Design Awards Celebration June 15
Alexandria Renew Enterprises Environmental Center

The submissions are in and the celebration is set for Thursday, June 15 at the recently completed Alexandria Renew Enterprises Environmental Center, designed by Rust | Orling Architecture.

The building serves as headquarters for AlexRenew, an advanced water resource recovery public utility on 33 acres in the Carlyle/Eisenhower neighborhood of Alexandria. The Center also serves as a community resource with educational displays in the lobby. Sustainable building features, including a well-insulated building envelope, plenty of natural daylight, vertical sun shades, photovoltaics and reclaimed water use, have allowed the Center to seek LEED® Platinum certification. We will be offering building tours to our guests.

Detailed event information and registration are available at aianova.org/DA17.

R. Corey Clayborne, AIA Named New Executive Vice President / CEO of AIA Virginia

AIA Virginia is pleased to welcome R. Corey Clayborne, AIA, in his new role as Executive Vice President/Chief Executive Officer starting Thursday, June 1. He will work in conjunction with departing AIA Virginia EVP/CEO Helene Combs Dreiling, FAIA, whose last day in the position is Friday, June 30.

“Clayborne comes to us with a unique set of qualifications,” says AIA Virginia Immediate Past President and Search Committee Chairperson Nicholas E. Viattas, AIA. “He is an architect known for his leadership skills and his active participation in the AIA on local, state and national levels. We look forward to working with him to

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It is all about the choices we make: which school to attend, where to settle, which job to take, which projects to accept, which materials to specify, how to find life work balance. Each choice impacts not only ourselves, but also those around us, and can have far greater impact than we expect.

Last week, I attended A’17, the AIA National Conference in Orlando. While attending, I heard from many amazing speakers, all who faced choices, big and small, some of which have had lasting impacts. Of these lectures, a few examples stood out.

Francis Kere, Hon. FAIA, mesmerized the audience by speaking about his work in Burkina Faso building schools utilizing simple materials locally available and the local workforce rather than looking outward for them. By empowering the people to build much needed community spaces, his work creates functionally beautiful places to learn and heal. His body of work offers many examples of how one’s choices can have tremendous power.

Michael Murphy used an extreme example of how the choice of material we specify can matter greatly. Hitler’s architect, Albert Speer, specified a specific stone for the building of Berlin. The quarries’ location for this product set in motion the locations of some of the most notorious concentration camps of the Holocaust. Murphy’s competition entry for London’s memorial to Holocaust victims poetically recalls these stones as metaphor for all who were lost.

Elizabeth Diller’s discussion of taking what had been once considered “junk” and turning it into something that has transformed the community in which it lies gives another example. The High Line Park in New York City altered a marginalized area of Manhattan into a wildly popular public park spurring on adjacent economic development, and giving rise to the term “High Line effect.” This shows the true power of choosing to save and reuse something, making it into an altogether new and beautiful thing rather than just demolishing it.

Alejandro Aravena spoke about the choice to create affordable housing for a marginalized neighborhood rather than moving the inhabitants to the fringes of the city. By creating simple, well planned homes, central to the city, the architect provided these residents with an opportunity to grow and prosper rather than linger in enduring poverty.

Lastly, former first lady, Michelle Obama, talked about choices, and our personal spheres of influence. She told an anecdote about

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Light Frame Construction & Energy Efficient Building Envelope
May 25, 11:00a-1:15p

Organized by the Small Firms Committee and offered courtesy of TW Perry.

Shear Walls and Lateral Bracing in Light Frame Construction
Presented by Mike Wolfe of Simpson Strong-Tie

This presentation offers designers the insight needed to set realistic client expectations when discussing the relationship between structural requirements and design possibilities. Participants will investigate the impact of wind and seismic loading on light frame structures, and how these forces are resisted in a structure. Selection criteria and the pros and cons of prescriptive vs. performance based (engineered design) solutions will be discussed. Additionally, participants will evaluate three code-approved pre-manufactured wall bracing equivalents that allow designers to maintain design flexibility while meeting code requirements.

