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## President's Message

By Hank Reder, AIA, Esq.



I would like to begin my term by thanking the members of AIA for bestowing on me the honor and privilege of being their President in 2006. I promise to represent the interests of all of AIA Ohio's Members to the best of my abilities. I would like to thank the immediate past President, John Rogers, for the tremendous job of leadership that he performed during his term. John brought insight and vision to AIA Ohio. We intend to continue to pursue the interest which he brought to AIA Ohio. I would also like to thank the rest of the executive committee and the component directors for their commitment to the advancement of the profession of architecture throughout the State of Ohio.

AIA Ohio has a full plate for the year 2006. The three primary goals are 1) bringing the emerging professionals into the practice of architecture; 2) continuation of the Committee On The Environment's commitment to high-performance buildings and sustainable design; and 3) planning for AIA's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and its gifts to America. For the purpose of this Newsletter I will focus on the emerging professional and review the balance in future editions.

### Bringing Emerging Professionals into the Practice of Architecture

Before discussing my interest in emerging professionals, let me digress and reflect on my early introduction into the profession. When I was 18, I began working for the architectural firm of Keith Haag & Associates, Inc. This firm became my second family

and provided me with mentoring throughout my college education. They also encouraged my participation in AIA activities in the Akron Chapter. This was in the late 60's when the architectural professional was being limited and controlled by outside pressures. It was also at a time when architect John Portman, of Hyatt Hotel, was proving to the world that good architecture and good design carried significant value. In a similar fashion, Keith Haag, FAIA, and the architects I worked with, encouraged architects to expand their education and training and to expand the practice of architecture. It was this early mentoring that led me to go on and complete my law degree and practice as an attorney, giving me the opportunity to represent architects and engineers in their practice. Today there is an even greater necessity for architects to reach out to the emerging professionals and assist their transition into the profession.

Since the inception of the Intern Development Program and the new registration exam, we have all been hearing stories about our graduates not completing IDP. This did not seem critical until we started receiving the statistics of the impact on architectural registrants. Doug Steidl, FAIA, immediate past president of AIA National, cited the national statistics of registrants being down by more than two-thirds. Amy Kobe, Executive Director of the Ohio Architects Board confirmed this. The Ohio Board's statistics show the number of registrants per year down from more than 200 per year to less than 50 per year. These statistics really hit

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home at the Ohio Valley Regional Convention in Indianapolis when, in a seminar presented by XL Insurance, they cited similar statistics for the State of California. As a professional liability insurance carrier, their concern is that architectural firms need to have qualified staff to reduce or avoid liability. The substantial drop in registrants may create increased liability to the firms. This is occurring at the same time our graduates coming out of our schools are the most highly qualified professionally motivated associates that this profession has seen. It becomes obvious that AIA must play a significant role in bringing our young associates into the profession of architecture and the family of AIA.

AIA Ohio began planning for emerging professionals at the AIA Ohio Retreat in October. The AIA Ohio Board invited Kobe to collaborate on these very important issues.

Some of the initiatives that we are striving for are as follows:

- Traditionally the AIA Board has rotated its June meeting through the schools of architecture. Unfortunately, June is a time when the schools are devoid of students, looking like the photographs submitted in design awards presentations - absent of people. The AIA Ohio Board has decided to move its annual meeting at a school of architecture to April. The Board intends to meet and interact with the students and hear their concerns first hand. AIA Ohio's IDP Coordinator Eric Inglert, AIA will be there with the necessary information and application forms to assist the students in applying for the IDP program.

The associate Director, Jack Baumann, Assoc. AIA, will assist students in their transition from student membership to associate membership and will introduce them to the assistance that AIA can and will provide them in their transition from academia through registration and into the profession. It is very important for AIA Ohio to reach out to these students and let them know that the AIA is a resource and a family for them.

- The Ohio Architect's Board is reviewing its regulations to permit the use of the term "architectural intern" or "intern architect," with certain stipulations. Those stipulations would follow AIA National's position requiring 1) an NAAB degree; 2) active participation in the IDP program; 3) working under the direct supervision and control of an architect; and 4) an application on file with the State Board of Examiners. The fourth item is very important in that it allows AIA to determine who the current applicants are and to provide mentoring and assistance in the registration process.
- AIA Ohio is working with the Ohio Board of Architects to adopt regulations which would permit interns to begin taking the registration exam, prior to completion of their IDP Program. This is an option in other states. Sophisticated interns are moving to these States to obtain registration in a more timely fashion. We are pursuing this with the Ohio Board of Architects to further prevent the "brain drain" from Ohio's Schools of Architecture to other states.
- The cost of the IDP Program and

the registration exam is a deterrent to emerging professionals. We are attempting to work with the Ohio architect's board to encourage waiving of any fees that might be an impediment to registration. These would be offset by higher fees after licensure. The interns should consider this as a loan to themselves. A loan which they would repay when they are registered and more able to pay these fees.

