

Second Quarter, 2008

Special points of interest:

- AIA Montana has gone GREEN! The newsletter will be posted on the AIA Montana website: www.aia-mt.org
- Members will be notified via a broadcast email when the latest issue has been posted.
- Approved AIA Chapter meeting minutes will be posted to the Members Only side of the website with broadcast email notification to the members.

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AIA Montana News

President's Message

Mike Dowling, AIA, President

Summer is finally upon us and I hope this finds everyone taking advantage of some 70+ degree temperatures! It's been a long time coming.

May was one of the wettest months in recent memory for Montana and the AIA National Convention in Boston was no exception. Cool, wet days did not deter the almost 25,000 architects from gathering in one of the most historic cities in the U.S. If you've never attended a National Convention you are missing out on great educational opportunities, building tours and camaraderie. In addition there are more exhibitors than you can possibly spend time talking with.

The city of Boston was a great host this year. History is everywhere and the "T" subway snakes under the entire city taking you wherever you would like to go. MIT's campus has historical architecture as well as some of the newest work by Ghery's office and Steven Holl's office.

Social get-togethers with MSU alumni and regional representatives are always fun and well attended. Of course business is high on the responsibilities of your president at the National Convention. Votes were cast for the new leadership of AIA as well as attendance and participation in National and Regional Board

meetings. Closer to our home is the Regional Board meeting. Most of the discussion revolved around the upcoming NW&P Regional Conference which is being held in Honolulu, Hawaii this October. In "laid-back" Hawaii style, the conference promises to be a unique experience that I guess I'll have to make time for..... Mahalo!

The other topic of discussion revolved around a potential dues increase for our Regional Dues. The Leadership of our region is looking to generate some funds that will better define our position on a national level. We are the most diverse region in the AIA system that includes Montana, Seattle, Oregon, Alaska, Hawaii, Japan and Hong Kong. Initial discussion was to put the money into more leadership opportunities for younger architects and interns as well as fund a "meeting of college deans" annually. After listening to the discussion, yours truly suggested that we might be better served to focus our efforts on something that played to our strength as the most culturally diverse region within AIA. Leadership is an ongoing effort that is important to all and we have some great programs in place that send several Associate members to grassroots on scholarship each year. The meeting was running late so the topic was tabled and a regional conference call prior to the Hawaii conference to further discuss the issue

and better develop ideas was suggested. A vote on the dues increase and its intended direction is expected at the Regional Board meeting at the NW&P Regional Conference.

Speaking of conferences, here is another reminder to plan on being in Helena September 18th – 20th for AIA Montana's fall conference. Livable Communities is the theme and the Great Northern Town Center will play host to the event. AIA Montana is looking to present the inaugural "Livable Community Award". We will be making a call for nominations soon so be thinking about potential recipients.

Lastly, we are continuing to form the basis of our potential legislation next year to finally change the definition of "public building" in our state licensing law. We are consulting with National AIA and have had several discussions to better prepare our efforts. Thanks to all who are putting in the hours to get this accomplished.

Meet Margaret Morgan,
The AIA Montana Lobbyist
For 2008 and 2009. . .

Architects and State Politics

*Margaret Morgan, AIA Montana
Lobbyist*

With the June primary election just behind us, it is not too early to begin to look ahead to the November elections and the 2009 legislative session.

AIA Montana will be working to pass legislation that changes the definition of a public building. The effort must necessarily begin now. There are tasks that fall on your AIA Montana Leadership and on the AIA Montana Government Affairs Committee. As your lobbyist I will be working to coordinate these government affairs efforts.

But AIA Montana members across the state are critical to a successful effort as well. The grass roots efforts of an association's members are very effective in helping with a legislative agenda—where it is to pass or amend or defeat a bill.

There is much to be done prior to the beginning of the January 4th

legislative session. How can you help?

First, on page 3 of this newsletter are talking points for potential legislation on changing the definition of a public building.

Take the time to read and become familiar with them. Carry a copy with you, as an opportunity may come up unexpectedly to favorably discuss the issue.

