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President's Message

—By *Tim Hickey, AIA*

**“From what we get, we can make a living;
what we give, however, makes a life”**

Arthur Ash

As I watched the snow fall in Washington D.C. and listened to an announcement that my return home flight boarding had been bumped back another 20 minutes, I was able to appreciate a lesson I just learned at the annual AIA Grassroots conference; life is improvisational so accept what your dealt and handle it with confidence. We're always being watched and judged on our value and reputation which is often based on how our actions impact others. So I prepared myself for a cancellation and a call home with the optimism that tomorrow will bring a better turn of events.

Speaking of improvements, we have many planned for your AIA Central Illinois chapter this year. Under the leadership of a dedicated board, I'm confident you will recognize more benefits from the AIA and become aware of greater opportunities for enhancing your career in the profession of architecture. For more details please be sure to contact any of the executive board members. They are all identified on the back of this newsletter and **deserve our gratitude** for stepping up to help continue

the efforts of those who served before them and lead the charge in developing and promoting future AIA Central Illinois successes.

The *value of AIA* is in its promise. To the public that promise is superior service. For members it is to provide opportunity. Opportunities for us this year include something for everyone in this profession and every level in their career. We are excited to be planning new, ambitious programs that will demonstrate value to our emerging professionals (from students to recently licensed architects). Improved communications will help spread the word and raise awareness of the wealth of programs and information shared between our national, state and individual chapter components. Our bi-monthly chapter meetings will rotate between host cities and offer continuing education credits, informational tours, programs, networking and usually — a dinner and social hour.

Special programs this year include the 2nd annual AIA Illinois Prairie

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March Meeting Announced

When: Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Program: Tour of Hope Academy
(Ronda Daugherty, Principal)

Location: 955 N. Illinois Decatur

Agenda:

- 6:15 Travel to Tuscany Steak & Pasta House
1099 W. Wood Street Decatur
- 6:30 Social Hour
- 7:00 Dinner
- 7:45 AIA Business Meeting
- 8:05 Presentation by Elmer "Mac" McPherson, Superintendent of Decatur Public Schools)

Cost: Free to members. \$25 for guests

RSVP:

By 4 p.m. on Friday, March 3 to:
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(See registration form on next page)



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Grassroots in March. This is a unique opportunity to meet with our local legislators in Springfield to discuss the interests of architects with the backing of an association comprised of 3500 state and 75,000 national members. In July, AIA IL will host a Leadership Institute and invite members of all ages interested in taking a leadership role within AIA Illinois to participate in a all-day program. We're already working on the year's finale — the 2006 AIA Illinois Annual Conference in Peoria — where we will collaborate with members ranging from our newest Emerging Professionals to our most seasoned veterans. We look forward to building on past years' successes with informative programs, tours, and gala events. This will be an excellent opportunity to earn continuing education learning units before the end-of-the-year deadline.

"Too busy to participate right now," you say? As a steward of your profession and in the interest of developing the next generation of architects, please consider sharing membership information with others that they may explore the opportunities that the AIA has to offer. It's never too early or too late to get more involved. Not only will you develop new personal skills, it will continue adding value to our profession.

Need to know more? Read on: this newsletter contains information, resources and requests, and if you can't find it here, just ask. We look forward to hearing from you!

By the way, I made it home that night before the 12 inches of snow fell. Others weren't so lucky.

2006 Prairie Grassroots Conference

Don't forget to make plans to attend the 2006 Prairie Grassroots Conference in Springfield on Thursday, March 23. The event promises to be another exiting opportunity for a lunch-and-learn at the Governor's Mansion, Capitol visits with legislators and a reception in the former State Journal Register building which is now the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency on 6th Street where the 2006 Legislator of the Year will be recognized. Contact the AIA Illinois office for details and watch for the registration form!



Representing AIA Central Illinois at the 2006 AIA Grassroots Conference in Washington D.C. (left-right) John Bishop, AIA; Steve Christopher, AIA (seated) President Tim Hickey, AIA; Brandy Dietrich, Assoc. AIA; Eric Cluver, AIA.

RESERVATION FORM FOR MARCH 8 MEETING

Advance registration is required.

