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AIA Montana News

AIA National 2013: Repositioning, Touring & Meeting in General

David Koel, AIA, President of AIA Montana

I'm told I boarded the airplane from Kalispell to AIA National in Denver at 5:45am (my brain was in 'standby' mode at the time, and thus I personally have no recollection of this) and touched down around 8:30 am to a sunny and warm Denver, Colorado. This would be only my second time to this magnificent city, and admittedly the first time really didn't count (unless a stop for McDonald's and a tank of gas on my way to Colorado Springs qualifies). So, I was anxious to spend a few days exploring.

If you didn't know, the AIA conference is NOT all just a bunch of AIA officer business mixed with sleepy learning units and served up on a platter. If you look for it, it's saturated with some exceptional tours and keynote addresses, and because I'd attended last year's conference in DC, I learned (the hard way) that registering early is the key to getting on the super-cool tours; if you wait too long the good ones fill up and you're relegated to sub-par tours of parking ramps and truck stops (okay, that's not quite true), so the secret is registering within the first couple of weeks.

As a result of this diligence, I was able to tour I.M. Pei's National Center for Aeronautic Research (located about 30 minutes north and west of downtown) and a famous local home that sits high on a bluff south and west of downtown known affectionately as "The Spaceship House", but more accurately as the "Sleeper" house (the location where the Woody Allen movie 'Sleeper' was filmed in 1973). Unbeknownst to me, it turns out that both this home AND the I.M. Pei building mentioned above were sets in the futuristic Woody Allen film, due to their 'space age' feel... (I guess I'd better see the darn film!).

Thursday was devoted largely to AIA officer business meetings and voting procedures. At our regional AIA meeting, we discussed AIA National's repositioning initiative, and will be writing a letter to National with several recommendations for action. The AIA Repositioning initiative is, in simple terms, a rebranding effort designed to rebranding effort designed to analyze and 'reposition' the architect in the eyes of the public, to raise public awareness and appreciation of the necessity of our profession. It's also aimed at better training, a better source of information, a more intuitive website, and so on. In truth, the details of the Repositioning effort are not yet complete, but will certainly be available in the coming months from AIA National.

As for AIA National business, we elected new officers (stay tuned for the announcement from AIA National), and passed some interesting new bylaws amendments:

1. Amendment 13A: Associate and International Associate Members as Component Officers. This amendment would authorize (but not require) components to have Associate and International Associate members as officers. These members may not hold more than two seats or one third of the total seats, whichever is greater, on section, chapter, or state boards.

2. Amendment 13-B: Component Allied Members. An Allied AIA Member (individuals not otherwise eligible for membership in the Institute may become Allied members if they have established professional reputations are involved in positions allied to the field of architecture) is now able to reference their Allied status to the AIA in their printed material, etc as long as this reference is not construed as an AIA endorsement of a product, material or service.

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Message from Business Standards Division Administrator

The following message was sent to all licensing boards on May 30, 2013. Mr. de Yong was pleased to grant AIA permission to reprint the information with the AIA membership.

My name is Adam de Yong and I have recently been asked by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to step in as the acting Division Administrator at the Business Standards Division. As some of you may or may not know, Jack Kane has taken another job, thus leaving the Division Administrator position open. Some of you may remember me from my role with the Division during the reorganization process. During that time was a Business Systems Administrator dedicated full time to crafting and implementation of the reorganization. So while I am new to this position I am very familiar with the Division and while I am very impressed with the success of the reorganization effort I also recognize that there is still a lot of work to be done.

During my time as acting Division Administrator I have set some priorities for myself and the Division with guidance from the Commissioner.

- Communication is one of my primary priorities, both within the Division and with the boards.
- I plan on working diligently within the Division to improve lines of communication and I plan on sending out a weekly update to all division staff so that they are aware of the broader work being done in the Division as well as the guidance we are receiving from the Commissioner and Governor’s Office.
- I plan on sending out bi-weekly or tri-weekly updates to the boards on the work being undertaken within the Division as well as specific issues that boards have identified as being priority or just wanting more information on. If you have specific information you would like to see please send the request to your Executive Officer for them to bring to my attention.
- Ebiz or Accela improvements continue to occur and we are working hard to make use of all the tools and features available. With the development and implementation of our Change Control Board we now have the process in place to identify staff and system needs, prioritize those needs, and then begin and track the progress through an identified development path. This has greatly increase our efficiency and effectiveness in dealing with changes to the system.
- Fiscal systems improvements and evaluations have been taking place over the past few months with the assistance of the Central Services Division. Natalie Smitham spent some time here and identified some goals and priorities to increase the clarity of our fiscal picture and I will be working with her and our Operations Bureau Chief to monitor and implement the necessary changes.