Building Envelope Technologies for Energy Efficient Designs
Presented by Bill Maisel of Huber Engineered Woods

This session provides an overview of present Energy Conservation Codes and Standards with emphasis on those sections affecting building envelope performance. Specific focus will be placed on air barrier technologies and components including a review of traditional methods/shortcomings and how air leakage affects thermal performance in typical wood-framed construction. Study will primarily focus on wall applications examining two approaches to improve energy efficiency and also introduce and compare three alternative product solutions to improve the building envelope.

2 HSW LUs. At the Chapter House. Details and registration are available at http://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=1518

Arlington Home & Garden Tour - Benefitting the Love Quilt Project
June 3, 11:00a-5:00p

This Home & Garden Tour showcases homes designed by local award-winning architects, including. At each site, the architect will discuss their design approach, construction considerations and special features of the home.

This is a fundraising event benefitting The Love Quilt Project, which uses the power of love to change the lives of vulnerable and orphaned South African and American children, many of them affected by the AIDS pandemic.

Tour begins at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, 4252 North Glebe Road, Arlington 22207, and is open to both design professionals and the public. 3 HSW LUs. $30. Tickets are available at www.lovequiltproject.org

DesignDC 2017: Super Saver Registration Open

DesignDC takes place October 3 through October 5, 2017 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, with tours throughout the metro area. With this year’s theme, Rooted in Resilience, DesignDC will look at how the region has achieved resiliency and how architects, interior designers, engineers, contractors, planners, landscape architects and developers can be leaders in advocating for resiliency. Tim Beatley, author of Handbook of Biophilic City Planning & Design, is the keynote speaker. Register now and save! Members can take advantage of the Super Saver rate of $335 through June 16. Register at http://www.aiadc.com/event/designdc-2017-super-saver-deadline
President’s Letter (Cont.)

when she was a young mother, and was asked to interview for a better position that would, in her mind, be too much to take on. She made what she thought were ridiculous requests with regards to hours and childcare, which were, to her surprise, met by her employer, and provided her with a fulfilling career opportunity. She noted that by making the choice to help a woman, it helps her family, which also helps her community, and builds a better pool of candidates to foster diversity within the industry.

These inspiring speakers made me think about the choices we all face each day as architects, and how making the right choices can positively impact and influence our communities. I hope that you will find your own inspiration to make the best choices for both yourself and your vocation that favorably promote our profession within society.

Canstruction (Cont.)

The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) is counting on us and we are counting on you to help.

We will again be building at Reagan National Airport, where over 480,000 people will view your creation. Build-out night is Friday, October 27 and our structures are on display until de-Canstruction on Sunday, November 5. Building spots are limited, so register your team today. Be creative, inspire teamwork, help your community and have fun!

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Is this your year to win? With Canstruction, you win whether you get a trophy or not because just by participating, you help to feed those in need. Please consider forming a team this year. Just complete the team registration form found on the next page and send it to aianova@aianova.org

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14th ANNUAL AIA NORTHERN VIRGINIA CANSTRUCTION EVENT
BENEFITTING THE ARLINGTON FOOD ASSISTANCE CENTER
Help feed our neighbors in need!

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WHEN + WHERE
October 27 - November 5, 2017
At Reagan Washington National Airport

HOW
Complete and return this form with a $100 entry fee ($25 for student teams) to AIA Northern Virginia, 1101 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Firm: ________________________________

Team Captain: ________________________

Email: ______________________________

Office Phone: ________________________

Mobile: ______________________________

WHAT
Design and build structures made entirely from canned foods within a 10’x10’x10’ space.

HGA Architects and Engineers won Best Design & People’s Choice last year with The Heart of America is Feeding our Families. Almost 20,000 pounds of food and $36,500 in funds were donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) from our 2016 competition.