- AIA National is currently developing standards for "intern-friendly firms". Firms that meet these qualifications and standards will be encouraged to use the designation of intern-friendly firm as an expression of that firm's commitment to its interns and the profession. I would encourage AIA Ohio's firms to make this commitment to its interns and adopt standards being set for intern friendly firms.
- Each individual component is encouraged to adopt its own initiatives to reach out to and mentor emerging professionals and associate members. I have heard many stories from AIA "junkies" who indicated their involvement and commitment to AIA began with personal invitations from members of the profession to participate in AIA meetings, programs and activities. I would personally recommend that every AIA Member attending an AIA activity or program, personally invite an associate member to attend as your guest and engage them in the profession.

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## Executive Vice President's Report



By David W. Field, CAE, Hon. AIA  
Executive Vice President

The Ohio General Assembly is on the home stretch towards the spring primary election and its summer recess continuing to focus on education and workforce development, health insurance and energy and environment issues.

Here's the status of pending legislative and regulatory activities:

### Interior Design Licensing

AIA-Ohio's Interior Design Licensing Task Force Chair, David Brehm testified February 28 against S.B. 25 which would enact an Interior Designers Practice Act in Ohio. The bill had been dormant for over a year when the Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee Chairman announced he would hold a hearing with a *possible vote* on the bill in four days!

AIA-Ohio issued an e-mail Action Alert to members residing in Committee Members' Districts producing over 50 e-mails to Senators in three days. *The message: AIA Ohio does not oppose "title" certification for interior designers which reserves a title for qualifying interior designers as a number of states have done. We do, however, oppose "practice" certification which only late last year New York Governor Pataki vetoed using a message similar to the one Governor Voinovich issued several sessions ago when vetoing similar legislation i.e. interior designers do not affect the health, safety and welfare to a degree sufficient to establish a regulatory practice act governing their activities.*

During the hearing Brehm presented AIA's arguments favoring a "title" bill over a "practice" bill and provided Committee Members with a "marked up" version of a bill AIA Ohio could accept.

The entire argument plus amendments that would satisfy AIA Ohio's concern are available from the AIA-Ohio office upon request.

### Energy Efficiency Bill Passes House

An energy efficiency bill (HB 251) passed the House in mid-January and is undergoing final hearings by the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. HB 251 would amend sections 123.011, 125.09, and 125.11 of the Revised Code to specify certain energy efficiency and conservation standards relating to facility construction and leasing that the Office of Energy Services in the Department of Administrative Services must adopt and with which state agencies, state institutions of higher education, and public schools must comply unless they meet higher standards.

It would require certain additional duties and additional cooperation between the Office of Energy Services and the Office of Energy Efficiency of the Department of Development, relating to vehicle and supply procurement by state agencies and state institutions of higher education; and require the Department of Administrative Services to give preference to procuring products and services that meet federal energy efficiency guidelines.

The original bill was amended to bring public schools and higher education institutions as well as boards and state agencies not currently under Department of Administrative Services oversight in line with a require-

ment that any new facility planning and construction must have a life cycle cost analysis that includes energy consumption and other OES rules.

The substitute bill also requires OES to adopt cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation rules to assist DAS in its responsibility to for state-funded facilities it has oversight over.

AIA Ohio's Committee on the Environment, Chaired by Alan Warner, AIA, has provided input as this bill has progressed.

### Two Additional Energy Efficiency Bills Introduced

Two additional energy bills have been introduced, but are not moving quickly. HB 467, which would enact mandatory LEEDS standards for state construction was introduced in early January has had but one hearing, January 18. HB 398 would create a Council of Sustainable Energy Development and it, too, has had but a single hearing, also on January 18 by the House Public Utilities Committee. AIA's COTE Committee is also reviewing these bills for input.

### Retainage Issues Surfaces Again

Bills have been introduced in both the House and Senate to regulate the practice of withholding retainage on both private and public construction projects.

HB 497 was introduced under the primary sponsorship of Representative John Hagan (Alliance-R) with co-sponsorship of

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Representatives Steve Buehrer (Delta-R), Dave Evans (Newark-R), Jim McGregor (Gahanna-R), James Aslanides (Coshocton-R), Larry Flowers, (Canal Winchester-R), Edna Brown (Toledo-D), Lance Mason (Shaker Heights-D), Dale Miller (Cleveland-D) Dan Stewart, (Columbus-D) and Shirley Smith (Cleveland-D). SB 270 was introduced under the sole sponsorship of Senator Gary Cates (West Chester-R)

Similar legislation has failed to gain contractor support in the past.

When HB497 received its first hearing by the House Commerce and Labor Committee, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Hagan said the bill enacts "retainage reform" because "contractors and subcontractors that perform preliminary work on significantly large projects might not receive their withheld retainage for months or even years after their portion of the project is complete, consequently inflicting an unjust financial burden on a party that, in most cases, has satisfactorily met the requirements of the contract."

Specifically, he said the bill will alleviate many of the financial hardships caused by the practice of retainage and synchronize Ohio law with existing federal law. It does this by:

- Limiting the amount of retainage withheld to effectively four percent of the total cost — eight percent on the first half of the contract and zero percent on the second half.
- Allowing for line item releases based on a schedule of values.
- Requiring all retainage be paid within 30 days of the issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
- Prohibiting contractors, subcon-

tractors, and lower-tier subcontractors from withholding a higher percentage of retainage from their subcontractors than the amount being withheld from them.