Second, be sure you become aware of who the legislative candidates are for your Senate and House races. There are some Senators who are holdover Senators from the last election and not up for re-election this year (Senators are elected for 4 years); so some of you live in a district that does not have a state Senate race this year. If you do not know who your candidates are, please do not hesitate to contact me

Then, take the time and make the effort introduce yourself to the candidates, go listen to them speak, and read about them. Then, when you contact your

legislator during the Session to ask for support for your position, they are hearing from someone they know to be one of their constituents. A little personal touch can go a long way.

Finally, contribute dollars to the AIA Montana Political Action Committee (PAC). PAC dollars are used to financially support candidates' campaigns who are supportive of our issues. The object of a PAC is to help these candidates get elected.

And, always feel free to ask questions—about the candidates, about the talking points, about the November election, about the legislative process..... No question is ever too small or unimportant.

I look forward to working with AIA Montana in the months ahead.

Margaret Morgan
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Make YOUR Contribution to AIA Montana PAC Fund

At the April 10, 2008 Executive Board Meeting, Margaret Morgan, the AIA Montana Lobbyist, encouraged the Board to consider creating a PAC fund. Bill Grant, the AIA Montana State Network Government representative to AIA National, echoed this recommendation – AIA National has strongly encouraged all Chapters to create and maintain PAC Funds for many years now.

PAC stands for Political Action Committee. The fund is closely governed by the State of Montana. Contributions made to the AIA Montana PAC must come from individuals – not company or corporate moneys. The contribution is limited to \$100.00

per individual. The funds are given to State candidates to show support and good will between AIA Montana and candidate. A PAC check does not represent an endorsement.

Contributions are limited to the candidates – \$160 for Senators and even less for House Members. Lobbyist Margaret Morgan recommends between \$50–\$100.

Why make a contribution? By presenting a check as the AIA Montana PAC, there is an opportunity to know your candidate, let the candidate know what AIA Montana is and leaves doors open for the future – 2009 Legislative Session.

Several of the AIA Montana Board members have made PAC payments. AIA Montana hopes to raise between \$1,000 to \$1,500. Margaret Morgan will carefully help us direct these funds through individual AIA Members to their State candidates.

If AIA Montana hopes to have the 'ear' of the 2009 Legislatures, AIA Montana has to play by the rules. AIA Montana is asking for PAC support from you – the member. Checks need to be drawn on your personal account – made out to the AIA Montana PAC – contributions cannot exceed \$100 – mail your contribution TODAY to the AIA Montana Office at PO Box 20996, Billings, MT 59104.

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Points Supporting Definition Change of Public Building

There are currently two definitions of a “Public Building” within the building design and construction industry.

Building Code Definition – Section 50-60-101, Subsection 14, MCA.

“Public building” means a building or facility owned or operated by a governmental entity or a private sector building or facility that is open to members of the public.

Definition Under Architecture Statutes – Section 37-65-102, MCA

“Public building” means any building that the state or any political subdivision of the state maintains for the use of the public.”

Our proposed legislation is to change the Architecture statute to match the Building Codes definition.

It is ultimately a public safety issue.

For example:

- * It ensures that aisles in theaters are wide enough in case of fire;
- * It ensures that hotels have appropriate hallway design and fire separations;
- * It ensures that there are enough exits in a strip mall in case of fire or emergency;
- * It ensures that buildings are accessible to those with disabilities;
- * It protects the economic interest of the building owner and neighbors.

Architects are responsible for compliance with the International Building Code and its continuous updates (Americans with Disabilities Act, Life Safety Codes, ANSI, to name a few).

There is a “public expectation” that all buildings open to members of the public are safe and designed by professionals! Precluding this by an overly narrow definition of the word “public” is not in the general public’s best interests.

The expectation that all buildings open to the public are safe applies in small towns as well as large. Small towns need safe buildings just as much as larger ones do. Because architects integrate safety as well as aesthetics into buildings, small towns get a two-for-one bang. Appearance and function matter to the success of the small businesses that use them and help keep small towns viable and competitive. Small towns need good design too!