Visit our website at www.ainova.org/canstruction.php
www.canstruction.org
Protecting the intangible assets of an architectural firm is of utmost importance. Such intangible assets include intellectual property, copyrights, business methodologies, client lists, current employees, goodwill and brand recognition. This principle is important not only from outside sources, but also from inside sources, such as firm employees themselves, as they may become former employees. Together, an employee handbook distributed to each new employee and employment agreement signed by every current employee are effective means of protecting a firm’s most valuable intangible assets.

**Employee Handbook**

Does your firm have an employee handbook? It is important to implement an employee handbook containing generally applicable policies on such matters as employee standards of conduct, anti-discrimination, and sexual harassment. Having such policies in place may provide a defense to your company in the event your company becomes a defendant in an employment lawsuit by a former employee.

**Employment Agreement**

Three important provisions that are included in most design firm employment agreements to protect the intangible assets of a firm are (1) non-compete, (2) non-solicitation, and (3) confidentiality.

The purpose of a non-compete provision is to restrict an employee from competing against his or her former employer after their departure from the company. Non-compete provisions function to protect, among other things, client lists and contacts, copyrights, other intellectual property, and business methodologies that an employee may be exposed to while employed with a firm.

A non-solicitation provision is used to prevent an employee leaving a company from soliciting a company’s existing clients or recruiting former co-workers. It is bad enough to lose one employee, but to lose either a client that the firm has spent years fostering and nurturing a relationship with, and/or other employees that the firm has spent years training is far worse.

A confidentiality agreement prohibits an employee, or former employee, from disclosing confidential business information to third parties. Just two examples of such confidential business information may include signature design features, or pricing methodologies.

**Annual Reviews**

Not only is it important to have an employee handbook and employment agreements in place, every firm should review and update these items on a regular (such as annual or bi-annual) basis in order to confirm they remain enforceable. Statutes and case law relating to employment agreements and policies can and do change. A non-compete provision in an employment agreement that was enforceable when signed five years ago, may no longer be enforceable today. In addition, statutes and case law relating to employment agreements and policies can and do vary from state to state. Consequently, if your firm expands into a new jurisdiction, it is a good idea to ensure your employee handbook and employment agreement will be enforceable in the new state.

**Conclusion**

It is important to maintain and distribute an employee handbook and to have a signed employment agreement on file for every employee. Incorporating these practices into your firm’s operations protects your company’s intangible assets and business information. Protecting your assets should be one of your firm’s top priorities.

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**Hiring or Looking for a Job?**

The AIA Northern Virginia’s Online Job Board can help.

Chapter members can easily post job opportunities free of charge. And those looking for a job should regularly check the postings. Just visit the job board to get started:

www.aianova.org/jobs.php

The Chapter also maintains a digital resume library. If you wish to include your resume, please send a PDF to aianova@aianova.org

If you are hiring and would like to request the resumes we have in our library, just let us know at nd we’ll email you the resumes we have for the level of experience you need.

Another source for both employers and job-seekers is the National AIA Career Center: careercenter.aia.org
AIA Virginia Virtual Membership Meeting
June 16

Hear about the work happening within your professional society at a virtual Meeting of the Membership on Friday, June 16, 2017, from 11:30a-12:30p. An important vote will take place on the revised bylaws. Pre-registration is required.

Learn more about the proposed bylaws revisions and the membership meeting at https://www.aiava.org/membership_news/virtual-membership-meeting/

Young Architects Forum
Nationals Baseball Game
August 26, 3:30p

Join AIA NOVA’s Young Architects Forum, the Structural Engineers Association of Metropolitan Washington Young Members Group (SEAMWYMG) and AIA|DC’s Emerging Architects Committee for the annual baseball game at Nationals Park. The Nats will be playing the New York Mets.

Participants will meet outside the stadium at 3:30p for the 4:05p game. Specific instructions will be emailed to participants. Tickets are $22 and include a concession credit. The registration deadline is July 25 and can be accessed at: https://aianova.org/baseball.php

AIA Virginia Design Awards
Call for Entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 2017 Awards for Excellence in Architecture.

AIA Virginia’s Awards for Excellence in Architecture recognize outstanding design, built and unbuilt, from the past eight years.

