



# AIA Buffalo/WNY

A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects

## February 2010 – General Information

President

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Hello Fellow AIA Members,

Well I'm back for another year as your President. I enjoyed The year as your President, and I hope to finish up on some not quite finished items. I learned and networked a great deal at the AIA National Convention in May, and the AIA State Convention in September. I'll be attending the National AIA Grassroots in February, and AIA National Convention in May. I've been sharing these experiences with our AIA Board, and AIA membership. The AIA has a lot to offer!



### **October 14-16, 2010 NYSAIA Convention in Buffalo**

Paul McDonnell, AIA your president-elect with assistance from Kelly Hayes McAlonie will be very busy organizing our exciting New York State AIA Convention in Buffalo on October 14-16, 2010. This the last year the state convention will be held in NYS, then it goes to a tri-state convention. So please add that date to your 2010 planner.

Our AIA Board is already working hard for the 2010 year. I hope your 2010 year is a good one – I know mine will be! We did a lot in 2009 here's some of our events and accomplishments:

**1. Created a support staff with the AIA Rochester Chapter.** We had a total of (11) programs worth (22) CEU credits. Thanks to our full time Executive Director, Linda Hewitt Hon. AIANYS the credits were tabulated quickly and efficiently. We're in the process of mailing out individual lanyards to each AIA member, with an updated data list to get a more accurate email mailing list. Setting up monthly programs, obtaining our credits, and keeping up with members updated email lists takes some effort. It's great when it all comes together, similar to the feeling of experiencing a good set of building design and construction drawings.

**2. A New Website:** Yes our web site committee has been working very hard and we unveiled our new web site at our April 23, '09 program meeting at the Martin House – all right! We hired Architect James Lai as our part time web master, he's working hard to keep the web site up to date on a monthly basis along with our web women Denise Juron Borgese and Shantina Moore.

**3. Chapter Treasury Updated and a 2009 Budget Established:** Over the past 7- 8 years we have invested wisely and maintained a savings to keep our chapter in the black. Thanks to our membership dues, golf outing, generosity of our allied/affiliate members, and cost conscious Board, we are operating like a well oiled machine. We've invested some of these income items to help us in establishing our Chapter goals such as secretarial expenses with the Rochester AIA Chapter, a new professional web site, and public outreach interests. Despite 2009 being a tough economical time, Treasurer Joe Kedron has taken over this task and is progressing well. We were working on finalizing our 2010 Chapter Budget at our recent January 2010 Board Meeting. Denise Juron Borgese is continuing plans on creating an AIA Buffalo/WNY Foundation with some of our chapter savings. Denise obtained a lot of information on foundations she obtained after attending AIA Grassroots in February last year.

**4. Public Outreach Interests:** - The Residential Architecture committee headed up by David Fleming had a very successful March Program at the March Home and Garden Show, with Guest Speaker, David Jameson and 40 meeting attendees. A number of Residential articles were published in the Buffalo News Home Finder during our 2009 year, thanks to those authors. Our chapter sponsored the Bethume Lecture at UB in February. Kelly Hayes McAlonie has obtained Board representation to the Richardson Corporation Board of Directors. We approved funding to be part of the project plaque at the Larkin Administration site. We had a great program meeting and tour with the Central Terminal Group in September 2009. Shantina Moore championed the McKinley completion, as well as spearheading the ARE Exams lectures and BEP activities.

**5. NYSAIA Buffalo Convention 2010:** We have formed a preparation committee in the planning of the October 2010 Convention here in Buffalo. The 2009 NYSAIA Convention was in Rochester last year, and we were in a great position to learn from their chapter in planning our 2010 Convention. Paul McDonnell is heading up this committee, and being assisted by Kelly Hayes McAlonie. We have a number of AIA board members, as well as AIA members helping out, we could use more help.

**6. Public Outreach – The Waterfront Hotel Design** We helped greatly in the decision making by the Buffalo Common Council to use the Form Base Code in helping to improve the approved Waterfront Hotel Design next to Shanghai Red's Restaurant. We obtained a seat on the Buffalo Common Council Waterfront Advisory Task Force, we were on Channel 4 News, and we were in a number of articles in the Buffalo News – we made a difference!

**7. Creating alliances with AIA Buffalo/UB School of Architecture** We continue to be very active with the UB School of Architecture. Starting off with a helping to fund the AIAS Chapter attend their AIA National Convention, a joint meeting in January to cover an introductory code seminar, sponsoring the Louis Bethune Lecture with a women professor from Harvard Architectural Department, Shantina Moore and I helped present awards at the graduation ceremonies of our future Architects and Planners in May.

**8. Creating alliances with AIA Buffalo/WNY and other Buffalo Chapters** Ed Lindsay prepared a great Buffalo School tour, hosted by BHNT Architects, in February. Gus Lima partnered with ASID (Interior

Designers) in our May Program at Daemen College. Paul Herendeen partnered with the Canadian Consulate for a CEU Program in October. Don Gray with Joe Kedron partnered with the Buffalo CSI/WNY Chapter in another CEU Program in October. Ed Watts, with Jr. Gus Lima partnered with ACEC (Engineers) in our annual golf outing in August. Thanks go out to past presidents/golf outing representatives, Gerald Strickland, Mark Rampado, and Manuel Rivera for their years of dedication.

**9. Design Awards Gala and Holiday Party** Bob Stark and Gus Lima organized and managed the very successful Design Awards Gala with design jurors from the Canadian Architectural Society. Ten building design awards and three service awards were presented with 140 people in attendance at The Mansion. Capped off with a in a very well designed Design Awards Gala supplement in the Buffalo News in November. David Fleming finished the year off with a very successful Holiday Party with 160 attendees at the Pearl Street Restaurant – a lot of cheer that night!

### **New Board Member**

We welcome our newest Board Member Kelley Culp Burton, AIA. Kelly has been helping with our Children and Education Committee for many years, and we're excited to have Kelley as part of our Board.

### **Our first Monthly Program for 2010**

We had our second successful joint lecture program on January 28, 2010. It was a joint venture with AIA Buffalo/WNY and the UB School of Architecture. It included another topic on the Building Code for Architects and architectural students. We had approximately 35 students and faculty and 48 Architects. Be sure to review the course topic PDF on our web site ([aiabuffalowny.org](http://aiabuffalowny.org)).

Please note that the number of AIA monthly programs will be less this year, so we can concentrate on the NYSAIA Convention coming to Buffalo Oct. 14-16, 2010.

### **Indemnification in Erie County Contracts**

In the next few days I'll be finishing up a separate report on this topic, please stay tuned.

In conclusion, the 2010 year is off to a good start for our Chapter. I hope you'll join us in the coming monthly programs. We need one or two new 2011 AIA Board members with elections in September 2010. We're also looking forward to the new design award entries for our Design Awards Gala in November 2010. A reminder about the NYSAIA Convention here in Buffalo on Oct. 14-16, 2010 – a great way to pick up those AIA Learning Units and have some fun too!

Some of Goals for 2010: Improve the Chapter database and email communication, continuing to improve the web site, keeping it up to date, and trying to create some web site profit, planning treasury budget for the years ahead, finalize our architectural foundation, continue with our public outreach programs, increase our FAIA membership and service awards, help members with the indemnification issue, have a successful NYSAIA State Convention in Buffalo, and have some fun.

With regards,

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