

OUR FUTURE MISSION . . .



Architects all over Illinois have been forced to rediscover and reinvent themselves as they have progressed through the difficult economic challenges of the past two years. AIA Illinois was able to make adjustments while staying true to our mission.

In the coming year, AIA Illinois is again fully committed to collaborating with our members and allied professions, and looking for innovative ways to fulfill our mission. We will continue to embrace our strengths, while focusing on opportunities to deliver more to you, our members. AIA Illinois staff will be working with three committees that have been created to focus on the goals of Empowerment, Development and Enrichment. And we will continue to explore new and better means of communication that will not only disseminate information, but provide a platform for meaningful dialogue.

After weathering the storm of the past several years, AIA is poised for greater returns in 2011. We thank you for your past participation and encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities that we can provide you in the future.

Regards,

Jeff Fleming, AIA
2011 President

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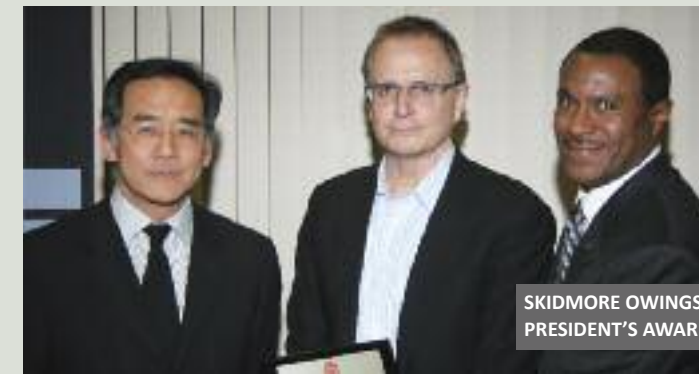
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A TIME FOR GROWING TOGETHER . . .



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A time to reap. A time to sow. While it's always nice to enjoy the fruits of our labor, sometimes conditions are more favorable to planting a seed for tomorrow. Two-thousand and ten proved to be a time to prepare for growth — carefully, yet optimistically.

This past year presented many challenges in our industry due to the ongoing economic difficulties, but there were also opportunities to lay the groundwork for a brighter future. As AIA Illinois members, you came together and took part in many activities. You attended conferences and events where best practices and new ideas were exchanged. You rallied for legislation that will support the essential work that we do. And you gave back by visiting classrooms throughout the state, introducing students to architecture, and possibly, their future career.

Maybe you missed some of these opportunities in 2010, but not to worry. As the seeds we planted last year begin to take root, new opportunities will arise in 2011. As architects, we have a responsibility — to our communities, our profession, and ourselves — to unite. Through our collective efforts and determination we can continue to transform the built environment for the betterment of society, while protecting the natural environment through sustainable practices. Even in troubled economic times, our work today will greatly impact the generations that will follow. Of that, you can be certain.

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



Architects are generally caring and talented, as individuals and as a collective. Because of our genuine concern and unique skill sets, we deserve to have a voice, if not the foremost voice, in the perpetual stewardship of the land, and in the planning of our communities. Our voices should be credible, expressed frequently, amplified through our own unity and echoed by our allies. Therefore, our voices should always be impactful throughout society. AIA is a means to that end.

Two thousand ten has certainly been a trying year for architects, as have the previous years, due to the economy. However, even during economic downturns we are no less talented, no less concerned, and no less important. We simply are not in total, prevailing control, thus we must endure the storms of the economy. And we will. We just need to always remember that if it is not a time of harvest, then it is a serious seed planting and/or cultivating time! There are things we can all do to ultimately put ourselves at a greater level of control and influence. AIA is a means to that end.

AIA Illinois has long been a source of advocacy for architects and architectural practices. My 2010 administrative focus as president has been on leveraging the following: empowerment, visibility and engagement.

These areas of focus collectively are all about Unifying Architects to Operate from a Position of Strength, a slogan I have promoted throughout the year to go along with the national AIA slogan, Design Matters! The unity I speak of no doubt takes some level of external engagement, outside of the daily practice life in the office. AIA and its staff work behind the scenes every day, but the more energy and participation we all give, the greater the harvest we all experience.

