

Kiosk

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We hope you'll join us for our upcoming AIA Eastern PA event!

A presentation on the newly proposed

INTERNATIONAL GREEN CONSTRUCTION CODE

Presented by:
Maureen Guttman, AIA
Executive Director, Governor's Green Government Council

February 25, 2010; 6PM – 9 PM
Holiday Inn, Rte. 100, Fogelsville, PA

[Register Here for the Event!](#)

Future AIA EPC Events

March 18, 2010

(Tentative new date and location)
Allied Member Night – Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood, PA

May 20, 2010 *(Tentative)*

2009 International Energy Code – Clover Hill Winery, Breinigsville, PA

2010 AIA EPC Calendar

For more information, visit our website -
www.aiaeasternpa.org

We need your support!!!

In the wake of the tragic events in Haiti last month, please consider joining our chapter in supporting a new Haiti relief initiative.

See next two pages for more details.

SAFE & SUSTAINABLE BY THE BOOK



In March 2009 the governing board of the International Code Council (ICC) voted to develop a new *International Green Construction Code*, which as its name implies, would provide model construction standards (for adaptation by local municipalities) for sustainable design in new and existing commercial projects.

Since that time a 29-member Sustainable Building Technology Committee (SBTC) has authored three drafts of the proposed model and hopes to roll out a final draft for public view and commentary sometime in the Spring, 2010. The committee is assisted by the collaborative efforts of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the International Code Council (ICC) and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The public will have at least two opportunities to review and comment on the final draft proposal prior to its anticipated adoption in 2011.

While primarily designed for commercial and high performance buildings, the new green standards will also affect the residential building industry. No doubt the code will have its share of supporters and opposition. Therefore it is imperative that we familiarize ourselves with the new green initiatives that lie on the horizon.

We are privileged to welcome Maureen Guttman, AIA, Executive Director, Governor's Green Government Council and the current president of AIA Pennsylvania, A. Stevens Krug, AIA, PE, LEED AP, for a special presentation on this new construction code next **Thursday, February 25th at the Holiday Inn, Rte. 100, Fogelsville**. We hope you'll join us for this very informative event. Program details and the direct registration links are noted on the left.

Hope to see you there!

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

Topic: New Requirements for Fire Doors

Speaker: Jerry Heppes from DHI National

Location: Four Points Sheraton
3400 Airport Rd
Allentown, PA 18109
(610) 266-1000

Dinner Cost: \$25.00

March 17, 2010

Topic: LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and beyond: Expanding your influence and effectiveness with social media by [Michael Drabenstott](#)

Event registration forms can be found on the [chapter website](#).

**Mark your calendars for EXPO 2010
Wednesday, April 21, 2010.**

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AIA PA and CSI Allentown Kick Off Year Long Haiti Relief Campaign!

In response to the recent earthquakes that have devastated the nation of Haiti, our chapter has joined forces with CSI Allentown to lend its financial support to the rebuilding efforts through organized events during the upcoming year. This coordinated relief effort officially kicked off during our joint chapter meeting, held in January. Chapter presidents Sean O'Brien, AIA and Brad Teeters, CSI addressed the meeting attendees to announce mutual support for the [Fuller Center for Housing](#) and its future efforts to rebuild homes throughout Haiti. In a quickly organized "passing of the jar" the meeting attendees generated \$535 in immediate cash donations. Founded by the late Millard Fuller, (who also founded Habitat for Humanity) the Fuller Center for Housing is engaged around the world in building "simple and decent" homes for people in need. Estimated reconstruction costs in Haiti are \$4000 per home.