Also known as the Design Awards, the program is juried by a team of esteemed practitioners. No specific number of awards is set, and the program is open to all categories of building as well as interiors projects. The location of projects is not restricted, but any built works submitted for consideration must have been completed after January 1, 2010.

Entries are due by 5:00p on June 15, 2017.

Award certificates are presented each November at Architecture Exchange East (ArchEx). Designers and projects are also honored during the Visions for Architecture gala and serve as the subject of an annual exhibition at ArchEx and The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design.

Learn more at https://www.aiava.org/featured/call-entries-2017-design-awards/
Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards 2017 Call for Entries

Established in 1985, the Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards recognize achievement in the total design of a building and its site. The awards also aim to raise awareness of outstanding planning and design projects among design professionals and the general public.

The design awards program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and administered by the County’s Department of Planning and Zoning in cooperation with the County Architectural Review Board and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The purpose of the awards program is to recognize outstanding achievement in the total design of a building and the site and to create an awareness of superior planning and design projects.

The Call for Entries begins on May 22, with submissions due at 5:00p on June 16. Winners will be announced on August 16.

Details are available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/designawards/
AIA Northern Virginia Architecture Week

by Joe McCoy, AIA
Architectural Week Chair

In conjunction with this year’s National Architecture Week AIA Northern Virginia organized a wide range of events in multiple venues to help connect the general public with the profession and practice of architecture.

Offerings included exhibits, talks, tours, hands-on activities and social events and were geared toward connecting with children & families, as well as people interested in local architectural history, current topics in architecture, buildings under construction and the intersection of art and architecture.

Each venue and event helps to give visibility to the AIA and our local chapter as well as inform and engage people about how architecture and design play a role in our everyday lives.

Planning will begin over the summer for next year’s Architecture Week. For next year we are looking to schedule events in more geographic areas of the chapter and increase our communications and outreach efforts to local media. People who are interested in participating are asked to contact Joe McCoy at: jmccoy@sanchezpalmerarchitects.com or Debbie Burns at: debbie@aianova.org
8th Annual AIA NOVA Charity Golf Outing—June 26, 2017
at Mount Vernon Country Club

Sponsors:
AIA Northern Virginia
United Community Ministries, Inc.

What: The golf outing is a competitive event among foursomes following a scramble format. Foursomes can be male and female, young and old, experienced and novice players.

Where: The event will be held at the newly refurbished golf course at Mount Vernon Country Club. Over the winter all fairway grasses have been replaced along with other course modernization features; this is truly a new course. The club is located at 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, VA.

Why: Proceeds from the outing will be shared between the two organizations. AIA chapter members will support an existing scholarship program while UCM participants will support our most vulnerable community members.

Registration: $165 per person; $125 (early-bird discount) before May 15. Includes golf, power cart, range balls, prizes, and reception. Beer and wine not included.

Schedule
Monday, June 26, 2017
Shotgun Start: 1:00pm
Registration Opens: 11:00am | Practice and warmups: 11:00am to 12:45pm
Box Lunch: 1:00 pm
Awards Reception: 5:30pm to 6:30pm | Appetizers

Registration will commence after May 1. For registration details, visit www.aianova.org or www.ucmagency.org
“Sketches” is a new feature showcasing the artistic talents of our members. We encourage you to share your sketches. We will generally publish the sketches on a first-come, first-served basis. Please email high resolution copies of your sketches to aianova@aianova.org.

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Featured Artist: Charles J. Todd, AIA
Partner | Office President
Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Arlington

Orange County Courthouse, Orange, VA

Boston Public Library

Arched Window

Church, Toronto, Ontario
Combined Built Environment Features Help Communities Get Active
A Report from the Community Preventive Services Task Force

The Community Preventive Services Task Force recommends combined built environment approaches to increase physical activity.

https://www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/physical-activity-built-environment-approaches

These approaches combine new or enhanced transportation systems (e.g., pedestrian and cycling paths) with new or enhanced land use design (e.g., proximity to a store, access to a public park) to promote physical activity among residents.