- Prohibiting mandated retainage or "stealth" retainage.
- Allowing "prompt pay" provisions to apply.

The bills may be found of the General Assembly webpage: [www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/search.cfm)

## Home Construction Lien Bill Gets First Hearing

The House Financial Institutions, Real Estate & Securities Committee is hearing HB 487 introduced by Rep. Chris Widener, FAIA, who chairs the committee.

Rep. Widener's bill is meant to correct "holes" and "confusion" in mechanics lien statutes revised with much labor over several General Assemblies in the late eighties and early nineties. He assured the committee that HB487 would institute limited changes and not reopen "that whole can of worms."

The chairman said the bill would stipulate that property owners record a "notice of commencement" only if required by their lender; that a notice of commencement for home construction would expire six years after it is first recorded, freeing title companies from the need to list all such notices; that an owner could recover court costs and attorney fees from a lien holder who refuses to release the lien after all matters have been resolved; that a mortgage be regarded as filed "first" if a notice of commencement and mortgage are filed the same day; and that a material supplier could not file a lien in connection

with a second contractor based on the unpaid purchases of a previous contractor — "one contract = one lien and two contracts = two liens."

## Schaffer Introduces Legislation to Change OSFC Funding

Rep. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) introduced HB520 that would change the funding formula used by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC) to fund projects to build new schools. The OSFC partners with local school districts and gives them a percentage of the money required to finance the construction.

"The way that the OSFC builds schools now is not fair to school districts like those in Fairfield County," Schaffer contends. "School districts are passing levies for their part of the project. Some are waiting years and years without seeing the state give their portion. I want the state to finally help these districts build the schools that they have been waiting for all this time."

Schaffer cited the OSFC project in Liberty Union Schools as an example of the problems with the current funding system and how different factors can affect the placement of a school on the funding list. Changes in property values and other factors can make schools appear wealthier than they are, which pushes them further and further away from receiving the state portion of the money.

Under the bill, schools would not be moved a large number of places away from where they currently are on the list. This would ensure that property value spikes, which

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do not necessarily translate into more money for the district immediately, would have less of an impact when a school receives the funds. The bill also includes a provision that if a school has been waiting for their portion for more than three years after passing their own levy, they are moved back to the front of the list.

"I want to make sure that the school districts that are acting responsibly and passing their levies for their portion of the construction, are receiving their money in a timely fashion," Schaffer said. "This bill protects school districts who have passed their levies, and those that are experiencing growth but have not seen actual increases in revenue."

### Felonies Unrelated to Architecture OK for Licensees

A bill, HB267, which would "remove barriers to obtain all professional licenses from qualified individuals who were previously convicted of felony offenses that were not substantially related to their professions of interest," received its first hearing Feb. 21 by the House Commerce and Labor Committee.

During the hearing an aide to the bill's sponsor, Rep. Annie Key (D-Cleveland) said that the inability to reenter a profession contributed significantly to recidivism, and that removing such obstacles would help former convicts to once again become taxpaying citizens and business owners who might hire others.

The committee had no questions.

### Future Registration Board Issues

The Ohio Board of Examiners of

Architects is considering proposing changes to certain statutes. One change is to allow the use of the terms "Intern Architect" or "Architectural Intern", as recommended by NCARB and AIA National.

A second possible change is to follow up on a board vote taken several years ago to change the Board's name to the "Ohio Architects Board". The board doesn't give exams any longer and it is often referred to as the "Architects Board". Other housekeeping items have been identified for update during the process, such as the language on late fees.

A third possible change relates to the requirement that more than 50% of the owners of architectural firms must be Ohio-registered design professionals. This requirement is reportedly an impediment to employee-owned firms (ESOPS). Often 50% of the firm is owned by the ESOP - and the ESOP is owned by the employees of the company, but not enough are registered design professionals. As ESOPS are increasingly popular, Ohio's requirements discourage employee-owned companies, though some contend that it's possible to form a separate corporation to circumvent the law.

The Board is also asking the legislature to create a new title, "Emeritus architect," which would exempt fully retired architects from the continuing education requirements.

### Historic Buildings Tax Credit Not Moving

The General Assembly seems to be ignoring AIA Ohio supported legislation (SB 60 and HB 149) that would create a 25% tax credit for

the restoration and rehabilitation of Ohio's vacant and underutilized historic buildings. The tax credit would encourage private investment in historic properties, generate additional jobs and stimulate economic development within existing communities. HB 149 has had several hearings but no more are scheduled.

### Construction Groups Oppose Whistle Blower Bill

Construction groups have expressed opposition to Senate Bill 39, which would expand the Attorney General's original jurisdiction to investigate Ohio businesses, and creates a new cause of action for disgruntled employees to sue anyone who does business with the State.

Opponents believe the legislation is a solution without a problem. They believe that if a State contractor is submitting claims improperly to the State, the Auditor should be making a finding, and the Attorney General should be collecting the money back.

Senate Bill 39 would create a private cause of action for employees to attack their own employers, holding out the potential bounty of a 30% award.

