



Centerlines

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President's Message

—By Tim Hickey, AIA

In my ongoing quest to learn more and enlighten others about the many benefits of active involvement in our profession through the AIA I have come across another resource — the AIA Career Center.

From a previous stint as treasurer, I recalled that AIA National was a great source of revenue sharing for AIA components, sending chapters like ours handsome checks from proceeds brought in by the sale of AIA contracts and documents. Apparently that was not the only source. Through a letter from Brenda Henderson, AIA Managing Director for Component Relations, I learned the online Career Center broke all previous revenue records, increasing by 95 percent the amount shared in the first quarter of 2005 — from \$96,000 to \$187,000. Employers pay to post job openings, so there must be a lot of opportunities out there. Skeptical, I looked a little further into this website.

I'm no webmaster but the format seems user-friendly and includes a variety of career path opportunities. There are postings for state and local AIA components as well as AIA National in Washington, DC. For the more traditional route, there appeared to be more than 500 architecture job postings, some abroad. Job seekers may browse by category (22 !) or state as well as setting up an advanced search specifying their experience and

other criteria. For employers the rates are set up for 30-and 60-day postings with special rates for inclusion in the AIArchitect electronic newsletter. Resumes from your area or across the country can be reviewed on-line or e-mailed to you via a resume agent.

Not surprisingly, of the 27 postings in Illinois, most were from Chicago. A little disappointing however, was that only one was from our chapter. According to the numbers (\$), this site is gaining attention and judging by the web-savvy talent out there, job seekers are more likely than ever to utilize this site when on the lookout for their next opportunity. Most of us know the benefits of working and living in this part of the state so we shouldn't hesitate to post our job openings in the hopes of attracting others that may be looking for the right kind of thing in this kind of place.

With this information I encourage you to participate in the online Career Center. For those on the hunt or just curious, you'll find a great representation of what kind of opportunities are available and where they can be found. For those looking for help, this site provides national exposure to your firm while complementing the promotion you receive from local

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July Meeting Announced

When: Wednesday, July 19

Where: Figge Art Museum
225 West 2nd St., Davenport, Iowa

Host: Rock Island/Moline Section

Program: A tour of the museum followed by dinner at 225 (in the museum) and presentation by Doug Frey of HLKB of Des Moines.

Agenda:

5:00 p.m. Tour of the Museum
6:00 p.m. Dinner at 225
6:45 p.m. Central Meeting and
Presentation by Doug Frey
Conclude with a visit to the pedestrian
bridge for a spectacular light show
demonstration.

Cost: Free to members. \$25 for guests.

RSVP: Fax your RSVP form and dinner selection to Lo Milani, AIA at (309) 788-5100.

(See next page for registration form and driving directions to the museum.)



DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE FIGGE ART MUSEUM

From Interstate 80 Eastbound:

- Exit I - 74E (4 miles).
- Exit US-67 S / Grant St. Continue to follow US-67 S. (about 3.5 miles).
- Turn Right on Harrison Street. OR Main Street.
- Entrance to the museum is along 2nd Street (this street runs parallel to US-67).
- See PARKING for parking availability.

From Interstate 80 Westbound:

- Exit US-61 S/Welcome Way Interchange. Continue to follow US-61 S (about 5 miles).
- Turn Left on 2nd Street. Continue 1 Ω blocks.
- Entrance to the museum is along 2nd Street.
- See PARKING for parking availability.

From Interstate 280:

- Exit I - 74W.
- Exit US-67 S / Grant St. Continue to follow US-67 S. (about 3.5 miles)
- Turn Right on Harrison Street OR Main Street.
- Entrance to the museum is along 2nd Street (this street runs parallel to US-67).
- See PARKING for parking availability.

PARKING

- Street parking is available on 2nd Street and Harrison Street.
- Parking ramps:
- NW corner of 2nd Street and Harrison
- Main Street and River Drive

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job boards. Our chapter will also reap the benefits of the revenue sharing program, as the revenue sent to each component is based on the Career Center business generated from within their geographic areas.

Please visit <www.aia.org/careers_cmp_ads> to see the exciting progress the online Career Center has made. If you've never been there, please have a look and refer what you see to others that might benefit from this other great AIA resource.

2006 AIA CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP REPORT

CURRENT ACTIVE PAID MEMBERS

As of July 5, 2006

<u>AIA</u>	<u>ASSOCIATE AIA</u>	<u>MEMBER EMERITUS*</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
238	78	53	369
Professional Affiliates 6			
<i>*Includes inactive Member Emeritus</i>			
<u>NEW</u>			
Chelsea Rose Morrissey, Assoc. AIA	Moline		5/8/06
<u>TRANSFERRED IN</u>			
Kelly J. Miller, Assoc. AIA			

RESERVATION FORM FOR JULY 19 MEETING

Advance registration is required.