(Please type or print)

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU:

Name:

Company:

RSVP — Kimberly Kurtenbach, AIA

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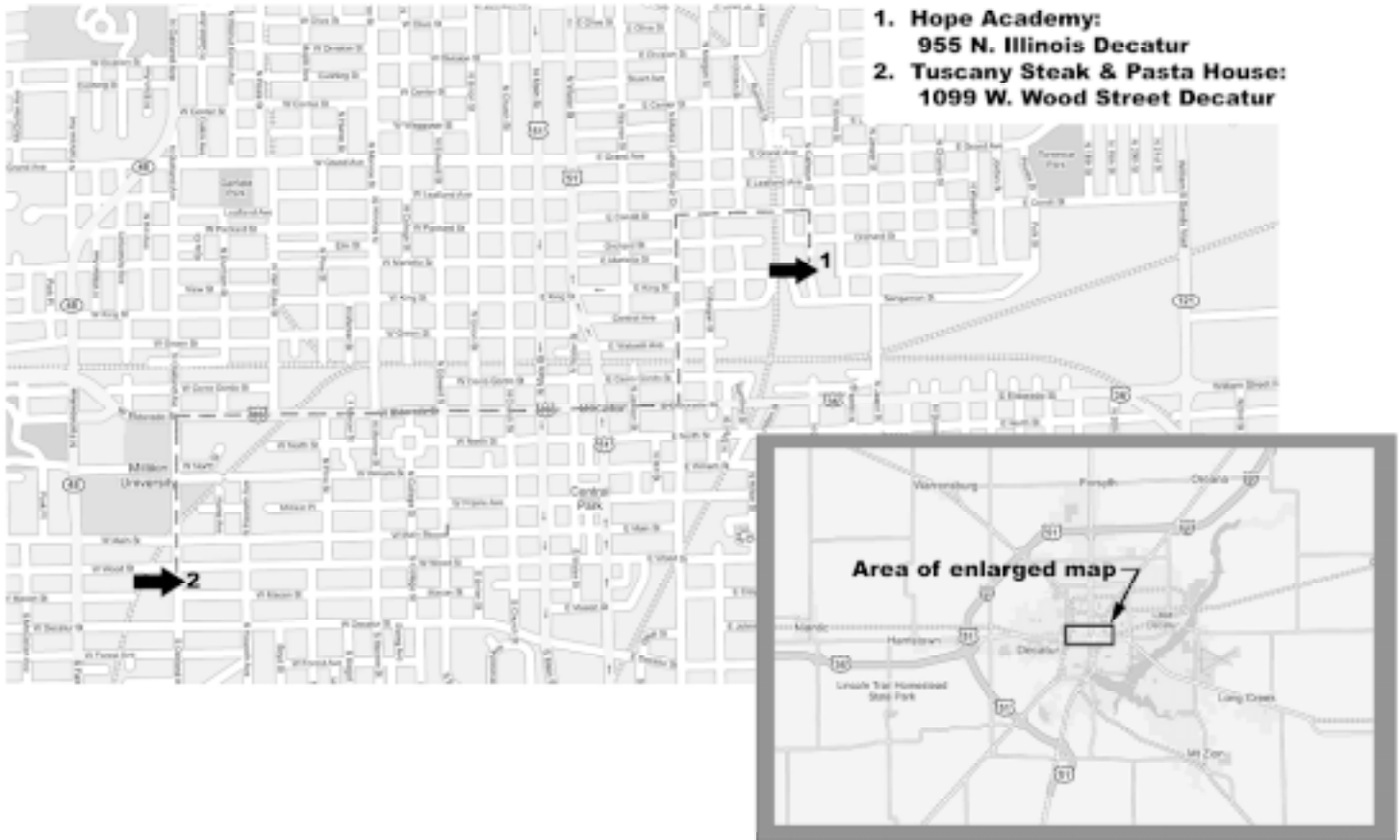
Cost: Free to members;

\$25 per guest.

Deadline to Register:

4 p.m. on March 3

MAP TO MARCH MEETING



What's Your Favorite Brand?



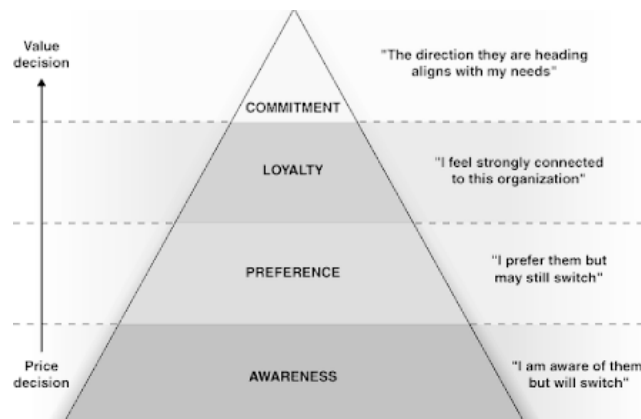
Why?

Is it of superior quality?

Does it have an excellent reputation?

Is the value you perceive in these worth a premium?

Consider this decision pyramid:



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Did you know 'peer to peer' marketing is among the best ways to attract new members?

We know where you want your brand and customer base so help us spread the word and promote YOU by sharing the Value of AIA!

— Section Reports/Events —

— Springfield —

The Springfield Section would like to welcome architects from all over the state to the Prairie Grassroots event being sponsored by AIA Illinois. Please come and let your voice be heard by your representatives on the bills that matter to the profession.

