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Members – send us your article to be posted here!

We hope you'll join us for our upcoming chapter event!

January 20, 2010

Joint Meeting with CSI - Allentown

***"LEED CREDENTIALING -
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW."***

Presented by:

Kristie Kozenewski, LEED AP
Green Advantage Certified, NCIDQ

6 PM – 9 PM

Holiday Inn, Rte. 100, Fogelsville, PA

[Register Here for the Event!](#)

Future AIA EPC Events

February 25, 2010

Holiday Inn Rte. 100, Fogelsville
*Overview of the upcoming
International Green Construction Code*

March 25, 2010

Moselem Springs Inn, Moselem Springs
Allied Member Night

2010 AIA EPC Calendar

For more information, visit our website -

www.aiaeasternpa.org

Our chapter would like to offer a special note of thanks to outgoing president, Sylvia B. Deyé for her outstanding leadership and service this past year!

AIA Responding to the Tragedy in Haiti

While the new year typically rings in a spirit of renewed hope and optimism, events such as last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti serve to remind us that each new day can equally ring in a new set of challenges. With that said let me still offer our chapter my best wishes for the upcoming year with the continued hope that 2010 will offer better days ahead.

During the past week I have fielded numerous phone calls and emails regarding an organized response to the Haiti earthquake from our local chapter of the AIA.

Having previously worked with national relief agencies in sizeable disasters such as

hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the Indonesian tsunami, the lessons learned have helped me strategize a course of action on behalf of our chapter. During the immediate weeks ahead I encourage our membership to render personal support directly to the relief agencies engaged on the front lines of Haiti. There are numerous websites engaged in coordinated relief efforts, including sites like www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake/ that offer contact information for a multitude of relief agencies distributing supplies and medical aid. George F. Miller, FAIA, current president of the AIA recently issued a communiqué to our national membership regarding potential support opportunities. A copy of George's message is included on page 3 of this newsletter, along with pertinent contact information.

I believe our chapter can also help in the effort by supporting agencies that will be engaged in the rebuilding of Haiti once an infrastructure has been re-established. One such agency is the [Fuller Center for Housing](#). Established five years ago by the late Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, the Fuller Center is engaged around the world in carrying out Millard and Linda Fuller's dream to build a simple and decent home for deserving families in need. I had the privilege of working with Millard prior to his death, in the devastated south following hurricanes Katrina and Rita. There is no finer organization out there when it comes to building new homes and dreams for people in need. Our chapter is working out the details, so look for more information to follow. I hope you'll embrace this opportunity to help make a difference.



View of the earthquake devastation.

Sean P. O'Brien, AIA, LEED AP
2010 Chapter President

Allied Members – Have a special announcement? Send us your news to be posted here!

Future CSI Allentown Events

February 17, 2010

Four Points Sheraton, Allentown
New Requirements for Fire Door Assemblies
by General Supply Door and Hardware Institute

January 14 - March 25, 2010

Mitch Miller from USA Architects has graciously offered to provide CDT study classes again this year.

Please email Mitch for more information or to sign up.

CDT classes will start on January 14th, 2010 and will be held every other Thursday night for six sessions at USA Architect's Easton Office. Classes will start at 6:00pm and go until 8:30pm.

Cost is \$35, which covers the cost of food and drinks during the study sessions.

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"The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of AIA is the voice of our regional architectural profession dedicated to serving and empowering its members. Our Vision is to inspire a better built environment by engaging the community through a culture of excellence and innovation."

A Note of Thanks to Our Valuable Allied Members

The AIA Eastern PA would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to the following Allied Members, whose support was invaluable throughout the past year:

Access Ability, Inc.
Allentown Architectural Hardware Co.
Anchor Concrete Products
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We look forward to your continued support throughout the upcoming year!

New for 2010...

Allied Member Sponsorship of the AIA Scholarship

The annual Allied Membership Application was recently revamped to include a unique sponsorship opportunity – Support of the AIA Eastern PA Scholarship. Similar to individual event sponsorships - your support will be recognized through special event announcements, marketing of your company and reduced event pricing.

Won't you consider helping today's architectural students become our future design leaders of tomorrow?

For more information, visit the AIA Eastern PA website, [Allied Membership](#) page.

Direct Links to AIA National Haiti Earthquake Support Agencies

[Donate to Architecture for Humanity](#)

By Mail:

Architecture for Humanity

848 Folsom Street

Suite 201

San Francisco, CA 94107-1173

[American Red Cross](#)

[Salvation Army](#)

[Clinton Foundation Haiti Earthquake Relief](#)

[U.S. Green Building Council](#)

[United Nations Central Emergency](#)

[Response Fund](#)

[Haitian Earthquake Relief Facebook Page](#)

10,000 FRIENDS OF PENNSYLVANIA CALL FOR ENTRIES 2010 COMMONWEALTH AWARDS

10,000 Friends is a leading Smart Growth advocacy group in Pennsylvania. We have been asked to notify GBACPA members that entries are now being accepted for the 2010 Commonwealth Awards. These awards pay tribute to visionaries who have invested in building a better future for Pennsylvania.