* The dual definitions are confusing to those that file complaints with the state licensing board.

*** There is an exposure of liability during the plan review process. This change in definition would lessen liability to public building authorities by requiring a licensed architect seal on building designs that will be open and exposed to the public and adjacent property owners. Plan reviewers currently have no ability to reject plans that are not designed by professionals.**

This definition change does not affect the exemptions already in statute. Exempt are residential construction consisting of less than eight living units, farm buildings which are not intended for use or used as a public building, or construction of a building by its owner if the building is not intended for public use.

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2008 AIA Montana Design Awards Call for Entries

*Chere LeClair, AIA, Senior Director,
2008 Design Awards Chair*

This is the first Call for Entries for the 2008 Design Awards. This form is available on the AIA Montana Website: www.aia-mt.org

Design Awards are due at 3:00 p.m. on Friday—August 8, 2008 to the AIA Montana Office. The Awards will be made at the Awards Banquet on Friday September 19 during the 2008 Fall Conference.

Those entries that receive Awards will be the central focus of the first annual full-color AIA Montana magazine style publication. This publication is scheduled to be available in November of this year.

~ CALL FOR ENTRIES ~ 2008 Award of Excellence

AIA Montana Design Awards Program

In an effort to expose the work of Montana AIA Architects to the general public as well as our peers, and to recognize outstanding design in our profession, the AIA Montana will sponsor the 2008 AIA Montana Design Awards Program this year.

The 2008 AIA Montana Awards Program Committee would like to emphasize that all entrants have an equal opportunity for recognition, regardless of project type, scale or budget. The jury process has been designed to review projects on the basis of individual merit.

1. SCHEDULE:

All entries must be received **no later than 3:00 p.m. August 8, 2008**, at the Design Awards Committee address listed below.

The jury will be comprised of a panel of Architects from Seattle. They will convene in August 2008 to jury the submittals and select the winners. The number and type of awards will be at the sole discretion of the jury.

Awards will be presented to all award recipients on Friday ~ September 19, 2008 at the 2008 AIA Montana Fall Conference in Helena, Montana.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND AUTHORSHIP:

To be eligible for an Award, an entry must be a building or a complex completed since January 1, 2003. “Completion” is synonymous with “substantial completion” as defined in the standard AIA Documents governing construction. Non-built projects are not eligible for this competition.

Submittals will be accepted from individual AIA Montana Chapter members and member firms only and must be submitted by the designing Architect. Submitted projects do not necessarily have to be from within Montana. You may submit multiple projects.

Follow the specified submittal instructions or the jury will not consider them.

When one architect is not the sole

author, all other participants substantially contributing to the design of the project must be given credit as part of the submission, regardless of professional discipline.

3. JUDGING CRITERIA:

A professional jury will evaluate the entries on their own merit. Entries will be judged individually, not in competition with each other. The building type categories are used primarily as an organizing method for the jury process. The primary resources for the jury will be the brief written material and photographs, which are submitted.

4. AWARDS

Two types of awards are possible. “Honor Award” and “Award of Merit”. The Awards Jury shall solely determine the number of awards of each type. A representative of the professional jury will present the awards at the 2008 AIA Montana Fall Conference in Helena, Montana. A copy of the Award Certificate will be made available at the award ceremony or shortly thereafter.

As an organizational tool for the judging process, projects shall be grouped into the following categories:

1. Residential Buildings
2. Office, Commercial and Retail Buildings

3. Educational and Health Care Buildings
4. Institutional and Civic Buildings
5. Hospitality and Recreational Buildings
6. Renovation, Adaptive Reuse and Preservation
7. Other Buildings and Interiors

5. PUBLICITY:

The AIA Montana Chapter will provide notification of Awards to regional and national publications.

The digital drawings, digital materials, and photographs of each winning entry will be used for unrestricted publicity. All digital photographs, digital materials, and drawings included in the submission must be cleared for reproduction for publicity and for use in articles related to not only this program, but also similar regional, national, and international programs. Entrants are responsible for any royalties, copyright, or photographic fees.

