AIA Montana News

President’s Message: 2012 Grassroots

Dale Nelson, AIA, President of AIA Montana

Well, another Grassroots has come and gone. It was nice to meet all of the NW&P people, and to put a face to all of the voices on the conference calls. This year the mid 60’s - low 70’s weather was quite a bit nicer than when Kent Bray, Shannon, and I were stuck in the two + feet of snow in Snowmageddon. The people in DC are still talking about it.

This year’s program addressed some interesting and unique topics. The Bylaws amendments that the Board of Directors are contemplating seemed to be discussed in some way in all sessions. The Northwest and Pacific regional meeting involved an in-depth discussion of both bylaws amendments. The Emeritus Membership amendment seeks to change the age of emeritus from 65 to 70, and it also adds the stipulation that an architect seeking emeritus status must be fully retired. I’m not sure that “fully retired” is in any architects vocabulary. This change seems to make sense, except for the part that states “retired from architecture....including research, administration or the teaching of architecture”. Not sure why a person could not still be a teacher and emeritus at the same time.

The other proposed amendment is a little more contentious, and involves a bylaws change to allow the formation of an international region. This amendment does not form an international region, but changes the rules to allow it. This new international region, if formed, seems that it would have the greatest impact on NW&P region membership numbers.

The 2012 International Green Construction Code (IGCC) was the topic of one of the sessions that seems will have the potential to affect architects, depending on the adoption of the IGCC by a jurisdiction. The IGCC is more stringent than the IECC, and seems to be a good code, at initial review. On a scale of 100 to 0, with 0 being net zero, the IECC = 57, and the 2012 IGCC = 51, so 6% more stringent. These percentages are based on some assumptions, and are meant to give a way to compare the two codes in a general term.

One comes away from these conventions so reinvigorated, but then gets back to reality, and the job, and quickly forgets the purpose and motivation gained from the conferences. I am going to stick with this IGCC issue, and work with my colleagues from Great Falls who are members of the USGBC, ( and also sponsors of the IGCC ) and see what it will take for Montana to adopt the IGCC, without neutering it by exceptions, exclusions, or having the MCA overrule parts of it.

The IGCC task force the AIA National has assembled has packets of talking points and ideas, will be out soon, and will be shared with all who are interested.
MORE Documents Uploaded to the Document on Demand Website

Many firms purchase electronic contract document software packages, but for those that only need an occasional document, you might want to use the Documents On Demand program. DOD allows one to purchase a single document for electronic use. A link has been provided at www.aia-mt.org for DOD and it can be accessed at national www.aia.org.

Following are seven additional documents that were uploaded to DOD. This completes the migration of Interiors and International documents to DOD. Note: B161 includes 7 exhibits.

A151–2007, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Vendor for Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment

A251–2007, General Conditions of the Contract for Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment

A751–2007, Invitation and Instructions for Quotation for Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment

B152–2007, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect for Architectural Interior Design Services


B161–2002, Standard Form of Agreement Between Client and Consultant for use where the Project is located outside the United States

B162–2002, Abbreviated Form of Agreement Between Client and Consultant for use where the Project is located outside the United States

On January 1, 2012, AIA National did increase the cost of documents—both electronic and paper—for the first time in over 3 years. The new prices are reflected on the price lists available on the website.

CANstruction at the Rimrock Mall—Billings on April 4th!

IT STARTS WITH ONE CAN®, TO FEED THE HUNGRY, TO LIFT THE SPIRIT, TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Canstruction is using one can of food as a catalyst for change. One Can® to represent the building blocks of massive sculptures. One Can® to prove that every act of kindness makes a difference. Since 1992, Canstruction has contributed over 17.5 million pounds of food to community food banks demonstrating that we can win the fight against hunger.

Rocky Mountain College Campus Corps program is sponsoring the fund-raising event competition called CANstruction to benefit the Billings Food Bank and Family Service, Inc. The competition is scheduled for April 4th and is being held at Rimrock Mall!

The competition is to design & build structures made entirely from donated cans of food within a 10X10X8 high space. The ’Theme’ for this year’s event is to have structures that are connected to the mall (i.e. logos, products, connection to shopping, local stores etc) The design ideas will originate from teams that have registered throughout the community and be done in partnership with a local architect, engineer, contractor or designer.

For more information, please contact BAA President Dennie Stephenson at dennie@architectonis.com or call at 406-245-1223.
NCARB Releases New Tools & Resources to Assist Interns

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has released several tools and resources that interns can use to prepare for the rollover to the Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0. On 3-5 April 2012, NCARB will implement the final phase of IDP 2.0. This phase will include new experience categories and areas, simplified experience settings, and an enhanced electronic system to report IDP experience. IDP 2.0 is the most significant update to the Intern Development Program (IDP) since its inception in the 1970s.

All interns currently participating in the IDP will have their experience rolled over to IDP 2.0 when the current reporting system shuts down at noon EDT 3 April 2012. On 5 April 2012, the final phase of IDP 2.0 launches, along with a new reporting system.