I am very pleased to be back at BSD working with a truly fine group of individuals and I will hopefully see all of you at your next board meeting. I have requested that I be on every board’s agenda for a personal introduction, but I have asked staff to remove the standard board update as a standing agenda item since I will be sending out regular updates via email. While I am more than happy at any time to provide your board with a Division update, I am also sensitive to the value of your time and the quantity of work you often have to do in town for a board meeting. If you ever would like an update please just inform your Executive Officer that you would like an update and if applicable please provide specific information that you would like covered. Also, I always have an open door policy so please feel free to drop in with questions or concerns.

Thank you for your service to your profession and to the state of Montana. The boards play a critical role in ensuring the safety of all Montanans.

Regards,
Adam de Yong
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And although the tours and business were exciting and interesting, the highlight of the conference was the Saturday keynote speaker: General Colin Powell. I’m sort of a fan of this guy, so I waited in line for 90 minutes to get his autograph (the last time I waited that long in a line was back in the pre-internet days when you had to buy rock concert tickets in person... I probably wasted at least 3 hours in line waiting for REO Speedwagon tickets, and I still regret it). Powell, however, was an impressive and humorous speaker, touching upon politics, the military, his humble roots, and the traits that led to his rise to leadership of the greatest military on the planet. He challenged architects to be leaders in sustainability, conservation, and beauty, and I left the presentation feeling empowered to be a better architect.

In all, it was a fascinating week in Denver, and I strongly encourage you all to consider joining in the adventure next year in Chicago.
Call for Entries for the 2013 AIA Montana Design Awards

Tad Tsukamoto, AIA, Senior Director & Design Award Chair

Included with this newsletter is the official call for 2013 AIA Montana Design Awards Program. We will be offering Traditional Design Awards. Submittals will be due to the AIA Montana Office by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. The Awards will be presented at the 2013 Fall Conference during the Awards Banquet on Friday evening, September 13 in Bozeman.

Those receiving awards will be published in the annual Montana Architect magazine, featured on the AIA Montana website and included in the traveling exhibit which will start at the Montana State University School of Architecture.

Entry fees for the Awards programs will be $100 for Traditional Design Awards submissions. Fees cover the cost of the program including the awards and travel expenses for the lead jurist to make the awards presentation at the Fall Conference.

The Guidelines for each awards program will be posted at the AIA Montana website www.aia-mt.org and sent out as an attachment to this newsletter. We are excited to see the best work of our membership again this year. Good luck to all!

Clean Energy Fair

A Solar Ready Design presentation will be just one of several renewable energy presentations at the Montana Renewable Energy Association's 3rd Annual Clean Energy Fair on Saturday, July 20, 2013 from 9 am to 4 pm on the grounds of the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Butte.

Engineer Caleb Rockenbaugh from DOE's National Renewable Energy Laboratory will define Solar Ready and provide detailed information on design and construction elements that can significantly improve the economics of solar installations. Architect Christopher Gonzales will describe how his Belgrade, Montana, Passive House Institute-certified home was designed to be solar ready for solar hot water and solar electricity systems. He will provide details on the energy efficiency measures, solar ready features, costs, and lessons learned. MREA is applying to offer AIA and GBCI continuing education credits.

The fair is free and open to the public and will feature a keynote address by Governor Steve Bullock as well as live local entertainment, food vendors, and exhibits by clean energy businesses. There will also be free educational workshops on solar, wind, ground-source heat pumps, biodiesel, and other clean energy technologies, and a car show featuring electric, hybrid, and biodiesel vehicles.

For more information, contact Diana Maneta, Executive Director, Montana Renewable Energy Association, call 406-214-9405 or email dmaneta@montanarenewables.org

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2013 AIA Montana Annual Fall Conference: “Architecture Matters”

Lisa Sukut, AIA, President Elect & Conference Chair

Plans for this year’s conference are well underway with only a few details to finalize and registration for the conference should open mid-July. Save September 12-14 – a great time to be in Bozeman! Thursday will include an AIA Montana Past President’s Club luncheon, the Optional Thursday Seminar, ‘Cocktail Napkin Sketch Contest’, and training for those taking or planning to take the ARE. Friday will follow the Traditional Fall Conference format featuring the speakers listed below. The Awards Banquet reception — hosted by Big Sky Insulations — will be held at Cheever Hall in the Lower Gallery. The Awards Banquet will be held back at the Student Union Building and feature the 2013 AIA Montana Award Recipients. It will be a long but rewarding day.