6. ENTRY PROCEDURE:

All completed submission must be received **no later than 3:00 p.m. August 8, 2008**. The submission date and time will be strictly observed; no exceptions will be made. No entries will be accepted via e-mail.

No entry fee will be refunded for entries, which are disqualified or not completed. Submissions not receiving awards will be returned to entrants by AIA Montana; however, the AIA Montana is not restricted to a specific

date of return. All entries must be submitted to:

AIA Montana Office
PO Box 20996 – Billings, MT 59104
 or
1629 Avenue D, Suite B6 – Billings, MT 59102
Phone: 406-259-7300

Entries will be processed by the Design Awards Committee and forwarded to the jury for review and evaluation. While every effort will be made to protect and return the submissions in good condition, the AIA Montana cannot be responsible for any of the material submitted in the event of loss or damage.

7. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Submission requirements have been coordinated with regional AIA awards programs to facilitate and encourage re-submission of entries at the regional level.

For each project, submit a Microsoft PowerPoint™ file containing digital images of the project. PowerPoint files should be submitted on an IBM compatible compact disk (CD) suitable for showing with a standard, IBM compatible front-screen computer projector. Each image should not exceed 1024x768 pixel resolution and 100 dots per inch (DPI) for photos and 200 DPI for drawings, both in a Jpeg file. Provide one PowerPoint file on one CD per project. The file name should be the same as the project name, (e.g. Artist Loft Housing.ppt).

Please do not identify the architect in the file name.

While no limitations are placed on the number of digital images used, each submittal should be concise and of high graphic quality. Please do not include sound, animation, video clips, panorama movies, hyperlinks or links to other files. For all projects except Interior Architecture, a site plan or aerial photography needs to be included with floor plans and other drawings as required. For Renovation/Restoration, indicate pre-existing conditions through plans and/or photographs. For Interior Architecture, include floor plans and a photograph of the building exterior. Include graphic scales and north arrows to ensure a complete understanding of your project. Identify the entry and project name on each CD jewel case and on the CD to

ensure the proper handling of your material. Please note that all submitted material will not be returned.

Publicity Photo: For news release and publication purposes, provide one digital photo separately indicated with the file name “Publicity Photo”, Dimensions of that image should be 10” on the longest dimension at 250 dpi, saved as a TIFF file in RGB with Adobe 1998 color profiling. By virtue of submitting an entry, you also grant permission to AIA Montana to announce after the contest the photos and project details of honorees by distributing the publicity photo and other images submitted, to be used for news purposes.

Project Description (Hard copy - Put Project Name on each page)

Page 1: Include a description and an image of the project (up to two pages; with a minimum type size of 12 point). The description should include program requirements, sustainability goals and design solutions. Brief, clear text can be very helpful during the process. The image (a representative photograph or drawing for identification only) must be no larger than 5” x7”.

Do not identify the architect on this sheet.

Page 2: Provide a list of digital images, keyed to the numbered sequence in the PowerPoint file. It is not unusual for juries to refer to this list during the judging process.

Concealed Identification:

Completed Concealed Submission Data Sheet contained herein should be placed in an opaque sealed envelope to ensure anonymous judging by the jury and securely attached to the inside face of the back cover or in a sleeve at the back of the binder. All information requested on the

one-page Concealed Submission Data Sheet must be provided. Should your submission receive an award, the information provided thereon will be used for news releases, certificates, and an exhibit of the Awards Program. Be sure that it given, as it should be presented.

Entry Fee:

Each submission will require an Entry Fee of \$75.00, made payable to “AIA Montana Design Awards Program”. Each entry should include Project Description Sheets (2), one sealed envelope containing Concealed Identification Sheet and one labeled CD (that does not identify the architect).