The Task Force finding is based on a systematic review of the evidence that showed combinations of activity-friendly built environment characteristics are associated with higher levels of transportation-related physical activity, recreational physical activity, and total walking. The review was conducted on behalf of the Task Force by a team of specialists in systematic review methods, and in research, practice, and policy related to physical activity.

What are Built Environment Intervention Approaches?

Built environment intervention approaches to increase physical activity create or modify environmental characteristics in a community to make physical activity easier or more accessible.

Transportation system interventions include one or more policies or projects designed to increase or improve the following:

• Street connectivity
• Sidewalk and trail infrastructure
• Bicycle infrastructure
• Public transit infrastructure and access

Land use and environmental design interventions include one or more policies, designs, or projects to create or enhance the following:

• Mixed land use environments that increase the diversity and proximity of local destinations where people live, work, and spend their recreation and leisure time
• Access to parks, and other public or private recreational facilities

Why is the Task Force Recommendation Important?

Despite the benefits, less than half of all adults, and 3 in 10 high school students in the United States, get the recommended daily amounts of physical activity - CDC 2014:

https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/data/facts.htm

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Regular physical activity is one of the most important things people can do for their health. It can help individuals:

• Control weight
• Reduce risk of cardiovascular disease
• Reduce risk for type 2 diabetes and metabolic syndrome
• Reduce risk of some cancers
• Strengthen bones and muscles
• Improve mental health and mood (CDC 2015: https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/basics/pa-health/index.htm)

What are the Task Force and Community Guide?

• The Community Preventive Services Task Force https://www.thecommunityguide.org/task-force/community-preventive-services-task-force-members is an independent, nonfederal, panel of public health and prevention experts whose members are appointed by the director of The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Task Force provides information for a wide range of decision makers on programs, services, and other interventions aimed at improving population health. The Task Force was established in 1996 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Although CDC provides administrative, scientific, and technical support for the Task Force, the recommendations developed are those of the Task Force and do not undergo review or approval by CDC.

• The Guide to Community Preventive Services (The Community Guide) is a collection of all the evidence-based findings and recommendations of the Community Preventive Services Task Force and is available online at https://www.thecommunityguide.org/.

Other resources:

• CDC’s Physical Activity and Health Program https://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/

• CDC’s Healthy Places Website https://www.cdc.gov/healthyplaces/

• Surgeon General’s Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/stepitup

• AIA’s Design & Health page https://www.aia.org/topics/31-design-and-health

Imagine earning LUs while on vacation

London Enlivened
July 19 – 25 • 6 days
From Westminster Abbey, the House of Parliament, and St. Paul’s Cathedral to the charming Georgian back streets and pubs of central London, you’ll visit and explore the sights and structures that compose one of history’s great cities.

Through Portugal and Northern Spain
October 6 – 22 • 17 days
Start your journey in the historical city of Lisbon and complete your expedition in the vivacity of Barcelona. While enjoying world class resorts and the regional dining, explore 8 cities and 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Chinese Grandeur
October 1 – 16 • 16 days
Immerse yourself in the history and grandeur of six of the world’s oldest and most remarkable civilizations on an epic exploration that spans from the Great Wall and Forbidden City in Beijing toHekou, Panyue, Lijiang, and the skyscrapers of Shanghai.

New Orleans
October 21 – 27 • 7 days
Experience the myriad of architectural gems of the Crescent City, from the famous French Quarter and Garden District to the most important contemporary structures in the city.

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We bring smart, creative, inspired people together

Our DC and Northern Virginia offices are growing.

Design with community in mind
stantec.com/architecture
Save the Date - AIA Women’s Leadership Summit
September 14-16, 2017

The 2017 Women’s Leadership Summit is a 2-day conference for women in positions of leadership.

With the theme, Creating Tailwinds, the Summit is part of an ongoing national conversation for women in architecture. Goals include: raising the profile of women principals and leaders in the profession, sharing and promoting the design work of women, exploring new paths to leadership, and learning from each other regarding issues and challenges.