(Please type or print)

NAME: _____

COMPANY: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

OTHERS ATTENDING WITH YOU:

Name: _____	Company: _____
_____	_____

Dinner choice:

_____ Parmesan Chicken _____ Grilled Vegetable Brochette in an apricot chutney (vegetarian)

RSVP — Fax to Lo Milani, AIA
at (309) 788-5100.

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

Deadline to Register:
4 p.m. on July 17

May Meeting Wrap Up

Several Central Chapter members came out in the pouring rain to attend the May meeting which began with a reception hosted by Resource One. Attendees visited the showroom and enjoyed a few snacks before heading out on the Pied Piper Tour led by Anthony Rubano of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Soggy attendees then enjoyed dinner and the view at the top of the Hilton hotel.

Thank you Resource One for your hospitality, IHPA and Anthony Rubano for leading the tour and Janice Hahn, AIA of the Springfield Section for helping pull the meeting together.



New AIA Illinois Annual Awards Call for Nominations Now Open

AIA Illinois 2006 Honor Awards: A Celebration of Better Illinois Communities by Design

The 2006 AIA Illinois Honor Awards seek to recognize the people and projects representing the best of the architecture profession, the power of design, and the dedication of individuals to service and excellence. All award winners exemplify positive impacts on regions great and small and help create more

livable communities in Illinois.

AIA Illinois is pleased to request entries for the 2006 Honor Awards Program. The Honor Awards will be presented at the AIA Illinois Annual Conference, Thursday evening, November 2nd in Peoria, Illinois.

Any individual may nominate a project or individual for an award. Complete award categories and selection criteria are detailed on the AIA Illinois Website: www.aiail.org.

The Awards recipients are selected from nominations received by the Awards Jury. Jury members are charged to study and evaluate the achievements of each nominee under consideration. The Awards Jury is appointed by the AIA Illinois President to serve for one year only. The AIA Illinois President will serve as an ex-officio member of the Jury. Each unsuccessful nomination will be automatically reconsidered by two subsequent Juries, unless withdrawn by the sponsor.

Visit www.aiail.org to download the complete forms and guidelines.

Calendar of Events

August 15	Chapter Board Meeting 6 p.m. Springfield (<i>subject to change</i>)
September	IFMA Conference/Chapter Meeting Bloomington/Normal
September	Regional YAF event Springfield
October	Chapter Meeting/Design Awards Champaign
October 17	Chapter Board Meeting 6 p.m. Springfield (<i>subject to change</i>)
November 2-4	Annual AIA IL Conference Peoria
December	Regional YAF event Champaign/Urbana

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YOUNG ARCHITECT'S FORUM

—By Eric L Cluver, AIA, YAF Director

The Value of a Name

Names have always had meaning; personal names, pets names, occupation names, job titles—the list is endless. However, it seems that more so than ever before, the value of a name is HUGE.

One cannot turn anywhere during daily life without being impacted by some sort of name or place recognition. Helping spur this on is the importance that our society currently puts on branding and identities. Whether these are corporate brands and identities, community brands and identities, or sprawling development brands and identities, name recognition is all around us, for better or worse.

Think of all the 'naming' issues within our profession, especially among those of us in the younger generations of the profession. One example of note to many 'YAF' members is the term and title 'intern'. Many are called architectural interns, intern architect, or simply intern, but when describing their jobs to a member of the general public, most often say they are Architects, because it would simply take too long to explain that they are legally an intern until passing the ARE and the process involved to get there, known as IDP, whose very name also causes some in the younger generation to stir.

Before getting to the name issue of IDP, lets explore this intern 'name' a bit more. Many do not mean any disrespect to those who have earned the right to call themselves an Architect when stating that they are an Architect through the course of conversation with someone outside of the profession. From my understanding, many simply do so to adequately convey what it is that they do, as using 'intern' as a descriptor does not really convey anything, other than being at the bottom of the heap. So, you may ask, what is an appropriate title? Well, many have begun having this conversation, both within the AIA and without, since there is no consistent legal 'title' among states and therefore the confusion is added to.

To offer some sort of answer, the main example that is often cited on architectural forums and through discussions on the topic is that Engineers are able to call themselves an Engineer-in-Training after passing the Fundamentals of Engineering exam. Granted, the two title options are Engineering Intern and Engineer-in-Training (EIT), but many often prefer the EIT title versus the intern title. I think that the same preference would be discovered within our profession and being able to call oneself an Architect-in-Training would alleviate that whole problem of describing oneself an Architect while not actually licensed when talking with those outside of the profession, because the title Architect-in-Training would confer to those

'outside' exactly what it was that we do and that we are on the path to becoming a licensed Architect.