Use ‘Concealed Identification Sheet’ provided on page 6 of this newsletter or at the website:

www.aia-mt.org

“The Call for Entries form is available at the AIA Montana website: www.aia-mt.org”

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CONCEALED SUBMISSION DATA SHEET

NAME OF PROJECT: _____

LOCATION OF PROJECT: _____

COMPLETION DATE: _____

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

OWNER: _____

NAMES OF ARCHITECTURE DESIGN TEAM MEMBERS:

INTERIOR DESIGNER: _____

STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT: _____

MECHANICAL CONSULTANT: _____

ELECTRICAL CONSULTANT: _____

LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT: _____

PHOTOGRAPHER: _____

OTHER: _____

I have obtained permission from both the owner and **photographer** to publish information and photographs included in this submission. I am a member of the AIA Montana Chapter.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Art in Architecture, "changing the face of affordable housing"

At the recent AIA Convention in Boston, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, Millard Fuller provided the keynote address outlining the importance of how architects can give back to their community and help to remote the American dream of homeownership. His timely presentation coincides with the release of AIA Orlando's Art in Architecture DVD, their contribution to the AIA's 150th anniversary celebration.

AIA Orlando is extremely excited to present the DVD entitled **Art**

in Architecture, "changing the face of affordable housing". The DVD is the culmination of five years of effort in the Central Florida area where AIA Orlando was instrumental in the creation of over a dozen new affordable homes. The DVD tells the story of how the program was conceived, implemented, and brought to market in order to meet the needs of their local community.

AIA Orlando has made a copy of this DVD available to the AIA Montana Chapter Office in the

hopes that it will be the catalyst to foster an effort by our members to use their talent in changing their communities. For many years, affordable housing has always been associated with "the ugly gray box" approach to architecture. The Art in Architecture program changes that!

If you are interested in viewing this DVD at your office or in a local Society meeting, please contact the AIA Montana Office to check it out for 2 week periods on a first come first out process. It is very good!



"Art in Architecture, changing the face of affordable housing" by AIA Orlando in conjunction with Orlando Regional Realtors Association

Vendors are Making Plans for the 2008 Fall Conference!

The theme for AIA Montana's 2008 Annual Fall Conference is the "Livable Communities." The Vendor show will be held on Friday-September 19 from 7:30 am-throughout the day!

The following Vendors are making their plans ALREADY:

Pierce Flooring & Design
Billings, Montana

Concealite
Kent, Washington

PacifiCAD
Spokane, Washington

Minot Blders/Marvin Wdws
Billings, Montana

Big Sky R-Control
Belgrade, Montana

Malisani, Inc.
Great Falls, Montana

NorthWestern Energy
Butte, Montana

Betterbricks
Portland, Oregon

Hearthstone, Inc.
Danridge, Tennessee

Beaver Plastics Ltd, (Logix)
Calgary, Ab, Canada

Unico Systems
Helena, Montana

Pella Windows & Doors
Billings, Montana

TMI Storage System
Dickinson, North Dakota

Florida Tile
Powell, Wyoming

Gilmore Architectural Blacksmithing
Corvallis, Montana

Tri Jack Product Design
Billings, Montana

Shaw Contract -Eco Solution Q
Cartersville, Georgia

Automatic Doors of Montana
Billings, Montana

Integrity Sales
Bozeman, Montana

Make plans to earn your raffle & other tickets plus play some poker with the vendors in 2008!



*A. J. Gibson's
Life Works
Exhibition
OPENS on
Thursday
September 18.*

*The travel for this
exhibit is sponsored
by AIA Montana.*



**AIA Montana 2008 Annual Fall Conference
"Livable Communities"
September 18-20, 2008
Best Western Great Northern Hotel
Helena, Montanan**

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Scholarships Awarded

Kent Bray, AIA, Secretary/Treasurer, Scholarship Committee Chair

You’ve heard the expression, “There’s nothing more fun than spending someone else’s money.” Well, there is. And that is to award it to deserving, hard-working students who appreciate all the help they can get.

The Scholarship Committee was fortunate to have the largest pool of money in AIA Montana history

to award to students attending MSU. The pool, totaling \$8,000, was comprised of \$3,000 from AIA Montana, \$3,000 in matching funds from AIA National, and a generous \$2,000 contribution from the Great Falls chapter. What an incredible show of support you folks in Great Falls are awesome and we all thank you for your generosity!