Locally, the section plans to continue the recent service of offering lunch-n-learn opportunities for members. To date, four have been scheduled. The first, on February 16th was well attended. March 16 is a presentation on doors presented by Tru-Stile. April 20 will be a presentation on tax credit funding of replacement windows. May 18 will be about geothermal heating and cooling.

In January and early-February there was a gallery showing by local firms of Architecture as Art. The opening party was a large success, with more than 220 people attending. We are working on additional locations to display the art provided by 10 different member firms.

— Bloomington/Normal —

The Bloomington Section has several ideas for great lunch programs in the upcoming year. The announcements will be sent to all Section Presidents for forwarding to their members. If you will be in the area, feel free to attend (please RSVP as indicated). As always, additional ideas for meetings are welcomed.

Some of our goals for the year are: A. Better sharing of information through a new website. B. Increase member participation. C. Reach out to younger members through YAF and Emerging Professionals groups. Send a survey to members and non-members.

We are scheduled to host the Chapter meeting in July, and we are investigating some very exciting ideas; stay tuned! We would like to extend our condolences to the friends and family of Dean F. Hilfinger, FAIA. Dean's obituary can be viewed at <www.arch.uiuc.edu/events/news/2006/01_25_06/>.

— Other News —

ASHRAE is again having a national satellite broadcast. The April 19, 2006, broadcast topic is "Sustainability and the Building Environment" and the time is Noon to 3 p.m. Participants will earn two AIA Learning Units. The Central Illinois ASHRAE Chapter is planning on broadcast sites in Peoria, Springfield and Urbana. Additional information will be available in a few weeks.

Call ??? at 782-4960 if you have any questions.

Kaplan Discount

A website was created through partnership with Kaplan AEC Education and the American Institute of Architects exclusively for AIA members to receive a 20 percent discount on all exam preparation materials for the ARE.

Kaplan offers comprehensive Learning Systems for all nine exam divisions, each completely aligned to the new ARE 3.1 exam. Each product in the Learning Systems (study guide, question & answer handbook, test bank, flashcard set) has been re-organized to completely align with the corresponding ARE division exam. These Learning Systems help you better focus on essential information for each division of the exam, as well as provide flexibility in how you study and are ideal for both self study and group study. To learn more visit the Northeast Chapter website at: <www.kaplanaecarchitecture.com/kaplanAECarchitecture/home.aspx?catalog_id=AIA524>.

Roof-Related AIA Continuing Education Seminar

Bloomington: March 7
Springfield: March 8

Sponsor: Tremco, Inc.

Seminar Agenda: The Real Cost of Quality,
Job Site Inspection, LEED, State of the Industry

3 AIA/CES HS&W Learning Units

Cost: Free. Lunch will be provided

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2005 Central Chapter Service Awards

AIA Central Illinois presented its 2005 Service Awards during a dinner held November 15th at the Children's Museum in Normal. The chapter bi-annually recognizes Central Illinois chapter individual who have made a significant contributions to the collective reputation of architecture through excellent service to the profession, education, and the community. The award deserving recipients were as follows:

Outstanding Professional Member — Paul O'Shea, AIA

Mr. Paul O'Shea is Chief Architect at Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc. Among his many accomplishments, Mr. O'Shea has held the AIA Illinois Springfield section President position for three separate terms and his continual growth and professional development serves as an excellent example of a fulfilling and successful career in architecture. The city of Springfield has also greatly benefited from Mr. O'Shea's involvement with the national Regional/Urban Development Assistance Team (R/UDAT) which twice visited Springfield. The R/UDAT Team and local steering committee headed by Mr. O'Shea, has inspired much change and improvement in the downtown Springfield area. He has also chaired both the Downtown Beautification Committee and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

Outstanding Educator — Marc Mitalski, P.E., S.E., Assoc. AIA

Mr. Marc Mitalski, Associate AIA, is Visiting Assistant Professor and the 2004 Dean E. and Avis F. Hilfinger Faculty Fellow in Architecture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign School of Architecture. Mr. Mitalski's dedication to the profession is evident from his work with the youth at the Popsicle bridge competition, to his involvement in the Discover Architecture program with prospective students, to his advanced structural planning teachings. Mr. Mitalski is also the president of PREPA.R.E., Inc. which provides structural engineering services and educational workshops to the architecture community and has helped countless architects pass the General Structures and Lateral Forces sections of the Architectural Registration Examination (A.R.E). Marc is also serving as the 2006 Springfield Section Secretary.