We were able to taste some success, through our unity and external engagement, several times in 2010. In February, several AIA Illinois members traveled to Washington, DC, carrying clever, graphically-illustrated messages reminding our national congressional leaders that design matters and requesting their support on five key legislative issues. These issues ranged from unfreezing credit to allow more development, to relief for small businesses, to green building tax deductions. In March, very similar issues were taken to the General Assembly in Springfield by a much larger group of about 90 AIA Illinois representatives. This effort led to legislative advancements toward adopting a green building labeling system in Illinois, similar to the Energy Star labeling for appliances. April saw a number of Architecture Week activities around the state, increasing awareness of architects and their work.

Of course, near and dear to my heart throughout the year are those who met my President's Challenge, an initiative calling for all architects in the state to frame the understanding of architecture and the role of architects in society by visiting young students in their schools at least once during each calendar year. (i.e., career days, guest lectures, craft projects, Architecture Week visits, Junior Achievement programs, etc.) Thanks very much to all who have participated and by all means please do it again, you will enjoy it each time.

If you missed out on any or all of these initiatives and activities, the future holds opportunities for you to join in and elevate our profession.

In closing, I will offer my belief that architecture is practiced to its fullest when it includes some form of leadership in the communities. In the words of John Quincy Adams, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, to learn more, to do more and to become more. . . . You are a leader!" Let us all continue to be great architects and leaders in the community.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president.

Thank you,

Michael A. Rogers, AIA
2010 President



JANUARY

There's no better way to ensure a brighter future than to become a role model for the next generation. This year kicked off with the President's Challenge that encouraged members — from principals to interns — to visit a nearby school and share their experiences with young people in the community. Through this thoughtful giving of time, students from throughout the state learned the important role that architects plays in our society. For some, it may have even planted the seed that will lead them to a career in architecture.

On the legislative front, the New Year saw the enactment of the Energy Efficient Building Act. Signed into law the previous summer, this important bill amends and renames the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Act to include residential buildings. We were a key supporter of the bill: "Since residential buildings represent the biggest share of everything built, bringing homes into these efficiency standards is great news with lots of positive results to come. AIA Illinois is very proud to support this long-term and well-fought effort," Executive Vice President Mike Waldinger told reporters.

FEBRUARY

In our ongoing effort to provide new and more efficient channels of communication, we created a Facebook page to provide regular updates on AIA Illinois activities, and to share industry news and other relevant information. Members are encouraged to follow us on Facebook and provide feedback. You can also network with other members and initiate discussions by joining our LinkedIn group.

Throughout society and across the globe, social media is playing an increasingly important role in how we communicate and share information. AIA Illinois will continue to explore new ways to bring our members closer together.



LAKE SHORE EAST HONOR AWARD DANIEL BURNHAM



MARCH

Our members, almost 100 strong, descended upon the state capitol for the Prairie Grassroots Conference. There, they added their voices to the legislative debate on issues that effect our work, our lives and our communities. AIA Illinois ensures that we have a place at the table throughout the year by monitoring activity and advocating for bills that will positively effect our profession. This conference gives weight to our daily efforts and we appreciate your support.

Senator William R. Haine of Alton was selected as Legislator of the Year for his support and sponsorship of a bill that amended the Illinois Architecture Practice Act. The act, first passed in 1897, was to sunset in 2009. With Senator Haine's leadership and the contribution of many concerned parties, we were able to build a consensus on a list of amendments that adapt to changes in the industry, while maintaining the act's original intent of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.



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APRIL

National Architecture Week was held April 12 to the 18. In Illinois, the theme for 2010 was "7 Days . . . 7 Ways." Members were encouraged to increase awareness of their profession by engaging in the following activities: soliciting media coverage, presenting public presentations, supporting community organizations, visiting schools, hosting open houses, seeking government proclamations recognizing Architecture Week, and displaying public kiosks that celebrate architecture. Through your participation, people have a better understanding of the essential role architecture plays in their daily lives.



MAY

By a unanimous vote, a bill amending the Capital Development Board Act passed the Illinois House of Representatives, after previously passing with a 56-0 vote in the Senate. The bill establishes a pilot energy-per-foot measurement for buildings, similar to the miles-per-gallon information required of automobiles. AIA Illinois wrote the bill and worked on its behalf as it made its way to the governor's desk, where it was signed into law on May 24.