Proponents argued during a second committee hearing February 16 that SB39 is "an efficient and cost-effective method to prevent and ferret out fraud against the state of Ohio." They said that the primary benefit of the bill is not revenue enhancement, but to "prevent and deter" fraudulent activities.

The bill would also permit honest citizens to "blow the whistle" on fraud schemes, by protecting them

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## Regional Directors Report

By Hal P. Munger, FAIA

National Grassroots in DC in February was the largest ever – over 900, up from 700 last year. Many from the Region were in attendance, both component officers and Knowledge Community leaders. Many got to meet 2006 President Kate Schwennsen FAIA and 2007 President RK Stewart FAIA and new EVP/CEO Christine McEntee at the Institute Open House or between sessions at the Grand Hyatt. There was a great deal of praise for the Q/A Open Forum which those three led. All in attendance were optimistic about AIA's positive promising future. Senators from Louisiana and Wisconsin informed us and energized us for our trips to Capitol Hill. Tony Costello FAIA, our new Regional Director and the AIA 150 Blueprint Chairman inspired all with his words and his art. The nation will have a great "leave behind" from the architects of the 292 components by the end of 2007. We heard about diversity and sustainability and the emerging professional. Together with 1,000 others we celebrated architecture at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala, honoring the Pritzker family with the AAF Keystone Award, Fay Jones' Thorncrown Chapel with the 25 Year Award, Moore-Rubell-Yudell with the Firm Award, and Antoine Predock with the Gold Medal. At our regional meeting and dinner we learned briefly of all the wonderful happenings in all our chapters and we met the region's candidates prior to the elections at the June convention. Please give your strong support – and encourage your peers across the country to do the same – to John Senhauser FAIA of Cincinnati, current Secretary and candidate for 1<sup>st</sup> VP/Pres Elect and to Louisville's David Proffitt AIA, candidate for Secretary. Senhauser has been a great Secre-

tary for the Institute, handling difficult assignments with his usual skill, care and thoroughness. Before that he served very capably for 3 years as the Ohio Valley Regional Director, representing our interests at national. Proffitt has just completed his three year stint as OVR Director, including serving his entire term on the Secretary's Advisory Committee. He is well liked by his fellow Board members. Please help Tony and me help these men get elected.

Prior to Grassroots, the Board had a very brief meeting. The following actions were taken:

- **Presentation of revisions to the 2006 Operating Plan and Budget** (rolling AIA 150 into the Plan and Budget; revising Budget reporting to better align with the Institute's programs and operations; with clear metrics that define expected levels of accomplishment/progress)
- **Amendment to Rules of the Board** (clearing up language regarding Convention Registration)
- **AIA 150** (approved naming the currently un-named AIA/AAF campus as "The Center of American Architecture"; now the buildings on campus will be known as "The American Institute of Architects at the American Center of Architecture" and "The Octagon House Museum at the American Center of Architecture")
- **Dues Waiver for Medical Disability** (responding to two requests)
- **Elections of Honorary Fellows** (Supported the 13 selected by the Jury for 2006)

When this report is being written, the March Board meeting in St. Petersburg is still weeks away. It is a full agenda oriented around the "Knowledge" theme. We'll be hearing about final planning for the June Convention. Hope many from our region will be able to be in attendance. LA is always fresh and exciting, lots of new buildings to visit, lots of new seminars to educate us, lots of new products to learn how to use, and lots of new speakers to inspire us. If you haven't seen the book or the website, you're missing out on the opportunity to be a more complete architect. Please be there to vote for John and David.

Hope you feel, as we do, that AIA keeps getting better. Some of the facts and figures you might find interesting:

- As of 12/31/05 AIA had 77,698 members – a growth of 3.7% – with a 94% retention rate.
- According to a recent non-member survey, cost of membership dissuaded joining. 63% were previously members. (As Christine said at Grassroots, AIA is addressing that).
- All 292 components across the country, large and small, staffed and unstaffed, state and local, received a total of \$3,475,093 in Contract Documents revenue share, an increase of \$528,916 over 2004 (i.e. up 18%). In addition, they received a record \$500,085 in AIA Career Center revenue share, compared to \$201,247 in 2004 (i.e. up 298,838 or 148%). Tangible results of One AIA!

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- According to a recent voter poll, the public has a more favorable impression of architects than other professions. About 83% of voters across the nation have a favorable impression of architects, while only 4% have an unfavorable impression. Of 13 occupational groups, architects ranked in the top popularity tier.
- Nearly 25,000 attended the 2005 Las Vegas National Convention and Expo, a 10% increase over 2004.
- Slightly over 2,600 media clips referenced AIA in 2005, including the most well respected national papers and networks, and including 100 local dailies.
- The Sustainable Design Assistance Team (SDAT) was developed and launched, with 6 community teams deployed in 2005. Among AIA architects, 97% are familiar with sustainable design; it is important for 90%, and

55% believe it is important for their clients.

- Disaster assistance programs gave AIA nationally a very high profile across the Gulf Coast and helped those communities dramatically following Katrina and Rita. AIA members in that region were generously helped in their time of need by their AIA brothers and sisters across the nation.