The other bright spot was the depth of talent evident in this

group of applicants. The future looks promising and we are proud to name this year recipients: Jaron Mickolio, Justina Hohmann, Nick Diggins, Heber Slabbert, Jordan Leppert, Jeff Evens, and Daniel Hudson.

Formal awards will be made at a lunch on May 1, 2008.

This year’s Scholarship Committee included Kent Bray, Dale Nelson, and David Koel.



Pictured: Kneeling (L to R): Nick Diggins, Heber Slabbert
Standing (L to R): Jaron Mickolio, Justina Holmann, Mike Dowling, Connie Dempster, Chere LeClair, Jeff Sandholm, Jordan Leppert, Jeff Evens, and Daniel Hudson

Are You Checking Your Continuing Education Transcript?

AIA National will not be sending notice to members that are short Learning Units this year. It will be up to you to go to the website www.aia.org to check your transcript. Each AIA Member needs 18 Learning Units (8 which must be Health, Safety and Welfare) each year to remain a member in good standing.

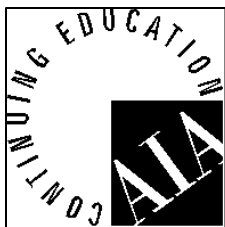
NOW is the time to check! If you are short LUs for 2007—you only

have till September of 2008 to earn LUs that will be applied back to satisfy 2007. If you are short for 2007 and you do not earn enough to satisfy 2007 by September of 2008 – you will LAPSE!

Plus using 2008 LUs to satisfy 2007 leaves you that much shorter for 2008. 2008 units used to satisfy 2007 are gone – LUs can not be used to satisfy two different membership years.

If you are LAPSED, you will need to earn 9 new learning units – units earned after your lapse date – all must HSW units – before you can make application for reinstatement to AIA.

Best Case Scenario: Check your transcript often and earn 18 units with 8 being HSW each calendar year. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the AIA Montana Office for clarifications.



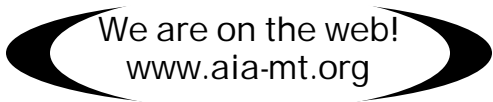
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From the AIA Montana Office

AIA Montana TO DO LIST!

- Make a Contribution to the AIA MT PAC— TODAY!
- Design Award Entries- Due August 8, 2008
- 2008 Fall Conference - September 18-20 in Helena
- First Annual AIA MT Magazine - November, 2008: Did you get your ad in?
- General Election—Plan to VOTE! November 4
- Architect as Advocate - November 14 at MSU—Bozeman

The Board and this office is very busy working with Newsletters Ink, Corporation to make it possible for AIA Montana to be able to publish our first annual full-color slick page magazine to promote YOU – the Montana architect!

This magazine is scheduled for a November delivery date to be able to include 2 full color pages for each recipient of a 2008 Design Award. AIA Montana has contracted for 3,000 copies of the magazine. Each member will receive one copy of the magazine for FREE. Many copies will be distributed by this office for purposes of promoting AIA Montana. Plus, additional copies will be available for sale for you and your office to distribute.

Sophie Hanson and Kris Montione will be contacting offices for their firm profile and the opportunity to buy additional advertising in the magazine. Kris has already sold over \$4,000 in advertising.

Copies of Newsletters Ink quality product is available at the AIA Montana Office – please feel free to contact the office for a peak! You do not want to miss this opportunity.

The Executive Board and Lobbyist Margaret Morgan are working hard to prepare for the 2008 General Election – many House and Senate seats are up for election. Get involved – get to know your legislators – architects have to be advocates!

The Board has created a Political Action Committee. The Committee has opened a bank account. The Board is soliciting PAC Funds from the AIA Montana Chapter Membership. According to the State of Montana, PAC contribution must be \$100 or less and must come directly from the individual to AIA Montana—PAC. A PAC contribution cannot come from your firm or corporation but from your personal account. Make your contribution TODAY! We will be contacting you for your support.

Thank you,
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