Saturday will begin with a short General Membership Meeting just before Tailgating with the AIAS Chapter. AIA MT has purchased a block of football tickets for the MSU BOBCAT vs. Colorado Mesa Football game. These will be available to purchase when registering for the Conference on a first come—first served basis. Hope to see you in September!

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ARE Test Prep Course Option at Fall Conference:

Mary Klette, Associate AIA, Associate AIA Director

AIA Montana is pleased to announce a brand new event for AIT’s in this year’s Fall Conference LINEUP! An ARE Test Prep Course will be offered as an optional Thursday seminar to both members and non-members.

This seminar will focus on the graphic portions of the ARE and provide an in-depth overview of ways to prepare for the ARE, test taking strategies, common and fatal errors, and time-saving techniques. In addition, those attending will have the opportunity to go through a mock exam with the practice software and get immediate and valuable feedback.

As a co-editor of the 2007 Kaplan Building Technology Study guide with years of both teaching and professional experience, renowned instructor Robert Elfer, RA, NCARB will lead this engaging seminar.

This is a rare and exciting opportunity for AIT’s in Montana - don’t let this opportunity pass you by! Make your plans today! The registration fee is $125.00 for members and $150.00 for non-members. It will be an all-day event, with lunch provided. For additional information, please contact Mary at mary@nelsonarchitects.com.

*Registration and more information will be available online at www.aia-mt.org under Fall Conference - registration will go live in mid-July.
Professional Practice of Architecture Graduate Certificate
An online program from Montana State University

Program begins Fall 2013

This new graduate certificate is designed to support architects and allied fields such as interior design, landscape architecture, engineering and construction. The coursework will support career advancement and continuing education requirements.

The 15-credit program consists of:
- Three online courses
- A capstone project, which is presented at MSU to leaders in the field.

The program follows an academic-year model. In fall, students enroll in the program's core course, "Leading and Managing the Human and Financial Enterprise," followed by "Leadership of Professional Practice" and "Synthesis of Architectural Practice."

Through online coursework, graduates of this program will acquire the essentials of:
- Contemporary accounting and finance with emphasis on specific strategies for:
  - architectural marketing
  - office management
  - human resources
  - contracts
  - law and liability, and
  - entrepreneurship, as well as
- research and development of alternative models and philosophies of professional practice.

Students present their final capstone project on the MSU campus, after which they earn their transcripted graduate certificate. Students may apply their 15-credit certificate toward the 30-credit Professional Master of Science and Engineering Management graduate degree.

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<td>Fall</td>
<td>Business Core Course: Leading and Managing the Human and Financial Enterprise*</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>This course will develop and enhance your business management skills as they relate to the technical, scientific, or professional enterprise. The course topics will be delivered in an integrated fashion using multiple instructors with expertise in several areas. The course will focus on the following three areas: 1) Leading People; 2) Leading the Financial Enterprise; 3) Leading New Product Development.</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>Leadership in Professional Practice**</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>10 weeks</td>
<td>This online course presents leadership strategies in the professional practice of architecture, how architecture fits among associated professionals and the opportunities for professional engagement relative to the encapsulated expertise of an architectural office. Key learning topics include the architect's skill set, non-traditional creative uses of the architect's skill set, the leading edge of traditional practice, virtual building technologies and their relationship to practice.</td>
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<td>Spring</td>
<td>Synthesis of Architectural Practice**</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>8 weeks</td>
<td>Students will engage in a problem-based scenario derived from existing or anticipated architectural practice opportunities. Participants will create actual deliverables, including business models, financial models, business rules and success factors. This course is based on solving real-world case studies involving complex challenges and introducing new business strategies. This course includes a research thesis capstone project that will be presented to a diverse audience of industry leaders.</td>
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*This course is affiliated with the Professional Master of Science and Engineering Management program and is taught by instructors from the MSU College of Business.  
**This course is developed and taught by the MSU School of Architecture and is uniquely designed for this program.

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