



Centerlines

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President's Message

—By John Whitlock, AIA

With much sadness I realize that the end of summer is almost here and it's back to school time for the children in our lives and the college students and professors in our Chapter. But don't despair, there are still exciting times left for our Central Illinois AIA Chapter.

First, the September Central Illinois Chapter Meeting hosted by the Peoria Section promises to offer opportunities to observe the world of healthcare architecture and gather information as to its design. Be sure to return the RSVP included in the edition of *Centerlines* right away.

And because there is no rest for the wicked, we follow this meeting up with the Central Illinois Service Awards to be hosted by the Bloomington Section. Please don't miss your opportunity to nominate one of your fellow peers for their outstanding service to the profession of architecture, the AIA and to our Chapter. And if that wasn't enough, make sure to mark your calendars so that you are able to attend the AIA Illinois Annual Conference held in Rockford, Illinois on November 4-5. This event continues to provide Illinois Architects a second opportunity (the first being the AIA National Convention) to obtain all those LU's you so desperately need and also provides on opportunity for continued camaraderie with peers throughout the state.

It's also not too early to begin thinking

about upcoming events for the year 2006 (yes, the New Year is rapidly approaching). I recently received a message from RK Stewart, AIA First Vice President and Grassroots 2006 Chair, that read, "Preparations have begun for AIA Grassroots 2006, our annual Leadership and Legislative Conference. The schedule is for us to convene February 8-11, 2006, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The Conference is our opportunity to come together as a community to enhance our leadership skills, learn about AIA initiatives, make our legislative agenda known to members of Congress, and network with colleagues. As always, the goal of Grassroots is to strengthen the organization and those who volunteer their time and energy to lead the profession." Future section and chapter leaders should make plans to attend this valuable conference.

I would like to give many great thanks to the Champaign Section for their efforts towards another successful Chapter Meeting in August. The tour of the Krannert Center, dinner and subsequent program received high remarks and was deemed a great success (there were even many interesting comments/debates about the dessert). If you missed this event and my description made you wish you hadn't, make sure to

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September Meeting Announced

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2005

Program: Tour of the almost-completed HeartCare Midwest followed by dinner with Jeffrey K. Griffin, AIA, principal at Medical Design International who will speak about this project and the future of medical design.

Location: New HeartCare Midwest Building in Peoria followed by dinner and speaker presentation at Barrack's Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria. (See map on following page for directions to avoid the closed I-74 across the Illinois River)

Agenda:

- 5:30 pm Tour
- 6:30 pm Social
- 7:00 pm Dinner & Business Mtg.
- 7:30 pm Speaker Presentation

Cost: Free to members. \$25 for guests

RSVP:

By 5 p.m. on Friday, September 9 to:
Brandy Dietrich
Farnsworth Group, Inc.
Fax: 309-689-9820
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(See registration form on next page)



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make yourself available at our future engagements!

Please take special note of the Young Architect's Forum article in this month's Centerlines. Exciting things are happening to better help our Associate Members make their way towards full membership and more importantly towards licensure. Our YAF Director, Eric Cluver, deserves our appreciation for spearheading this effort. Finally, nominations are open for the AIA Central Illinois Board and the slate of officers. These will be presented for election at our final Chapter Meeting. I look forward to seeing you in Peoria!

Champaign Meeting Wrap-Up

The Central Chapter was treated in July to a tour of the Krannert Center for the Arts and a presentation by Mike Ross, Director of the Krannert Center who passionately talked about the facility and what the future holds. Attendees visited the performance venues, costume and scene shops and massive lobby and learned how Krannert became one of the nation's premier educational and performance complexes.

Many thanks to Kevin Spahn, AIA, Champaign/Urbana Section President for making all of the meeting arrangements and to RATIO Architects Inc. for their sponsorship of the reception.

MAP TO PEORIA MEETING

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- September 15** Central Chapter Meeting — Peoria
- September 21** Third Annual Green Symposium — Springfield
- October 20** Central Chapter Service Awards — Bloomington
- November 4-5** AIA Illinois Annual Conference "Celebrate Architecture" — Rockford

RESERVATION FORM FOR SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING

Advance registration is required.

(Please type or print)

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU:

Name:

Company:

RSVP — Brandy Dietrich

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Cost: Free to members;

\$25 per guest.

Deadline to Register:

5 p.m. on September 9

AIA Central Illinois 2005 Service Awards

— Call for Nominations —

AIA Central Illinois Chapter is pleased to request nominations for the 2005 Chapter Service Awards. The intent of these awards is to honor Central Illinois chapter members who have made a significant contribution to the collective reputation of architecture through excellent service to the profession, education, and the community. Nominations may be made in any of the following four categories:

- Outstanding Firm
- Outstanding Professional Member
- Outstanding Young Architect
- Outstanding Educator Member

Nominations may be made by any member of the Central Illinois chapter, by clients, by family and friends, - in short by anyone affiliated with architects and architecture. Please feel free to submit several nominations and to nominate yourself. Nominations are due September 9 with entry submissions due September 30. All entries will be judged during October. Please send your nominations to any AIA Central Illinois Board Member.