[A special website](#) has also been established to afford members the opportunity to support this worthy cause through **direct and tax deductible donations** to the Fuller Center. All donations received through this [website](#) will be directly attributed to our joint relief effort. We have initially set a goal of \$4000, which would guarantee at least one home rebuilt, however we hope to shatter that goal and contribute to the rebuilding of many new homes, dreams and lives in Haiti. Please consider this worthy program and render your support today! The effort will run through December 1, 2010 and monthly reminders will be announced in the Kiosk and through our chapter communications. **Thank you for your support!**

Allied Member Spotlight

Sean Kennedy, Regional Director for **O'Donnell & Naccarato** (Washington, DC office) was recently deployed to Haiti as part of the search and rescue task force. As a structural specialist, Mr. Kennedy provided structural evaluations of fallen buildings and determined the most effective way to stabilize structures to help with rescue efforts.

The task force members participated in several rescue missions including freeing a 27-year-old Haitian woman who was stuck between two concrete slabs at the University of Port-au-Prince. They also assisted in the rescue of Tarmo Joveer, an Estonian-born U.N. security officer from Miami who was trapped under 13 feet of rubble near the flattened U.N. headquarters.

Congratulations to Sean, O'Donnell & Naccarato and the entire task force team for a job well done!

We need your support...

Won't you please consider a tax deductible donation in support of the **AIA Eastern Pennsylvania** and **CSI, Allentown Haiti Relief Fund?**

Please [click here](#) to make your donation today...

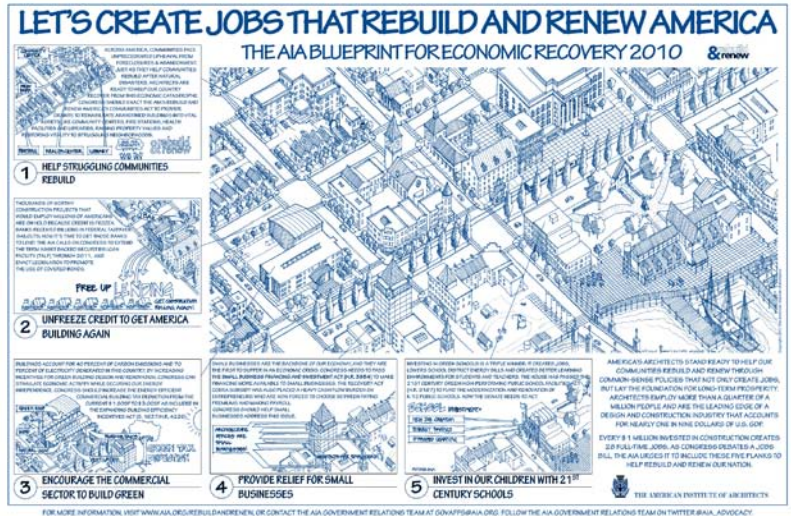
Don't forget to list your name on the Wall of Fame as a valued contributor.

Be sure to visit the Fuller Center for Housing [website](#) to learn about the great work being done around the world to provide a "simple and decent" home to people in need.



Please help us shatter the initial \$4000 goal to construct one home so that many more may also be built.

Thank you for your support!



2010 Grassroots Recap

Earlier this month four representatives from AIA Eastern PA attended the annual Grassroots conference in Washington, DC. Despite the 30"+ of snow that began to fall on the third day of the conference, chapter officers Sean O'Brien, AIA, Scott Compton, AIA, Ryan Kennedy, AIA and Jim Spinola, AIA were able to participate in most events, while making it back home safely before the city shut down.



Highlights from this years conference included several informative sessions on topics pertinent to our general profession, a tour of the AIA National Headquarters and the Capital Hill visitations, where the 1000+ attendees converged on the House and Senate offices to represent the voice of the AIA, while presenting current goals and initiatives.

Under the banner of "Blueprint for America" each attendee presented a summarized list of AIA priorities (illustrated above) to their respective congressional representatives. Highlighted topics included green building initiatives, a request to free up credit and capital to support small business development, revitalization of our urban centers by reclaiming abandoned buildings and the modernization and greening of our 21st century schools.

Building on the success of last year's AIA Convention in San Francisco, when numerous sessions were telecast across the country, the 2010 Grassroots conference offered similar opportunities to benefit from online presentations. A summary of these sessions, including many of the handouts that were issued to the Grassroots attendees, is available at the AIA [Grassroots website](#).