As many of you know from reading this column before, our own Doug Steidl FAIA, during his outstanding Presidency, trimmed AIA's Policies significantly, organizing them to be current and forward looking. One of those Board adoptions was taking a position that certain sections of the ARE could be taken while Interns were in the midst of IDP, not waiting until their 3+ year internship was complete. NCARB, in their "Fast Facts" communication of 2/17/06 has said they now believe, accredited gradu-

ates could take parts of the exam during that IDP time without compromising the public's HSW. Neither AIA nor NCARB is advocating becoming registered before a full internship experience. This move would speed up the process, hopefully, making becoming an architect more appealing, and, hopefully, reversing the disturbing trend of fewer architecture school graduates becoming licensed. NCARB will be promoting these matters at their 2006 and if necessary, 2007 Annual Meetings of State Boards. It's good to see the collateral organizations seeking common ground like this. We're lucky in the OVR to have the President of NCARB, Carlton Godsey FAIA, of Louisville. With strong leaders like Doug and Carlton, good things will continue to happen for our profession.

As always, if you have any issues or concerns, please contact Tony Costello FAIA or myself. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

## OVR Regional Director Hal Munger Named Fellow

Hal P. Munger, Past President of both AIA Toledo and AIA Ohio, currently serving as Senior Director to the AIA National Board from the Ohio Valley Region, has been elevated to the prestigious AIA College of Fellows. The Investiture Ceremony will be held in the Frank Gehry designed Disney Concert Hall at this summer's national convention in Los Angeles. Munger was the only Ohioan selected. He was one of only two from the entire region. Only 82 inductees make up this

year's class out of an AIA membership of over 75,000. There are currently 2,500 living Fellows across the country.

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tion to architecture and society on a national level.

Hal P. Munger FAIA is a partner in Toledo's Munger Munger + Associates Architects Inc. with his younger brother David J. Munger AIA, AIAT's current Treasurer and past HSDC Chairman. Hal and his wife Melissa have been married 25 years and are the proud parents of Hal (22), a senior in architecture at Notre Dame, and Elizabeth (15) a sophomore at Perrysburg High School.



## From Jack L. Baumann, Assoc., AIA, LEED AP

February 24, 2006

Greetings, my name is Jack Baumann and I am the 2006 AIA Ohio Associate Director. This being my first year on the AIA Ohio Board, I am very enthusiastic about the year ahead and what we can accomplish together as a State and as a Region.

Before coming to the AIA Ohio Board of Directors, I served three years on the AIA Akron Executive Committee, two years as the Associate Director and one year as a Director. During my time in AIA Akron, the local Associates, Interns, and Young Architects were very successful in coming together in "Open Forums" to discuss local community issues, the ARE, IDP, and opening up communication to Kent State University students. Through these discussions, we set up events, such as design charettes, ARE study sessions for the active members in Akron, construction site visits, and meetings with community leaders to exchange ideas for the future vision of Akron.

Getting involved with AIA was sparked by my mentors here at my office, Braun & Steidl Architects. During college, I was a summer Intern at Braun & Steidl, starting after my second year. After graduating in 2000 from Kent State University, I was fortunate enough to stay with Braun & Steidl Architects and finish my IDP training and work under the leadership of our partners. Through this mentoring, I grew as a professional as well as in my personal life. I am currently in the midst of taking the ARE with four sections completed and plan on completing the remaining five by the end of my term this year.

With spring coming up, I am in the stages of setting up my goals for the year and communication with the components across Ohio and our AIA Regional Associate Director, Chris Bowling. At the top of my set of goals is to be the open communication link between each local component to the AIA Ohio Board of Directors and to address the needs of Associates and Interns around Ohio as well as gather information of what is occurring regionally.

First and foremost, I would like to support AIA150 at the State level as well as encouraging local com-

ponent Associates to partner with their component AIA150 Champions and address sustainable design in their community for the betterment of the built environment in Ohio. AIA150 is the springboard that we can use as Architects, Associates, and emerging professionals to bring us to the forefront of not only sustainable design, but as a community leader well after AIA150 has passed.

I would like to work with Amy Kobe, Executive Director at the State of Ohio Board of Examiners and our state IDP Coordinator, Eric Ingler, to open an interchange with Interns and those ready to take the ARE and promote registration. All too often, registration now becomes secondary once IDP is completed. Interns who finish IDP and do not move on to take the ARE immediately, get caught up in office deadlines and personal stumbling blocks and put off getting registered. I want to make registration a right-of-passage once again. I want to make registration the next step in an Intern's set of career goals, just like graduating from college and completing IDP and give recognition either at the State or local levels.

Communication and knowledge is the key in understanding what we can improve, learn, or change. I would like to share each component's agenda with all the others in multiple planning sessions throughout the year together with all Associate Directors. These sessions would be set up to hear the needs of each component and to hear what works and what does not in each part of the State. I would also like to encourage each component chapter Associate Director to open communication links between the Schools of Architecture across the state with their chapter members. In communicating with soon to be graduates, coming into the "real world" may make the transition a little easier as well as answer the question of "what does AIA do for me?"

I have a full year ahead, and I know it will pass by quickly, but I am determined to make it an exciting and educational experience. I am looking forward to achieving these goals as well as hearing those from the components.

