



From the president

HUE, AIA, President

Dear Members;

By way of this correspondence, I want to bring you up to speed on new developments in your organization as we enter this new year. The Executive Committee, consisting of **Kevin Wilson, Julie Bierlein, Mark Clark, Rod Maroney** and myself, has been meeting on a regular basis over the past several months to review how we might revitalize and strengthen **AIA Delaware**. As many of you will know by the receipt of this newsletter, one of our tasks will be a search for a new executive director, but we want to go farther and deeper into the organization to explore real change.

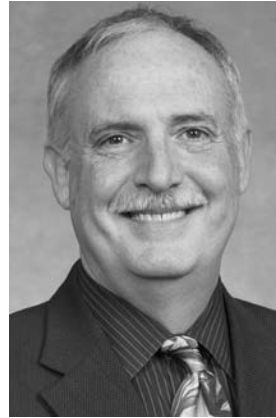
To this end, I established a **Revitalization Committee** during the January board meeting held January 15, 2008. This committee's charge is to facilitate change — change in the organization's philosophy, change in responsiveness to member's needs and change in public perception of the organization. The committee will establish the means by which we reach these goals, which will include a complete review of past programs, operations, hierarchy, etc., with no stone being left unturned. The members of this committee are:

Co-chair	Hue, AIA
Co-chair	Kevin Wilson, AIA
	Mark Clark, AIA
	Julie Bierlein, AIA
	Bill Holloway, AIA
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Consultant Edward Snyder, Aperture Group

Our first meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2008, and regularly thereafter, a report will appear in this newsletter each month updating our progress, along with board action on any and all initiatives brought forward. Please feel free to contact any member to offer your suggestions or input.

This is an exciting time for AIA Delaware. Your board is enthusiastic about the future and looks forward to a renewed organization that truly stands for its most important asset — its members!



Going green

- **AIA Delaware** subscribes to **ecological_internet**, which provided this alert recently: "The Papua New Guinea government continues to approve rainforest destruction and diminishment even as they vocally seek to be paid with carbon market funds" to protect those resources. For details, go to: http://www.rainforestportal.org/alerts/send.asp?id=png_woodlark

- **AIA National** has launched "**Walk the Walk**," a multi-faceted campaign to educate, promote and encourage sustainable design among consumers, business owners and architects by helping inform the

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ARE Study Guides go online

ARE 4.0 Study Guides are available online free of charge as of January 2008. The **ARE 3.1 Study Guides** were converted to free electronic versions in mid-December of 2007. For details, go to the AIA national website (www.aia.org).



Going green, continued

marketplace about the benefits of more energy-efficient homes and buildings.

The effort coincides with the AIA's stated goal of making all buildings carbon-neutral by 2030 and helping the U.S. design and construction industry reduce the consumption of fossil fuels in buildings. To advance its efforts in achieving a 50-percent fossil fuel reduction by 2010, AIA also is implementing a comprehensive communications plan that includes print and online advertising, new media and public relations.

"As America continues to be saturated by messages of 'going green,' there is a general lack of understanding that buildings are one of the primary sources of the greenhouse gases contributing to global warming and climate change," said **Christine McEntee**, executive vice president and CEO of AIA. "'Walk the Walk' will raise awareness of this issue and provide practical, energy-saving solutions for people who build, work and live in buildings of all shapes and sizes."

Calling the program "a critical initiative for the AIA," former AIA President **RK Stewart, FAIA** said, "Now is the time we must highlight the benefits of more energy-efficient homes and buildings to secure the future for our children and their children. The architecture profession is not merely providing resources and metrics that frame the issue of sustainable design; the AIA is offering design strategies and innovations that will lead to a healthier planet. This is not a new issue for architects — the AIA has been awarding the country's top green projects since 1997 and has numerous partnerships with government agencies and collaborative relationships with design and construction industry organizations to help advance the cause of sustainable design."

To achieve its goals, the AIA developed two environmental tool kits.

• SustAIAnability 2030 Tool kit

For the **2030 Tool Kit** (<http://www.aia.org/toolkit2030/>), the AIA partnered with the United States Conference of Mayors (USCM) to encourage city leaders

to promote high-performance, sustainable building design with a goal of reaching a 50-percent fossil fuel reduction by 2010 and carbon-neutral buildings by 2030. The National Association of Counties joined AIA and USCM in advocating these energy-reduction goals. The toolkit highlights green building issues and provides samples of effective ordinance language for communities, as well as examples of what others are already doing to pursue green building programs.