Following nomination, each nominee will receive guidelines for preparation of service award submittals.

AWARD CATEGORIES

OUTSTANDING FIRM

May be awarded to an architectural member firm of the AIA Central Illinois Chapter in recognition of its demonstrated long term and sustained contributions to the advancement of the professions of architecture. Nominations may cite achievements in one or more of the following categories:

- **Service to the Profession:** Recognizing service to the AIA Central Illinois Chapter either through direct participation or through participation at the state or national level of AIA. May include a sustained effort at intern development.
- **Public Service:** Recognizing sustained leadership in efforts of significant interest in one or more Illinois communities, including, but not limited to civic improvement, governmental projects, conservation and urban renewal. Service in this category is community based.
- **Education / Training:** Recognizing extra professional endeavors in education.
- **Architectural Practice:** Recognizing special skills and achievements in the organization, operation and management of an architectural office that has produced results outside the routine and received outstanding recognition by the profession.

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL MEMBER

May be awarded to a member architect who maintains professional membership in AIA Central Illinois Chapter. Nominees must have demonstrated leadership qualities in the profession of architecture and contributed to the advancement of the profession. Nominations may cite achievements in one or more of the following categories:

- **Service to the Profession:** Primarily recognizing service to the AIA Central Illinois Chapter either through direct participation or through participation at the state or national level of the AIA. May include a sustained effort at intern development.
- **Public Service:** Recognizing sustained leadership in efforts of significant interest in one or more Illinois communities, including, but not limited to civic improvements, governmental projects, conservation and urban renewal. Service in this category is community based.
- **Education:** Recognizing extra professional endeavors in education.
- **Architectural Practice:** Recognizing special skills and achievements in the organization, operation and management of an architectural office that has produced results outside the routine and received outstanding recognition by the profession.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ARCHITECT

May be awarded to an architect who has been licensed for less than ten years and maintains membership with the AIA Central Illinois Chapter. Nominees must have demonstrated leadership qualities in the profession of architecture and contributed notably to the profession of architecture. Nominations may cite achievements in one or more of the following categories:

- **Service to the Profession:** Primarily recognizing service to the AIA Central Illinois Chapter either through direct participation or through participation at the state or national level of the AIA. May include a sustained effort at intern development.
- **Public Service:** Recognizing sustained leadership in efforts of significant interest in one or more Illinois communities, including, but not limited to civic improvements, governmental projects, conservation and urban renewal. Service in this category is community based.
- **Education:** Recognizing extra professional endeavors in education.
- **Architectural Practice:** Recognizing special skills and achievements in the organization, operation and management of an architectural office that has produced results outside the routine and received outstanding recognition by the profession.

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

May be awarded to a member architect or associate member who maintains professional membership with the AIA Central Illinois Chapter. Nominees must have demonstrated leadership qualities in the profession of architecture through education and contributed notably to the advancement of the profession of architecture as an educator. Nominations may cite achievements in one or more of the following categories:

- Service to the Profession: Primarily recognizing service to the AIA Central Illinois Chapter through direct participation with an emphasis on notable effort in education.
- Education: Recognizing full time endeavors in education, while highlighting achievements in disciplines relating to or impacting the quality of architectural education and / or encouraging the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the profession of architecture.
- Technology: Recognizing notable contributions in the research or practical application of materials, systems or equipment to education that significantly enhances architectural education.
- Public Awareness: Recognizing outstanding efforts in education, which may have raised the level of architectural academic standards, increased the recognition of professional competence or otherwise elevated the practice of architecture.

2005 AIA CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS

As of August 22, 2005

<u>AIA</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE AIA</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
246	74	53	373

Professional Affiliates 6

**Includes inactive Member Emeritus*

NEW

Andrea Probst, Assoc. AIA	Bloomington	8/10/05
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REINSTATEMENT

Jeffrey Poss	Champaign	8/3/05
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UPGRADE

Joseph Coble to Emeritus	Urbana	7/7/05
James G. Peacock to Emeritus	Peoria	5/3/05

DECEASED

Donald Brotherson	Florida	6/15/05
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2005 AIA Illinois Annual Conference

The 2005 AIA Illinois Annual Conference “Celebrate Architecture” is scheduled for November 4 & 5 in Rockford, Illinois and promises to be another exciting and educational event. Notable speakers have been scheduled including Bob Ivy, FAIA, Editor in Chief of *Architecture Record*; and Tom Stat, Director of Business Development at IDEO, the company that brought you the Palm V and was recently featured in Business Week Magazine. A wide variety of CES presentations will be available to help you meet your continuing education requirements including: “Innovations in Steel,” “Why Are Clients So Hard To Please?,” “Earth Stewardship and Sustainable Development” to mention only a few. Interesting tours of remarkable downtown Rockford sites including the Coronado Theater, Memorial Hall, and the Rockford Women’s Club will also be made available for attendees. Pre-conference activities on Thursday, November 3 have been arranged for those who might arrive early. All continuing education and speaker session details, tour information and learning units available as well as fees will be detailed in the up and coming registration brochure so be sure to watch for it.