Outstanding Young Architect — Eric Cluver, AIA

Mr. Eric Cluver, AIA, an architect at Farnsworth Group, Inc. in Bloomington, Illinois where he specializes in health care, was recognized for the development of a "portable testing station" for licensing exam preparation; an innovative idea that will benefit young architects for years to come. Mr. Cluver's generosity, leadership and devotion to the profession are self-evident and the testing station is one example of his unyielding commitment to the profession, especially emerging professionals. Mr. Cluver

accomplishments also include his service on the AIA Central Illinois Chapter Board of Directors. In 2005, he served as their Young Architects Forum representative and in 2006 is serving as Board Secretary.

President's Award — Doris Reeser, AIA

Ms. Doris Reeser, AIA was recognized for her planning and implementation of the very successful "Evening with Sarah Susanka" on the University of Illinois campus in the fall of 2004. Popular author Sarah Susanka, AIA came to the U of I campus and gave a dinner and public presentation to over 600 attendees. The event convened architects, students and the general public and was by all accounts a success. Ms. Reeser is an architect for the University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign campus in the Facilities and Services Construction Division and has been a licensed architect for 25 years. She has also served as the Bloomington-Normal AIA Section president and as a member of the AIA Central Illinois Board of Directors.

Congratulations to all!

2005 AIA CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS

As of January 17, 2006

| <u>AIA</u> | <u>ASSOCIATE AIA</u> | <u>MEMBER</u> <u>EMERITUS*</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| 253 | 73 | 55 | 388 |

Professional Affiliates 6

**Includes inactive Member Emeritus*

NEW

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|------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Kleinlein, Andrea, Assoc. AIA | Bloomington | 11/25/05 |
| Maples, David D., Assoc. AIA | Decatur | 11/8/05 |
| Frankenberger, Chad T., Assoc. AIA | Bloomington | 10/26/05 |

UPGRADE

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Alex P. Block, AIA | Springfield | 12/05/05 |
| Richard D. Hall, AIA to Emeritus | Decatur | 11/08/05 |
| Keith T. Schnepf, AIA | Springfield | 12/05/05 |

YOUNG ARCHITECT'S FORUM

—By Eric L Cluver, AIA, YAF Director

Let me spend a quick moment introducing myself and then I will get right on to matters of a much more exciting nature. My name is Douglas L. Milburn and I am currently living in Champaign/Urbana where I work at IGW Architecture. I was recently appointed to the position of Director of the Young Architects Forum of the Central Illinois Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Wow, that's quite the long winded phrase isn't it? So, from here on out, I will refer to this as CI AIA YAF.

Now on to the much more exciting news!

I plan to continue on where the past director, Eric Cluver, left off by providing programs that are of interest to both intern level and recently licensed (less than 10 years) Architects. This can be kind of difficult, but as it currently stands here in central Illinois, these two groups make up the YAF so it must be done to ensure that every group is represented and benefiting from the CI AIA YAF.

As you know the geographic area of our region is quite large so this year the CI AIA YAF will not only hold regional events, but we will also start organizing local meetings so that members and non-members can come together to meet their peers in the area. These events will be organized through local liaisons. Bloomington/Normal, Champaign/Urbana, and Springfield have selected local liaisons and volunteers are still being sought for Decatur, Peoria, and Rock Island.

Another item of note is that each and every CI AIA YAF event, whether it be local or regional, will occur on the last Tuesday of each month. We hope that this will allow ease in planning to attend these events as there can be many connections made at both the local and regional events, as well as many things learned. Regional events will occur quarterly with local meetings happening every month in between. The first local meeting will occur on February 28 in those sections where local YAF liaisons have come forward willing to help organize the events.

Lastly, the CI AIA YAF is looking to grow in terms of participation as well as members. So please, spread this around to any interns or recently licensed Architects in your office that may not be involved with the AIA. The CI AIA YAF is looking to become a very integral part of a young professional's life and offers many opportunities that they may not be subjected to otherwise.

We look forward to seeing you at future local and regional CI AIA YAF events.

LOCAL MEETING INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 28

Bloomington – Normal

Chevy's Fresh Mex, 704 South Eldorado Road, Bloomington
Contact Andrea Probst or Andrea Kleinlein at (309) 662-8992

Champaign – Urbana

Boltini Lounge, 211 North Neil, Champaign
Contact Doug Milburn at (217) 328.1391, ext. 17

Springfield

Floyd's Thirst Parlor, 210 S. Fifth St., Springfield
Contact Matthew Wolf at (217) 789-9515



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REPUTATION

VALUE

OPPORTUNITY

- **The voice of our profession**
 - **Access to knowledge**
 - **Networking and enhanced collaboration**
- **Our platform to effectuate change**
- **A trusted organization for support**

WE WANT YOU!



- Leaders
- Curious or potential members
- Skeptics
- Disillusioned (*not to be confused with delusional*)

If you fit this description or know of others that might please contact us. We've got something to share.

We're also looking for faculty members, mentors, committee chairs, volunteers and non-member partners. Call to find out how you can become more involved in the AIA.

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