• 50to50 Tool kit

The **50to50 Tool Kit** (<http://www.aia.org/fiftyto50>) is a set of 50 strategies, tools and techniques that can have an immediate impact on architects' ability to achieve significant reductions in energy use and carbon emissions for the buildings they design. For example, the 50to50 toolkit recommends designing buildings to maximize passive strategies such as incorporating more windows to capitalize on daylight and use less lighting energy.

• "Walk the Walk" Sustainability Resources

The national communications campaign calls on architects, their clients and the public to work together to create a greener footprint on the planet. It includes advertising, online sustainability resource centers, and GreenStep, a multi-part informational series detailing the benefits of using sustainable design. GreenStep is available online now.

In addition, an AIA staff Resource Architect will focus exclusively on sustainable design and provide consumers and the media with tips and resources on a variety of related topics, as well as support the AIA's advocacy efforts for legislative and regulatory changes that lead to its goal of carbon-neutral buildings by 2030.

Other initiatives include the sustainable renovation of its corporate headquarters in Washington, DC, participation in the greening of the U.S. Capitol, issuing an evaluation of current green building certification standards, and focusing on sustainability at this year's **AIA National Convention and Expo, May 15–17** in Boston, MA.

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● Calendar ●

• February 4–5, Philadelphia, PA — “Design, the Bottom-line, and the Environment,” a CEU seminar sponsored by Inter Arc Solutions, focusing on modular interior construction and how it contributes to a sustainable project. Topics will include: Modular Interior Construction: Design, Bottom-line and the Environment (**AIA designation: DIRTTE**).

• **February 20–23**, Washington, DC — **AIA** national’s annual **Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference** and **Accent on Architecture Gala**, designed to bring together AIA’s premier leaders for a unique blend of networking relationships with shared information, missions and goals, and continuous learning to work across components, knowledge communities, and special member groups. Diverse programming and topics that meet the many interests and needs of all of the AIA’s present and future leaders. http://www.aia.org/ev_grassroots_2008.



• **Through February 24**, Delaware Art Museum, Delaware, DE — “West Meets East: Encounter with Chinese Art,” the first installation from the new Outlooks Exhibition Series, featuring more than 30 works by artists from the region between Delaware and New York. Includes historical masterworks from private collections of local Chinese families. This program offers exhibitions created by regional organizations, individuals and community groups to further the museum’s mission “to offer an inclusive and essential community resource.” Information: www.delart.org.

• **February 29** — Lorman seminar on “AIA Contracts,” moderated by **Paul Cottrell, Esq., Tighe & Cottrell, PA (AIA DE Allied member)**, with Patrick M. McGrory of Tighe & Cottrell, PA, and Daniel F. Wolcott Jr., Esq., Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP. Includes 2007 updates to AIA Contract Document. Teleconference available. **6.5 AIA CEU** credits. www.lorman.com.

• **March 10–13**, Orlando, FL — “PDC 2008:

The Business of Sustaining Our Future,” 2008 **International Conference and Exhibition on Health Facility Planning, Design and Construction** (PDC). Keynote speaker: David Suzuki. Vista Award presentations, PDC golf tournament, PDC Technical Exhibition (new feature: Exhibitor Solutions Showcase). http://www.aia.org/ev_aah_pdc_2008.

• **March 19**, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD — **AIA Baltimore** Lecture Series Committee presents Geoff Manaugh. **1.5 AIA/CES (HSW)** with registration.

To register, send clearly marked payment to AIABaltimore, 11 ½ West Chase Street Baltimore, MD 21201. For more information, go to www.aiabalt.com or call **410-625-2585**.

• **April 2**, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD — **AIA Baltimore** Lecture Series Committee presents Greg Pasquerelli, AIA. To register, see above.

• **April 9**, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD — **AIA Baltimore** Lecture Series Committee presents Teddy Cruz, AIA. To register, see above.

• **April 24**, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD — **AIA Baltimore** Lecture Series Committee presents Daniel Libeskind, AIA. To register, see above..

• **May 15–17**, Boston, MA — **AIA 2008 National Convention and Design Exposition**. To be notified when registration opens and to reserve a hotel room early: www.aiaconvention.com.



• **June 4**, Lewes, DC — 2008 AIA DE/Sea Grant Program, University of Delaware **Sustainability Conference** (previously held in December).

• **November 5–7**, Wilmington, DE — Design on the Delaware conference, sponsored by AIA Philadelphia.

Send your event information to newsletter@aiadelaware.org.

Corrections

Please note that the correct name of the new AIA DE Associate director is **Andre Roach**, and his e-mail address is **aroach@gmbnet.com**. **Nancy Payne** works with **Moeckel Carbonell Associates**. **Amanda Gillies** also should have been recognized for her contributions to the continuing education elements of the 2007 **BUILDING GREEN** convention.