Many thanks go out to our sponsors of the 2005 conference because without them, we could not be nearly as successful. Be sure to visit their booths and extend your appreciation for their ongoing support at the Vendor Fair during the conference. Our 2005 sponsors include:

- Andersen Windows and Doors
- McGraw Hill
- Holmes Murphy
- Hobbs Group/AVA Insurance
- XL Insurance
- Tesko Custom Metals
- Precast Prestressed
- Weyerhaeuser

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Clock Tower Resort. **Thursday, October 13 is the deadline** for making a reservation. Please call (800) 358-7666 or (815) 398-6000 and ask for a room in the AIA Illinois Annual Conference Room Block.

Be sure to visit our website for links to our sponsors and speakers and to make plans to attend the 2005 conference! If you should have any questions about the program or would like to volunteer to help out, please call the AIA Illinois office at (217) 522-2309 or write to <mary_young@ameritech.net>.

YOUNG ARCHITECT'S FORUM

—By Eric L Cluver, AIA, YAF Director

Earlier this year, I read an interesting article about the Central Arizona Chapter developing a portable station in an edition of the *NCARB Direct Connection*. I thought, “Why couldn’t Central Illinois do the same thing?” I remember the article saying that their testing station not only included a portable computer but also supplemental materials. I thought this was a great idea and that even if we didn’t have a custom enclosure for the testing station, we could certainly use a computer that would have mock exams available for practice use. So, I presented the Central Chapter Board with the idea of developing a portable practice exams testing station for interns who may not have access to materials either personally or through their firm.

When I was taking the exams, I remembered the firm I worked for purchased these materials for their interns to use, but they were also aware that other interns had to purchase the materials themselves. These items were expensive; an expense that smaller firms or interns might have a hard time justifying. So I presented a proposal to the Board that included all of the items we would need and how the Central Chapter might be able to facilitate a testing station. The board responded by approving the idea.

It is my pleasure to announce that the Central Illinois Chapter Young Architect’s Forum is the proud owner of a brand new portable testing station (laptop) that will have loaded on it the latest practice testing software for the Architect’s Registration Exam. In addition, supplemental study materials will also be available for individual study and review. The testing materials were purchased from ALS/Kaplan Education.

The test station will contain mock exams of the six multiple-choice divisions and three graphic-divisions which will allow interns from within the Chapter the opportunity to practice prior to taking the actual exams at no cost. **That’s right, at no cost.** This is a huge savings to smaller firms and a significant benefit to the membership of our chapter.

The supplemental materials available for checkout include the following:

- ARE-Solutions manual (Norman K Dorf) for the graphic vignettes. This is a parallel resource for the NCARB practice exams.
- Architectural History study guide
- Building Design/Materials & Methods study guide (including Q&A)

- Site Planning study guide
- Building Technology study guide
- Building Planning study guide
- Construction Documents & Services study guide (including Q&A)
- Pre-Design study guide (including Q&A)
- Mechanical & Electrical Systems study guide (including Q&A)
- General Structures study guide (including Q&A)
- Lateral Forces study guide (including Q&A)
- Flash Cards -General Structures, Mechanical & Electrical Systems, Building Design/Materials & Methods, Pre-Design, Lateral Forces, Construction Documents & Services & Graphic Divisions
- Graphic Division Practice Vignettes (paper & pencil)- Building Planning (2 sets), Building Technology (2 sets) & Site Planning (2 sets)

The testing station will be available in the next several weeks and will initially be stationed in Bloomington. I will send out e-mail notification to the Central Illinois membership with check-out policies/procedures and other details. The testing station and all materials will be available on a first come, first served basis. A check-out sign-up sheet will accompany the e-mail notification. The supplemental materials will be available for check-out at any time. A preview of the materials and testing station will be available at the September meeting in Peoria during the social hour.

I know this is exciting news for all the Interns in the Central Illinois Chapter and it is my understanding that this is the first of its kind in Illinois. My intent is that this investment in our Chapter is used often. It has been the goal of the YAF to help the next generation of architects and I believe this testing station is a big step in that direction. However, this investment would not have been possible without the commitment of the current Board. I would like to sincerely thank the current Central Illinois Board for agreeing to invest in the future of not only our profession but the up-in-coming professionals right here in Central Illinois. I would also like to personally thank John Bishop, AIA for assisting me in this endeavor and being an invaluable resource of knowledge.

Feel free to drop me an e-mail (ecluver@f-w.com) or give me a call, (309) 663-8436, and don’t hesitate to share your ideas or comments. I look forward to hearing from you. Again, I’ll be in touch with all of you soon.

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