# New CES Rule Affects Architects

By Amy M. Kobe, CAE

Executive Director, The Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects

Most AIA members will be unfazed by Ohio's new Continuing Education requirements. Ohio's architects, landscape architects, engineers and land surveyors were the last four professions in the state to have a Continuing Education requirement. AIA members have had a Continuing Education requirement as a part of their AIA membership for over ten years: the AIA requirement first went into effect on January 1995 following a three year pilot study. The state of Ohio's requirement calls for 24 contact (or clock) hours of Continuing Education every two years. Eighteen of those hours must be in the areas of Health, Safety and Welfare. Excess credit may not be carried forward from one renewal period to another.

The state of Ohio requirement is actually less stringent than the AIA requirement. Any architect fully meeting the AIA requirement (18 hours annually, of which 8 hours must be HSW) will not have any difficulty meeting Ohio's requirement. The state will also accept the AIA transcript as proof of completion of the requirement. Evidence of completion will not be required unless the architect is audited. The Board will conduct random audits beginning in 2008. Architects should keep copies of AIA transcripts or Certificates of Completion in their files in case they are audited. Keep the copies indefinitely!

A Certificate of Completion should contain the following information:

- title of the course or program and any identification number assigned to it by the sponsor
- number of hours completed
- the provider's name and any identifying number
- verification by the sponsor of your attendance
- the date and location of the program or course

Acceptable Continuing Education topics are those which increase the registrant's knowledge and understanding of technical or professional subjects and contribute directly to the improvement of the registrant's professional knowledge and competence. This includes any subject matter covered on the registration exam (ARE).

Acceptable program types include classes or seminars offered by universities or colleges, or seminars taught by AIA approved providers. Teaching on a part time basis, publishing, and service on public boards related to the profession (design review, zoning and planning boards, ARE committees, etc.) is also permitted, but limited to no more than 50% of the total requirement, or twelve hours.

The Board does not maintain a list of courses, so check with your local university, AIA, CSI or ASLA chapter or

other professional societies for upcoming programs. Many vendors offer free programs on the internet and through lunch and learn programs at firms. NCARB offers self study monographs on a wide variety of topics, all of which offer HSW credit. The State Architect's Office and the Ohio Board of Building Standards also offer courses. The AIA maintains a database of upcoming programs on their website at [www.aia.org/ces](http://www.aia.org/ces)

The Board recognizes Continuing Education providers such as NCARB, the American Institute of Architects, American Society of Landscape Architects, American Planning Association, Construction Specifications Institute, and many other organizations related to the profession. University and college coursework is also accepted. The AIA maintains a database of providers on their website at [www.aia.org/ces](http://www.aia.org/ces).

Certain individuals may be exempt from the requirement:

- New licensees – are exempt from the requirement for the first renewal period in which they are admitted to practice in the State of Ohio. This includes examination and reciprocity but does not include applications approved for reinstatement of registration.
- Military duty – Architects on full time duty, or temporarily called up for active duty, in the United States military service, where such activity restricts participation in continuing education activities.
- Reciprocal recognition – Architects registered in another state with a mandatory continuing education requirement, provided the jurisdiction accepts Ohio's continuing education requirements.

Retired architects with a current license are not exempt from the Continuing Education requirement. At this time, there is no Emeritus status in the state of Ohio. The Board is considering creating an Emeritus category that would exempt fully retired architects from the continuing education requirement. This would be different from the AIA's Emeritus category.

If the Continuing Education requirements are not met, the Board may issue penalties that could include fines of up to \$1000, written reprimands, or even suspend or revoke the individual's license. Additional Continuing Education requirements could also be imposed.

A list of Frequently Asked Questions and the complete Continuing Education rules are available on the Board's website at [www.arc.ohio.gov](http://www.arc.ohio.gov). For more information, call Amy Kobe at the Board office at (614) 466-2316 or send an email to [amy.kobe@arla.state.oh.us](mailto:amy.kobe@arla.state.oh.us).

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## E-mail Updates Needed

In an effort to streamline communications and control costs, the AIA Ohio board has decided that one of our three newsletter issues this year will be distributed solely through electronic means. The Summer Issue of AIArchetypes will be delivered to members' In Box's this June. To do this, we will pull email addresses from the National database, so please make sure that your correct email address is on file with AIA. If your email address has changed, or you're not sure if National has the correct email address on file for you, send an email to [memberservices@aia.org](mailto:memberservices@aia.org), to update your record.

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## AIA Ohio Well-Represented at Grassroots

Over 50 individuals from the Ohio Valley Region, including 30 from AIA Ohio joined hundreds of other AIA members at the National Grassroots Conference in Washington DC, Feb. 8-11. The AIA Ohio Valley Region Dinner on Wednesday evening at McCormick & Schmick's on the opening day of the conference allowed members from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana to meet in fellowship and get reacquainted.

The second day of the conference was Advocacy Day, and included visits to Ohio's congressional leaders on Capitol Hill. Local components put together delegations to visit Ohio's Representatives, while members of the AIA Ohio Executive committee and local component presidents-elect went to visit the offices of Senators DeWine and Voinovich.