Using the available rollover tools and resources will help interns prepare for and understand how their individual circumstances may be affected by the rollover. “The IDP is an intern’s roadmap to obtaining the knowledge and skills necessary to practice architecture independently. It is in interns’ best interest to proactively understand their progress in the program and how to move forward,” said Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA, NCARB, Director, Intern Development Program.

Tools and Resources

IDP 2.0 Interns’ Rollover Guide
The guide explains how the upcoming changes to the IDP will affect interns. The rollover guide includes the rules that will pertain to interns’ experience as it moves from the current IDP to IDP 2.0. It also includes definitions, explanations of the experience areas that are combined or split, training hour rollover examples, and frequently asked questions. [Download]

IDP 2.0 Calculator
The online calculator helps interns figure out how their hours will roll over to IDP 2.0. It gives interns, as well as their supervisors, information on interns’ progress through the program to help prepare for the rollover in April. [Calculator]

IDP 2.0 Categories and Areas Interactive Chart
Interns can scroll over the interactive chart to see how the current IDP requirements will roll over to the new IDP 2.0 experience categories and areas. Clicking on any of the areas will display the changes to the program. [IDP 2.0 Interactive Chart]

Link for All States License Lookup

http://www.engineersguideusa.com/architect_license_lookup.htm
This site has links to every states’ licensed architect ‘look-up.’
2012 Montana Excellence in Masonry Awards

Call for Entries

This year AIA Montana members will have the opportunity to submit to TWO design award programs. This is the first and will be hosted and sponsored by the Masonry Industry Promotion Group.

The Masonry Industry Promotion Group has offered this design award program in Seattle in the past and decided to expand into another area in the Northwest Region. Their choice was AIA MONTANA!

Entries are now being accepted for the 2012 Montana Excellence in Masonry Design Awards. To be eligible, you must be a current AIA Montana member, the project must be located in Montana, the project must have been complete between 2005 and 2011, and the project must have been designed by a current AIA Montana member.

A complete Call has been included in this newsletter as well as posted to www.aiamt.org. Submissions for the Masonry Awards Program are due May 1, 2012.

The Masonry Awards will be announced and recognized in conjunction with the AIA Montana Fall Conference schedule September 20-22, 2012 in Kalispell, Montana. If you have more questions or need additional information, please contact Kevin Krebs, Masonry Industry Promotion Group at kevinkrebs@qwestoffice.net or call 509-324-2320. Or contact the AIA Montana Office at aia@assoc-mgt.com or 406-259-7300.

AIA Montana will be holding the TRADITIONAL and UNBUILT Design Awards. The calls for AIA Montana’s Design Program will go out in June and be due in August.

2012 AIA MT Annual Fall Conference

The Annual AIA Montana Fall Conference will be September 20-22, 2012 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kalispell, Montana. The theme of the conference will be “Modern Regionalism” Speakers will include the following:

1. Tom Kundig: Olson Kundig Architects
2. Robert Harris: Lake Flato Architects
3. Roy Calabro: Bohlin, Cywinski, Jackson
4. David Samela: Samela Architects
5. Saskia Dennis: Cameron MacAllister

Plans are well underway—make your plans to attend by saving the date. This promises to be a great conference in a great setting.
Montana Energy Management Conference 2012

The Montana Energy Management Conference 2012—Strategies for Business Savings and Success is just around the corner. Come to Helena, March 27-29 for information, CEUs, and networking opportunities with Montana business owners and the energy community that supports them!

From Main Street and historic preservation to public buildings, healthcare and retail storefronts, this education event is packed with Montana-specific examples of high efficiency technologies and practices that are delivering energy savings, benefits to bottom line, and high performance work environments.

- CEUs for electricians, certified building operators, engineers, and architects (many sessions have been approved for LU/HSW/SD).
- FREE pre-conference for registered attendees on Green Motor Practices for electricians (8 CEUs).
- Celebrate the 2012 Montana BetterBricks Award Winners.

There are sessions that focus on energy management in Montana facilities, strategies for funding efficiency improvements when capital resources are limited, new technologies for HVAC, operational strategies for the facility manager that don’t require big budgets, and much more. Case studies, regional experts, and policy leaders are on the program. The Lighting Design Lab of Seattle is presenting it’s Spring Sessions at this event.

Keynote addresses are to be delivered from Bill Thomas at NorthWestern Energy on the Smart Grid demonstration, Montana DEQ Director Richard Opper, the NEEA’s new Executive Director Susan Stratton, and Molly McCabe of Hayden Tanner, consultant and international speaker on issues of sustainability, real estate and finance. McCabe lives in the Flathead Valley.

Visit www.montanaenergymanagement.com for the complete agenda and to register. Registration for this quality event is only $99.

Montana Energy Management Conference
March 27-29, 2012
Red Lion Colonial Conference Center
Helena, Montana
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The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architecture profession dedicated to serving its members, advancing their values and improving the quality of the built environment. Through a culture of innovation, the American Institute of Architects empowers its members and inspires creation of a better built environment.