AIA Northern Virginia Women in Architecture Committee is hosting this biannual AIA event along with many collaborators, including local AIA chapters and universities. It will take place at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC.

Watch for registration to open soon. Information on the Summit can be found at https://www.aiawls.org/

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Celebrating its 30th year, ArchEx strives to push the profession forward. We are looking for exciting and engaging topics and speakers to make this historic ArchEx a truly special one. Your talk could range from a one-hour session to a full-day workshop. We’re encouraging creative approaches to content delivery, including panel discussions, tours, and guided collaborative conversations. We welcome all proposals. Submission deadline is May 31, 2017. To propose an offering that is timely and relevant, submit your presentation proposal online at archex.net.

Contact: Marshall Dreiling, mdreiling@aiava.org, (804) 237-1769.

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Partner with AIA Virginia and other allied professions to gain the competitive edge by improving your visibility and credibility. Reach the various design industry professionals with an exhibit or sponsorship. Review exhibit booths and sponsorship opportunities online at archex.net.

Contact: Judy Cheadle, jcheadle@aiava.org, (804) 237-1777.

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS IN AUGUST www.ArchEx.net

Nov. 1–3, 2017

ARCHITECTURE EXCHANGE EAST

Greater Richmond Convention Center
Biased Folds
Hickok Cole Architects
Washington, DC

Located in the heart of Downtown DC amid a sea of generic office buildings, the project had two-fold goals: first, to create a vibrant mixed use destination and second, to achieve a cohesive architectural composition with a density of approximately 1 million square feet.

A public courtyard surrounded by retail organizes the composition of two office buildings and a hotel. The main entry to the buildings and the courtyard are biased towards the primary corner of the site. Through the use of cuts, folds, and peels, the buildings hold the corner while they open up to the interior, drawing pedestrians in and maximizing the office tenants’ views out. The narrower than usual office floorplates enjoy natural light and views both to the city and the courtyard. This generous public space becomes the center of activity: part park, part plaza, both commercial and civic, in a way that recalls the plazas throughout old towns.

Seeking On the Boards Projects
AIA Northern Virginia News features projects currently “on the boards” being designed by Chapter members. Firms are urged to submit projects, which will generally be run on a first-come, first-served basis. Submissions should include a project description of approximately 150-250 words and at least four images at print resolution. Other information to include is the project name, location and photographer credit, where needed. Photos may be resized or cropped to fit the formatting and it may be necessary to edit the description. Projects should be emailed to aianova@aianova.org.
AIA Member Benefits
(that you might not know about)

New Publications Outlining the Benefits of Membership

The AIA recently launched a series of member engagement pages showcasing benefits of membership. Learn about member services, resources and programs that can help you get started, get connected, get engaged and get ahead in the profession.

The Benefits of Membership – Explore your benefits
https://www.aia.org/pages/21421-the-benefits-of-membership

Get Started – Start putting your AIA membership to work for you
https://www.aia.org/pages/21431-get-started

Get Connected – Introduce yourself to a global network of professionals
https://www.aia.org/pages/62501-get-connected

Get Engaged – Jump in and maximize the value of your AIA membership
https://www.aia.org/pages/62806-get-engaged

Get Ahead – Get licensed, get tools for your career growth, boost your business, be a part of the solution and protect your gains
https://www.aia.org/pages/62866-get-ahead

Free Membership for New Grads

The AIA offers recent graduates complimentary membership at the Associate level for up to 18 months, that’s through all of 2018.

That’s free membership at the local, state and national levels.