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PR Committee news and notes

• Nominations for AIA DE's second annual **Earth Day Award** are due **February 15, 2008**. This annual award was established to recognize individuals or organizations (non-architects) that have advanced the design of green, sustainable and environmentally conscious architecture within the State or have demonstrated leadership or commitment to the principles of sustainable design. Submit nominations to the AIA DE office with a copy to jtevebaugh@tevebaugh.com. A reception to present this year's award will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, **April 22**, at AIA DE headquarters at #5 Vandever Avenue.

• Work is proceeding on the biennial "Year in Architecture" insert to be published in the New Castle County *Business Ledger* in April. The publication will include articles and photos on **AIA Delaware's 2007 Design Awards**, green architecture, and other AIA-DE events and programs. This is a great opportunity for member exposure in a publication that is widely distributed in the Delaware business community.

For advertising information and rates, contact Melvin Butler of the *Business Ledger* at **302-737-0923** or mbutler@chespub.com. (Please note that the AIA DE element of this project is being done at no cost to the membership.)

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● **Member news** ●

• A new wastewater treatment process for enhanced nutrient removal (ENR) for the Laurel, MD, Wastewater Treatment Plant, designed by **George, Miles & Buhr, LLC** (GMB) in 2003, has been completed. The design included a flow increase of 0.2 million gallons per day (MGD), for a total plant flow of 0.7 MGD; new headworks equipment; new return-activated sludge pumping system; single train Biolac® system; new denitrification filters; multiple chemical feed pumps with automated control systems; electrical upgrades throughout the system; new process control system; and new laboratory/operations building.

The existing three-pond system was reworked into a Parkson Company Biolac® Wave-Oxidation© Biological Nutrient Reduction (BNR) Process. At full flow, the new ENR process will let the plant remove up to 127,000 pounds of nitrogen each year from its effluent discharge into Broad Creek, a tributary of the Nanticoke River. The project funded through the Clean Water Advisory Council, with Delaware revolving fund loans, and Delaware's 21st Century Fund grants, for a total cost of \$10.87 million.

GMB's James N. Richardson, EIT, has passed the examination to become a **LEED Accredited**

Professional. LEED is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, as established by the U.S. Green Building Council. With the public's continued interest in green design and construction, this certification is a valuable asset to the company.

• **R G Architects**, in historic Odessa, DE, has been selected by the Christina School District to provide professional design services for a major capital improvements project at Bayard Elementary School. R G Architects and its team of consultants will help the district plan renovations to convert the Bayard School into an intermediate school, housing students in grades 6-8. Renovations mainly consist of completely renovating and installing new science labs, vocational education labs, art rooms, family and consumer science areas, and computer rooms. Upgrades to the existing gymnasium will be designed and locker rooms will be created. The balance of the design consists of planning new finishes and lighting in many of the existing classrooms, as well as upgrades to portions of the auditorium and music and band rooms, and some paving replacement.

The project is scheduled to begin immediately and to be under construction this summer.

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Nominees may be individuals or organizations, politicians, contractors, educators, consultants, etc. The person endorsing the nominee should provide their contact information in the letter. **All nominations must reach AIA Delaware headquarters on or before February 15, 2008.**

Selection of award winner(s) will be made by the PR Committee and recommended to the Board of Directors. A reception to recognize the winners will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, @ 6:00 PM in the AIA DE headquarters building at 5 Vandever Ave. in Wilmington.

All nominations must reach AIA Delaware headquarters on or before February 15, 2008

Nominations may either be e-mailed to info@aia Delaware.org or mailed to:

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The envelope should indicate *Earth Day Award Nomination.*



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Woodpile, the **Delaware Architecture Foundation's** public-outreach program developed by **Lowell Jacobs** of Landmark Engineering (retired), needs your help. This highly successful program has served more than 10,000 children of Delaware with its hands-on design/build experience. Woodpile showcases the value of good building concepts through fun activities for children and families. Woodpile events have been



held at Delaware Homebuilders' shows at the Chase Riverfront Center and Bob Carpenter Center/University of Delaware, community events such as Old Dover Days and the New Castle County Ice Cream Festival, and local schools and public libraries.

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Woodpile program is \$500 a day for a major event. Materials for these events are becoming increasingly expensive. While supplies are pretty basic — new wood, Elmer's glue and cardboard — the total amount involved is becoming staggering. We have been invited to participate in five events in 2008 already, but we need your help to make it happen.

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