PALMER HOUSE RESTORATION HONOR AWARD CROMBIE TAYLOR AWARD



OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ART, SCIENCE & TECH PAVILION CITATION OF MERIT FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AWARD

JUNE

The AIA 2010 National Convention and Design Exposition was held in beautiful Miami. As a new decade unfolds, the "Design as Exploration" theme encouraged members to view the traditional ways they practice architecture in a new light. During the convention, several AIA Illinois members received their Fellowship medals. Congratulations to the following individuals for earning this distinguished recognition: Martha A. Bell, FAIA (AIA Chicago) Phillip J. Castillo, FAIA, (AIA Chicago) Thomas "Gunny" M. Harboe, FAIA (AIA Chicago) James R. Loewenberg, FAIA (AIA Chicago) Peter A. Weismantle, FAIA, (AIA Chicago) Paul W. O'Shea, FAIA, (AIA Central IL) Jeffrey S. Poss, FAIA, (AIA Central IL)



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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Dues	\$523,565
Publication	\$38,666
Other Income	\$13,746
Conference	\$39,970
Interest	\$13,203
Total	\$629,150
Staff/Lobbyist	\$335,162
Operations	\$76,565
Government Affairs	\$117,020
Communications	\$18,762
Institute Programs	\$26,223
Allocation to Reserve	\$55,418
Total	\$629,150
Operating	\$272,233
Strategic	\$259,575
Total	\$531,375

(2010 end-of-the-year numbers)



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CONTEMPORAINE LOUIS SULLIVAN AWARD

JULY

The AIA thrives on the enthusiasm and innovative thinking of its members. The second biennial Leadership Institute provided educational opportunities and hands-on activities to a group of individuals committed to playing a pivotal role in the future of AIA Illinois. Speakers and presentations focused on the development of leadership skills, and stewardship of the AIA and its mission at the state and chapter levels. Leadership Coach Ayleen Bayard of MarketZing, Rachel Minnery, AIA from Environmental Works, and Stephen Ayers, AIA, Architect of the Capitol all spoke to participants about how to create effective teams through leadership best practices, getting involved and making a difference through efforts like Architects Without Borders, and leading by example by maintaining a sustainable capitol complex and supporting small businesses.

Representatives from Project Lead the Way (PLTW) visited our Board of Directors to promote participation in this important program. PLTW connects professionals from the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics with students in local middle schools and high schools. Together, they participate in a hands-on curriculum that develops critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, and encourages creativity. It prepares students for a future in these fields that are in need of a continued influx of talented individuals. Members are encouraged to get involved with PLTW in their communities.



COLLEGE OF DUPAGE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION CENTER HONOR AWARD MIES VAN DER ROHE AWARD

AUGUST

PechaKucha 20x20 came to Springfield for the first time in August and has been running successfully and gaining popularity in other Illinois cities such as Chicago, Champaign-Urbana, and Peoria. These public gatherings provide an informal and entertaining setting where attendees can network and enjoy each other's creative projects.



BEIJING CBD EAST EXPANSION CITATION OF MERIT DANIEL BURNHAM AWARD



2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSOR EXPO

NOVEMBER

Reinvention was the theme of the 2010 annual conference, held in Champaign. The two-and-a-half day event featured educational sessions, presentations and tours of noteworthy structures on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. Over 200 people took part in the conference, which was made possible in part by funding from our generous sponsors.

Attendees responded enthusiastically to the message of keynote speaker, Mayor Joseph Riley of Charleston, South Carolina. Throughout his nine terms, Mayor Riley has demonstrated how improving the built environment in a community can greatly enhance quality of life. Charleston's revitalized downtown district, Waterfront Park and affordable housing played a pivotal role in increasing racial harmony, public safety and economic development. Such initiatives reaffirm the critical role we play in improving the fabric of society and the mayor's message served to inspire those in attendance.

An additional highlight of the conference was the presentation of our annual awards. It's important to take time and recognize those firms and individuals who distinguished themselves through their innovative designs and exemplary service. Selected from the many deserving nominees were twelve design projects, along with six service award winners. A full listing of winners can be found at www.aiaill.org.

Part of your job as stewards of the built environment is preparing for catastrophes and mitigating potential damages. Part of our job is to assist you in this readiness. AIA Illinois sponsored ACT-20 Disaster Training, the most common methodology in the U.S. and the Pacific Rim. Attendees sharpened their skills in disaster preparedness and post-damage safety evaluations, including the occupancy assessments of earthquake-damaged buildings.

2010 CONFERENCE SPONSORS

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MAYOR RILEY



DONALD J. HACKL, FAIA GOLD MEDAL AWARD

DECEMBER

As 2010 came to a close, we were reminded once again of the many contributions made by our members throughout the year. We are greatly appreciative of your efforts. And while we haven't been untouched by the current economic climate, AIA Illinois is still in a strong position to continue to advance our shared vision in 2011.

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