brand; that

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May Meeting Announced

When: Thursday, May 20

Program: Trends in Lifestyle Centers – tour of The Shoppes at Grand Prairie and dinner presentation by XXX.

Speakers: Terry Poplette, AIA and Sara Davis, AIA from LZT

Location: See map on next page.

Agenda:

- 5:15 p.m. — Tour (may be un-guided)
The Shoppes at Grand Prairie
- 6:30 p.m. — Social hour in Johnny's
Italian Steakhouse
- 7:00 p.m. — Dinner & Business Mtg.
- 8:15 p.m. — Speaker Presentation
- 9:15 p.m. — Adjourn

Cost: Free to members; \$25 per guest.

RSVP: by 5 p.m. on Friday May 14
Heather Penne ???

(See registration form on next page)



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which practitioners and clients both perceive as the elements of the value that architects provide. The results of that study became the theme of Grassroots: Community, Knowledge and Advocacy. The AIA Illinois office has more information available and a very well done promotional package.

There are always Leadership Workshops that cover a wide range of topics at Grassroots. Some of them this year included: Effective Presentations, Strategic Planning, Knowledge Distribution and Minimizing Legal Risks. The one that really piqued my interest was The Revitalization of the AIA through the YAF. Grassroots provides an excellent chance to visit and share ideas and challenges with members from different chapters across the country. One of the most common challenges is providing value to the membership, and one of the most challenging segments to provide value to is the younger Architect. It is a difficult challenge regardless of chapter size and location. Eric Cluver, AIA is the new Central Illinois YAF Director. If you have ideas, encouragement or support you can offer, please do. It is important for the continuing strength of our organization and Eric is eager to get to work. His first YAF article is also in this edition of *Centerlines*.

There is much more I could relate but for the sake of space I will finish with this comment: it was a great opportunity to learn, network, and share ideas. If you ever have the opportunity to go, you should not pass it up. I am grateful to have had the chance to take advantage of the experience. Thank you all.

MAP TO PEORIA MEETING



The Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council invites you to their Benefit Golf Outing for the Future Community Center on Springfield's East Side.

Friday, June 25, 2004 at Piper Glen Golf course

Registration & lunch at 11:00 a.m.

Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

Dinner 5:30 p.m.

For registration fees and more information, call Dave Gurnsey at 544-3479 or Allen Lauher at 529-6976.

RESERVATION FORM FOR MAY 20 MEETING

(Please type or print)

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU:

Name:

Company:

RSVP — Heather Penne

Fax:

E-mail:

Cost: AIA Central Illinois Members

No Charge

Guests: \$25.00 each

Deadline to Register:

5 p.m. on May 14

2004 AIA National Convention - Chicago!

Learn-Celebrate-Dream

— June 10-12, 2004 —

The American Institute of Architects 2004 National Convention and Design Expo is the premier event for building and design industry professionals. With more than 150 continuing education programs, 45 tours, 50 special events and added attractions, and 700 leading-edge companies exhibiting their products and services, you'll find plenty of exciting educational and entertaining activities. For more information about the event and links to registration, visit: <www.aiaconvention.com/live/61/events/61CHI04B>. More updates will follow in future issues of *Centerlines*.

Also, if you are interested in possibly volunteering in Chicago, please contact the AIA Illinois office at (217) 522-2309 or <mary_young@ameritech.net>. Details about what type of volunteer opportunities will be available are not yet known but are forthcoming.

2004 AIA CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS

As of April 20, 2004

<u>AIA</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE AIA</u>	<u>MEMBER EMERITUS*</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
219	85	51	355

**Includes Active Member Emeritus*

NEW MEMBERS

Mertin A. Alblinger, AIA	Rantoul	2/25/04
Meg Calkins, Assoc. AIA	Champaign	2/23/04
Paul E. Jones, Assoc. AIA	Decatur	2/18/04
Exaud N. Koka, Assoc. AIA	Decatur	2/18/04
David J. Menden, AIA	Peoria	2/25/04
Peter Truitt, Assoc. AIA	E. Peoria	2/20/04

UPGRADES

Todd D. Cyrulik, AIA	Decatur	2/11/04
Michelle M. Freitsch, AIA	Peoria	2/2/5/04

Champaign Meeting A Success

Many thanks to Jill Maxey, AIA and all those who helped make the first Central Chapter meeting a success. On March 23, attendees took a tour of the new Seibel Center in Champaign-Urbana and listened to a dinner presentation at the Beckman Institute by architects Terry Poplette, AIA and Sara Davis, AIA of LZT Associates. The number



in attendance and the quality of program certainly got the year off to great start. Don't forget to make plans for the next dynamic meeting in May in Peoria!