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Montana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects was founded on June 4, 1921.

REMINDER: AIA membership will again require 18 learning units for 2012. 12 of these learning units must be Health/Safety/Welfare (LU/HSW). There is no Sustainable Design specific learning unit requirements for 2012. Check your transcript TODAY at www.aia.org. This newsletter is packed with opportunities to earn qualified credits.

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2nd Quarter Newsletter

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June 10, 2012

2012 Calendar

- Montana Energy Management Conference—March 27-29—Helena, Montana
- Meeting in the Mountains—April 26-28—Billings, Montana
- AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference—September 20-22—Kalispell, Montana
- NW+P Regional Joint Conference with Western Mountain Region—October 10-13—Phoenix, Arizona

From the AIA Montana Office

You will have many opportunities to promote your projects this year! The first opportunity will be the 2012 Montana Excellence in Masonry Awards—Call for Entries. This design award program is now open with entries due May 1, 2012. The second will be the AIA Montana Design Award Programs—for both TRADITIONAL and UN-BUILT. The call for entries for this program will go out in June and be due in August. Take a moment today to decide which projects your firm will want to promoted in 2012.

AIA National did increase the price of contract documents for the first time in three-years on January 1, 2012. A complete list of documents with the new pricing can be found at www.aia-mt.org or at www.aia.org. Lists can be found under contract documents.
2012 Montana Excellence In Masonry Awards

Call For Entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 2012 Montana Excellence In Masonry Design Awards.

The rules for the competition are noted below.

Outstanding submissions will be selected by a jury of architect peers.

The awards program will be held in conjunction with the AIA Montana Fall Meeting on Thursday, September 20th in Kalispell, Montana.

ELIGIBILITY
1. Current members of AIA Montana may enter projects.
2. Projects must be located in Montana.
3. Since this is the first ever Excellence in Masonry Awards Program in Montana, projects must have been completed between 2005 to 2011 to be eligible.
4. Projects must have been designed by a current AIA Montana architect.

REGISTRATION
1. Complete the enclosed registration form and mail, along with entry fee, to the Masonry Industry Promotion Group to receive a Submissions Binder.
2. Registration forms and entry fees must be received no later than May 1, 2012.
3. Entry Fee - $75.00 for first entry, $50.00 for each additional entry.
4. Completed Submission Binders must be received by the Masonry Industry Promotion Group no later than July 1, 2012.

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SUBMISSION

1. Only projects completed between 2005 and 2011 will be accepted. No under construction or un-landscaped projects will be accepted.

2. Masonry construction (brick, block, or stone) must be a dominant and outstanding feature of the building. A special award category, Best on the Block, will recognize design excellence utilizing concrete masonry materials.

3. Eight to ten high quality color digital image files (sized at 8x10, 300 dpi, jpg or tif format) must accompany each Submission Binder for judging and awards presentation purposes.

4. Submit two (2) professional 8 x 10 color photos (signature shots) that best show off the masonry construction.

5. Each entry must also include a written description of the project (250-500 words) with an emphasis on how and why masonry was used to meet the project requirements.

6. All photography submitted must include a signed release form. Entrants must clear rights to photos for incorporation in the Masonry Industry Promotion Group and national masonry publications.

7. Each entry will be judged based upon how it has met individual project requirements and the creative use of masonry construction.

SCHEDULE

Call for Entries ............................................................................................................. March 2012

Call for Entries Deadline (Registration Forms and Entry Fees) ....................... May 1, 2012

Submission Binders Deadline ................................................................. July 1, 2012

Judging .................................................................................................................... July 2012

Presentation of Awards ................................................................................. September 20, 2012

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The Masonry Promotion Group reserves the right to cancel the awards program if not enough entries are received. If this happens, all entry fees will be returned.
2012 Registration Form
Montana Excellence In Masonry
(Deadline for Entries: May 1, 2012)

This form may be photocopied if you wish to submit more than one entry.

Name of Building: ____________________________
Street Address: ____________________________  City __________  State __________  Zip __________

Architect (Firm’s Name): ____________________________  Phone ____________________________
Address: ____________________________  City __________  State __________  Zip __________

Owner/Developer: ____________________________  Phone ____________________________
Address: ____________________________  City __________  State __________  Zip __________

Mason Contractor: ____________________________  Phone ____________________________
Address: ____________________________  City __________  State __________  Zip __________

Structural Engineer: ____________________________  Phone ____________________________
Address: ____________________________  City __________  State __________  Zip __________

Date Completed: ____________________________

Brick Supplier/Manufacturer: ____________________________

Block Supplier/Manufacturer: ____________________________

Other Masonry Material: ____________________________

☐ Please check this box if your entry is for the Best on the Block category.
   Concrete masonry units must be the primary construction material for the building.

Entry Submitted by (Firm Name): ____________________________
Contact ____________________________  Phone ____________________________
Email ____________________________

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