AIA Ohio representatives discussed legislative issues with Greg McIlvaine, Legislative Aide to Senator Mike DeWine.



AIA Ohio representatives met with Lauren Ellison, Legislative Correspondent to Senator George Voinovich to discuss AIA's legislative platform.

## AIA Ohio Foundation Receives Scholarship Grant

The AIA Ohio Foundation applied for and received a Component Scholarship Matching grant from National AIA for 2006. The grant, in the amount of \$4,000, will allow the AIA Ohio Foundation to increase by \$1,000 each of the scholarships it will give this year to the four accredited schools of architecture in Ohio. Kent State University, Ohio State University, Miami University and the University of Cincinnati will each receive a \$3,000 scholarship this year to help support a student studying architecture.

AIA Ohio Foundation exists to further the experience of architecture in Ohio. In keeping with this idea, a primary agenda of the foundation is to provide scholarships to students of architecture and facilitate the connection between the profession and future leaders.

## AIA Ohio 2006 Convention Planned for Youngstown

The AIA Ohio 2006 Convention will take place Sept. 14-16, 2006, in Youngstown, Ohio. The Butler Institute of American Art ([www.butlerart.com](http://www.butlerart.com)) has been chosen to host the AIA Ohio Awards Banquet on Friday, Sept. 15. The Icebreaker Reception will take place at the DD Davis Center. Exciting educational programs and tours are being planned. Plan now to attend and watch your email correspondence for more information about this exciting convention!

## QBS Facilitator Available to Explain Process

Though AIA Ohio worked hard to pass the QBS law several years ago, some local officials still don't realize that when purchasing A/E services they must replace competitive bidding with a Qualifications Based Selection mechanism. To help spread the word AIA Ohio and other interested groups have established a *QBS Facilitator Program* and have hired a former public official (with many years of experience in the selection and procurement of professional services), to assist those who need help implementing the QBS approach.

To schedule this free service contact: Wayne C. Murphy, at The QBS Coalition, 1650 Lake Shore Drive, Suite 200, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Phone: 614-487-8766. Email: [QBS-Ohio@rroho.com](mailto:QBS-Ohio@rroho.com).

The QBS Coalition is also looking for appropriate venues where Murphy could speak about the QBS process or man an exhibit from which he could distribute QBS explanatory material. If you know of such a venue, pass that along to Murphy as well.

### Background:

Ohio Revised Code 153.65-71 mandates that when professional services exceed \$25,000 a qualification-based selection [QBS] process shall be employed.

That requirement holds for all units of governments except Charter municipalities which

have established their own process under the Home Rule provision of the Ohio Constitution. So the QBS process applies to governmental units that many of us are working with, counties, townships, fire districts, etc.

QBS provides a step-by-step process to identify, select and contract with professional architects, engineers and landscape architects. The process is fairly straight forward:

- Create a scope of services
- Establish a working schedule
- Compile a list of firms which will be contacted
- Request statements of qualifications from them
- Evaluate those qualifications
- Generate a short list
- Interview prospective firms
- Rank their proposals
- Negotiate with the top ranked firm. (Only then can price be considered.)

Unfortunately, some government officials mistakenly start at the end of the process by-passing the legal requirements of ORC 151.65-71

The QBS process is law in about 40 states and for federal government projects. It is endorsed in Ohio by many groups, including the AIA Ohio, the Ohio Chapter of the American Society Landscape Architects, the American Council of Engineering Companies, and the Ohio Society of Professional Engineers.



## The AIA Ohio Foundation

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A Marr Award Recipient is recognized after s/he has given a \$1,000 contribution to the AIA Ohio Foundation. This contribution can be made all at once, or over time in a series of \$100 donations. All contributions to the AIA Ohio Foundation used to provide scholarships to the four schools of architecture in Ohio. Contributions are tax deductible.

A Charles Marr Award Recipient does not have to be an Architect. Past recipients include suppliers to the industry, supporters of development and even family members of architects. Who is missing from this list?



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### AIA Ohio Foundation Charles Marr Award Recipients:

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# AIA Ohio

## **Governor Appoints to the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board**

Governor Taft has made the following appointments to the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board which advises the state historic preservation officer and the Ohio Historical Society Board of Trustees on historic preservation issues. The advisory board evaluates the significance of properties nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and makes recommendations. All appointments are for terms ending Jan. 1, 2009.

**Nancy Otis**  
*Columbus*

**Aaron C. Askew**  
*Columbus*

**Donald Hutslar**  
*Columbus*

**Mary Ann Olding**  
*Cincinnati*

**Linda Caron**  
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*Cincinnati*

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*Columbus*

**Sandra C. Hull**  
*Wooster*



## **Executive Vice President's Report**

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against employment retaliation and allowing them to recover some damages.

The Ohio False Claims Act bill is closely patterned on the federal statute and suits under it may be initiated by private citizens on behalf of the government or by the government itself through the attorney general's office or the U.S. Attorney. Twelve other states have recently enacted false claims bills.

Sen. David Goodman, the bill's sponsor, said the Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio Medical Association had informed him that they were concerned that the bill did not adequately distinguish between honest mistakes and actual fraud.