Entries are due February 26, 2010. The awards will be presented on May 11, 2010 in Harrisburg.

For more information regarding the award program and entry forms, please visit the [10thousand Friends of Pennsylvania](#) website.

A Letter from AIA National Regarding the Haiti Response

Concerned Colleagues:

The utterly devastated lives and communities of Haiti bring into sharp focus how closely connected we are. This unthinkable tragedy cries out for a humane and swift response to help alleviate the suffering and salvage the remaining fabric of families, friends, and loved ones. Thankfully, the brave citizens of Haiti and first responders around the globe are struggling to rescue as many people as possible during the most critical time in any disaster.

We know from our shared experiences following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the tsunami in South-east Asia that Haitians need our prayers as well as assistance now and during the long effort toward recovery and rebuilding. We encourage you to do what you can either as a volunteer preparing shipments of supplies or generous contributor to organizations best able to provide the immediate assistance Haitians need in the aftermath of destruction.

We've been in contact with our partners from the [Red Cross](#) who have been sending us reports on what is happening on the ground, and they confirm that what's needed most now is your financial assistance to organizations already in place in the rescue operation. We've included a [list of the organizations](#) in the best position to provide direct assistance.

Also, as a profession, we know that once the humanitarian relief efforts are stabilized, the next phase of rebuilding begins. So we've been in contact with our colleagues at the [US Green Building Council](#) and will be sending a joint letter to United Nations Envoy to Haiti, Former President Bill Clinton, offering our profession's technical and professional expertise when the initiative begins focusing on rebuilding. Additionally, we are discussing ideas with [Architecture for Humanity](#) on how architects can provide on-the-ground design guidance in Haiti so local citizens can seek qualified counsel as they rebuild their homes, businesses, and lives. We will continue to keep you informed as our discussions progress. In the meantime, please visit the [Architecture for Humanity](#) web site for more information on its mission and ways you can contribute.

There will be much work to be accomplished after the debris is cleared if Haiti is to recover and rebuild their institutions, communities, neighborhoods, and families. You can rest assured that the AIA will extend our profession's offer of the technical and design assistance that we collectively possess when the time comes to begin the rebuilding process. We will connect with you through our colleagues at the [AIA Center for Communities by Design](#) so, together, we can humbly offer our professional expertise to help Haitians reclaim their lives and build confidence in their future. Take action today by [reviewing the ways](#) in which you can make a difference.

Sincerely,

George H. Miller, FAIA
President

Christine W. McEntee
Executive Vice President/CEO

AIA EPC Scholarship

Students wanted! Send us your application today!

Eligible students must have completed at least one year at an accredited undergraduate program, or be pursuing a graduate degree at an accredited architecture school. More information regarding the scholarship, including downloadable applications is available on our chapter website.

www.aiaeasternpa.org

On a related note...

Component Matching Grant

The AIA National supports local and state components or their affiliated foundations in their efforts to provide and develop scholarship programs. Offering matching grants to augment existing Component programs will reinforce the significance of the AIA in the lives of architects, aspiring students, and their communities, and will stimulate interest in the formation of new scholarship programs.

The total amount of one-to-one matching funds requested by a single Component may not exceed a total of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500). International components are eligible for matching funds and may offer scholarships to students in professional degree programs at universities in countries other than the United States.

More News from AIA National...

AIA Dues Reminder

An email reminder notification was sent to all unpaid members as of December 21st for their 2010 membership dues. This group of members received a revised renewal and MDPP open enrollment notification. Click here to view a sample of [2010 Membership Dues Reminder- December 23, 2009](#).

Membership Dues Payment Plan

Do you have questions concerning the 2010 MDPP (membership dues payment plan)? Documentation can be found at the Membership Resources SharePoint site in the [2010 MDPP Folder](#) or else you can dial the New hotline @ 1-866-242-2203 and we will answer/follow up on all of your 2010 MDPP questions.

Jason Pettigrew ARE Memorial Scholarship

The purpose of the award is to recognize the significant contributions of interns at an early stage of their career, and to help encourage them to complete their licensure by helping with the cost of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Selected recipients will receive compensation for the entire cost of the exam and a full set of study guides provided by Kaplan AEC Education. The deadline for [applications](#) has been extended to February 12, 2010.

2010 Grassroots Conference, Washington, DC

Registrations are still being accepted for the upcoming Grassroots Legislative Conference in Washington, DC from Wednesday through Saturday, February 3-6, 2010. For more information, including event schedules, course descriptions (where valuable AIA LUs can be earned), hotel information and online registration can be found at the Grassroots website, <http://www.aia.org/grassroots2010>