Legislative Update

Some very important issues are keeping those that work on your behalf very busy these days, in particular SB 3001 regarding School Construction and the Governor's proposed Fee Hikes. Please take advantage of the AIA Illinois website at www.aiail.org and newsletter *Envision* to keep abreast of these and other important issues. A new e-newsletter is also coming your way to keep you better informed of breaking news. If you ever have concerns, suggestions or comments about any issue, please don't hesitate to call or email the AIA Illinois office. They welcome your thoughts and are there for you.

2004 Tentative Calendar

May 20	Chapter	Peoria
June 10-13	AIA National Convention	Chicago
June 23	CI Board	6 p.m. AIA Illinois
July	Chapter	B/N or Decatur
August 18	Board	6 p.m. AIA Illinois
September	Chapter	B/N or Decatur
October 20	Board	6 p.m. AIA Illinois
Nov 5-7	Design Awards & Annual Mtg	Springfield

Chapter meeting locations subject to change as event plans are finalized.

Central Illinois Young Architects Forum

—By Eric Cluver, AIA

In this issue of *Centerlines*, I would like to formally introduce myself as the new YAF director for the Central Illinois Chapter. Although I am off to a bit of a late start, I know this year is shaping up to be a very exciting year. There are many exciting activities that the individual sections are planning in the coming months, not withstanding the National Convention coming up in June. Hopefully, everyone has taken note of some of the exciting opportunities that are specific to young architects at this year's convention and I look forward to meeting many of you in Chicago.

But beyond the bonus of the national convention in our backyard, we have an opportunity to do our own activities, roundtable discussions, or whatever else we can dream up this year that is specifically geared to young professionals. My goal is to make the YAF in Central Illinois fun, exciting, and informative while remaining consistent with the three overriding YAF goals:

- To encourage professional growth and leadership development among recently licensed architects.
- To serve as a collective voice for young architects.
- To make AIA membership valuable to young architects and develop the future leadership of the profession.

The YAF is open to all young architects (a young architect is someone who has been licensed for ten years or less), interns, and associate members. Most of us have different backgrounds,

education, project histories, and experiences that we can share with each other that may be of help or encouragement to someone else. The YAF is the platform for this exchange.

I encourage each of you to begin thinking of ideas or activities that may be of interest to you. Some roundtable discussion/activities I have thought of planning for this year include:

- Navigating through the IDP process, debunking some of the myths, and help-I need a mentor.
- How to survive the dreaded ARE....
- O.K I'm licensed, now what?
- How to succeed in the profession, what is your boss looking for?
- Explain that Green Building/LEED thing to me?
- How to start your own design firm and be successful.

Remember, this is only a sampling of what we can do this year and I would like to hear from all the young architects, interns, and associate members in Central Illinois. Feel free to drop me an email or give me a call and don't hesitate to share your ideas. I look forward to an exciting year in which we develop a network of young professionals that can share ideas and together grow professionally as part of the AIA.

Contact Eric Cluver at ecluver@f-w.com or call (309) 663-8436.

Section News

BLOOMINGTON SECTION

April 29 at noon: Bloomington hosted a tour of the Challenger Learning Center, a living memorial to the Challenger astronauts. The tour was conducted by John Bishop, AIA. The learning center, including Mission Control and the Briefing Room, is located at the former Bloomington-Normal airport facility.

May 24 at noon: Karen Shoup, AIA will give a presentation on the Illinois School Construction Program. The meeting will be held at the State Farm Research Facility Conference Room on Rhodes Lane in Bloomington.

Thursday, Sept. 23: An Evening with Sarah Susanka. Watch future issues of *Centerlines* for more details.

DECATUR SECTION

Decatur to Host Summer Chapter Meeting —The meeting will be July 15 and will begin with tours of #1 Millikin Place (FLW) and hopefully #4 Millikin Place (Marion Mahony). The dinner

arrangements are still being planned. The speaker will be Mr. Gary Behm of St. Louis Antique. He is a specialist in historical lighting design. He was the historic lighting designer for the Dana Thomas House Restoration as well as the Illinois State Capitol Building. His presentation will be a primer on lighting design for historic restoration projects (complete with model specifications). Be sure to watch future issues of *Centerlines* for more details.

SPRINGFIELD SECTION

The Springfield Section continues to pursue our goal of providing our members with as many opportunities for Continuing Education Units as is humanly possible. Our February meeting was hosted by Tremco Roofing and was worth three HSW units; our March meeting was a one unit presentation on decorative plaster, hosted by Negwer Materials; and April's meeting, held jointly with IIDA, was a one unit program about ADA signage hosted by ASI Modulex. We look forward to further programs in the coming months.

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