Proponents said the bill does not "punish innocent errors," only "knowing conduct." In only one section of the bill — the conspiracy section — does the bill fail to add the word "knowingly," an oversight that should be corrected.

Sen. Robert Schuler said the hospital association had contacted him as well, concerned that a "jackpot mentality" could entice people to bring frivolous claims of wrongdoing. He said he was also warned that the U.S. Attorney finds merit in very few whistleblower cases.

Proponents said it is difficult to determine what percentage of cases the government takes, but it is likely between 25 and 50 percent. The U.S. Attorney often rejects cases because he thinks they should be handled by another

agency. Also, it is not cost effective for the federal government to take on cases that involve less than \$1 million. But proponents noted that even declined cases can have a deterrent affect on fraudulent behavior.

### **Stephen Sharp, AIA Appointed to Board Of Examiners**

Governor Bob Taft has appointed *Stephen Sharp, AIA*, from Springfield, for a term ending on October 2, 2010 on the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects replacing Christopher Ewald, AIA whose term expired. Sharp has a bachelor of architecture degree from Miami University and attended the Harvard University Graduate School of Design. He is currently principal architect with McCall Sharp Architecture, Ltd.

Taft also announced appointments to the Board of Building Standards. *Fred Mills*, from Columbus, was reappointed for a term ending October 13, 2009. Mills has a bachelor of science degree from The Ohio State University and a juris doctor degree from Capital University. He is currently government relations attorney for Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, LLP.

*Michael Morgan*, from Concord Township, was reappointed for a term ending October 13, 2009. Morgan is a retired pipefitter.

*Beryl Rothschild*, from University Heights, was appointed for a term ending October 13, 2009. Rothschild is currently the mayor of the University Heights.

## President's Message

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### 2006 Grassroots Leadership and Legislative Conference

Chas Schreckenberger and I, together with many of the various component leaders, just returned from the AIA Grassroots 2006 Leadership and Legislative Conference. It is impossible to come away from Grassroots without feeling energized and enthused about the practice of architecture. At the Accent on Architecture Gala, the AIA 25 Year Award was presented to ThornCrown Chapel by E. Faye Jones, FAIA, for its sacred connection between the building and its environment, a very centering experience. The AIA Architecture Firm Award was presented to Moore Ruble Yudell for producing an outstanding body of work rooted in a deep commitment to humanistic architecture. The AIA Gold Medal Award was presented to Antoine Predock, FAIA, who has asserted an inspired vision of architecture with such passion and conviction that his buildings have been universally embraced.

On the legislative side we had very successful meetings with the offices of Senators Voinovich and Dewine. I understand the component representatives had similar success with House Representatives. The issues which we received a warm welcome on included the following:

- Affordable house/community revitalization/historic preservation: AIA urges the support of H.R. 3159 Community Restoration and Revitalization of 2005, together with its companion bill introduced in the Senate which will provide greater incentives for private sector investment and the restoration of older properties to meet the growing demands for housing, in particu-

lar, affordable housing. It would also increase the value of the credit for difficult to develop areas, expand the credit to make it available for residential rental housing, and simplify use of the credit for non-profit organizations.

- Association Health Insurance: AIA is urging Congress to pass legislation that would allow professional and trade associations to offer healthcare plans to their members. The profession of architecture is a cottage industry with many small firms. Members tend to advance by moving from firm to firm. This Bill would establish the regulatory framework and certification process for association health plans ("AHP's"). Many firms or members would be able to pay lower health insurance premiums by purchasing such coverage through AHP's. As an association, AIA would be able to establish its own AHP.
- Hurricane Rebuilding: The Louisiana Recovery Corporation. AIA believes that long-term hurricane disaster recovery efforts must be done right from the start. If taxpayer's dollars are to be wisely invested to accomplish its goal, federal rebuilding efforts need to be based on sound planning and design principles at every step. AIA therefore urges the passing of the bills introduced in the House and Senate which would establish the Louisiana Recovery Corporation whose primary mission would be the economic stabilization of redevelopment of areas within Louisiana that were devastated or significantly distressed by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita.

- Sustainable Design/Energy Conservation in the Built Environment: AIA supports dramatic increase in the number of high-performance, energy-efficient ("green") buildings constructed in both the public and private sectors. This change is vital to America's goal of reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources while protecting the environment and the public health and safety of all Americans. AIA believes achieving this goal will require significant legislative commitment to changing the incentives for energy use.

### CONCLUSION

One of the best responses that I have heard to the question "What does AIA do for me"? came from John Senhauser, FAIA, who has expressed that AIA membership is like membership in a health club. The more you put into it, the more you get out of it. The best way to learn "what AIA does for you" is to participate in AIA activities. For those that are actively involved in AIA, they are continually amazed at the scope and breadth of involvement of AIA, particularly the many hours of involvement invested by volunteers. If you want to get the most value out of our membership in AIA, each and every member shall participate in its local component activities. Every professional has a responsibility and obligation to give back to the profession. AIA members that participate receive back benefits many times over. As I have often heard Paul Westlake, FAIA say, "All ships rise with the tide". As each of us contributes to the profession, we all benefit. We must each make our personal commitment.

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