Now back to the IDP name and what causes those to stir upon its mention. The name Intern Development Program does not lead anyone to understand that by going through this process, one is working their way to becoming a licensed Architect. It actually sounds as though interns are being developed. This discussion occurs quite often on the architecture forums as well, allowing members of the profession from megapolis' to small towns, engage in this discussion and many other topics of importance to the profession. Combine the IDP naming issue with the process of actually going through IDP, and it leaves a very bad taste in many mouths.

So, again, you may ask, where am I going with all of this?

The answer to that question would be the investigation of the very name of the group that I am the Director of, the Young Architects Forum. When started, this group was intended to provide a forum for recently licensed Architects to discuss problems they were facing and to give them a collective voice for these problems and other issues of importance to them. Now, the very name seems to be a complete turn off to those that it was originally created for, thus the importance of a name. As a result of this turn off from a name, the make up of the group has largely become interns, but we are hoping this sentiment will change as we continue to strive to provide programs, both local and regional, that will appeal to both recently licensed Architects and interns on the path towards licensure.

The local events, which are gaining momentum with each passing month, have been quite successful in bringing this young Architect generation together in each locale, and the recently unveiled theme for the regional events seems to be generating a lot of excitement for these quarterly held events. These themes, as mentioned in an email a few weeks back, are sustainable design and technology. Each regional event will strive to incorporate one or both of these themes in to its program and will thus help educate those in attendance and get conversations started around CI.

In addition to events that will help us both personally and professionally, the CI AIA YAF is also striving to develop a program to help out our communities. Whether this be by rolling up the sleeves and doing some handiwork or simply working to increase the awareness of Architecture in our communities, the sky is the limit. Many are quite excited by this and it excites me to see YAF members developing such an interest in their local communities and the desire to have a YAF presence within our local communities.

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Do You Want to Meet YOUR Professional Peers?

CIAIA YAF LOCAL MEET-UP INFORMATION

Bloomington – Normal

No event scheduled for July

Contact Andrea Probst or Andrea Kleinlein at (309) 662-8992

Champaign – Urbana

July 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Jillians

1201 S. Neil Street, Champaign

Contact Douglas L. Milburn at (217) 328-1391 ext. 17

Decatur

July 14 at 3:30 p.m.

Hieronymus Mueller Museum and Factory Tour

Factory Tour begins at 3:30 p.m. with the museum tour to follow (*closed-toe shoes and safety glasses required*)

420 West Eldorado in Decatur

Contact Kelly J. Miller at (217) 877-4620

Peoria

TBD

Springfield

July 25 at 5:00 p.m.

Floyd's Thirst Parlor – game room

210 S. Fifth St., Springfield

Contact Matthew Wolf at (217) 789-9515

Rock Island

Currently seeking a new YAF local coordinator

YAF — *from previous page*

If you have not been to a local or regional event yet and are interested in personal, professional, and community betterment, please get in touch with myself, or with the local coordinator in your area. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you all.

As always, please make sure that current non-member interns and young architects see this so they can become excited about the possibilities that await them with the CIAIA YAF.

Young Architect's Forum June Regional Event Children's Discovery Museum Normal, Illinois

On June 22, 2006 the CI AIA YAF held its first regional event of the year. The event was in Normal, Illinois at the Discovery Children's Museum, a LEED certified, Silver-rated building.

The program for the evening included three speakers from entities that had a major involvement in the Children's Discovery Museum project:

John Bishop, Architect with Farnsworth Group

Mercy Davison, Town of Normal Planner

Richard Nice, Architect with Francois Associates

Before getting in to the intricacies of the building design and LEED, Mercy provided the group with an overview on the Town of Normal and how a LEED building came to exist in their downtown and where future development was headed during the current downtown revitalization.

With a mental picture of how the Discovery Children's Museum came to be downtown and LEED certified, Richard Nice gave a brief intro from the Architect's perspective and then led the group on a tour of the facility, highlighting design aspects that helped gain LEED points throughout the tour.

Following the tour, the group returned to our 'party room' to enjoy some fresh Tobin's pizza, a presentation by John Bishop, representing the Engineering perspective for the project as well as presenting information on a current Farnsworth project, the Bank of Illinois, that is currently under construction in downtown Normal that is also seeking LEED certification, and some lively discussion regarding the museum and LEED.

The event sparked some great conversation, provided some inspiration and created a lot of excitement. Thank you to the speakers for their time and for helping to create this inspiration and excitement and thank you to those in attendance. We look forward to seeing you at the two remaining 2006 CI AIA YAF Regional Events in Springfield (September) and Champaign (December).

Stay tuned for details.

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