AIA Northern Virginia offers real benefits you can use:

• active Young Architects Forum
• networking opportunities
• mentoring
• volleyball team
• ARE Prep classes
• free lending library of ARE study materials
• help finding a job
• building + construction tours
• social events
• leadership opportunities
• relevant (and free) continuing education offerings
• community service projects
• a design award just for Associate members

Learn more about the New Graduate Incentive program at
https://www.aia.org/pages/21896-associate-new-graduate-membership

“Join me.
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Jonathan Tolbert, Assoc. AIA  Member since 2014

This is a great time to be an architect. Today, architects provide shelter, create space, bring people together, realize our shared dreams, and create safe harbors for communities.”
Congratulations to five AIA Virginia members elevated to Fellowship on April 28 at the Investiture Ceremony held at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts in Orlando during the AIA Conference on Architecture. Pictured left to right: Kevin G. Sneed, FAIA, AIA Northern Virginia, with OTJ Architects; Paul R. Erickson, FAIA, AIA Northern Virginia, with LeMay Erickson Wilcox Architects; Charles E. Swartz, FAIA, AIA Northern Virginia, with Reader & Swartz Architects; and Lori Garrett, FAIA, AIA Richmond, with Glavé & Holmes Architecture. Missing from the photo Wesley L. Page, FAIA, AIA Hampton Roads, with Hanbury Architecture Planning.

HOK is pleased to announce that Susan Klumpp Williams, AIA, LEED® AP, has been elected to its six-person executive committee by the firm’s board of directors. The executive committee is responsible for setting HOK’s overall strategic direction, enacting specific initiatives for continued growth and improvement, developing leaders and maintaining key client relationships. In addition to leading HOK’s Washington, DC and Atlanta practices, Susan is a member of HOK’s board of directors, leader of its management and managing principals boards and a member of the firm’s operations committee. She has led some of the firm’s largest and most complex projects, including Abu Dhabi’s 74-story ADNOC Headquarters, the LEED Platinum DC Consolidated Forensic Laboratory and the LEED Silver Nationals Park, among others. She’s currently working on a 3 million-sq.-ft., 14-building mixed-use project, Msheireb Downtown Doha Phase 4, in Doha, Qatar, that will be complete in time to support the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Susan holds a master’s degree in business administration from Georgetown University and a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia.

ACG Architects earned an Award of Excellence from the Loudoun County Joint Architectural Review Board (JARB) for their Federal Street Office Building in Middleburg. The award recognized the project for outstanding design and construction as well as contributing to the historic character of the town of Middleburg. The two-story office building, located in heart of the Middleburg Historic District, required review and approval by the town’s Historic District Review Committee. The building borrows from the Georgian style and uses traditional building elements of field stone, stucco and standing seam metal roof in combination to break down the scale and proportion of the project to fit more within the fabric of the neighborhood.

A new book, Structure + Design; Signature Work by Leading Architects and Interior Designers, features three projects designed by Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C. Structure + Design, published by Panache Partners, features the work of architects throughout the United States. The Reader & Swartz projects, Camusory, Area 51 and Red Gate, can be found on pages 101-107.

http://panache.uberflip.com/i/701418-reader-swartz-architects/4
Virginia Press Association Launches **Statewide Public Notice Website** – Architects now have a way to find and read public notices from anywhere in Virginia through a new statewide public notice website being launched by the Virginia Press Association. The free website is keyword searchable and will provide access to all local, state and federal government public notices. This includes notices for public meetings, zoning permits, government contracts, court hearings, unclaimed property, foreclosures and other government, business and judicial information.

http://www.publicnoticevirginia.com/

**2017 AIA Contract Documents** were recently released. They include updated versions of the AIA’s flagship documents, developed for the design-bid-build delivery model. Working with architects, contractors, subcontractors and owners, the AIA Documents Committee updates this core set of documents every 10 years. This helps ensure that the AIA legal form and agreements reflect changes and trends in the industry, and that the AIA Contract Documents remain the Industry Standard.


A free webinar – **Understand the 2017 AIA Owner/Architect Agreements**. This webinar will provide insight into the newly revised 2017 Owner-Architect agreements. Presenters will also discuss the new Sustainable Projects Exhibit and explore how it can provide a positive impact on the health and safety of building occupants. This webinar is offered on June 1, from 2:00-3:30p and offers 1.5 HSW LUs.


AIA's new **Foresight Report** offers an environmental scan looking at trends that could transform our profession. Digital copies are free for members. Two new tools are also available for members only: a PowerPoint deck with select data points to use and a strategic foresight planning workbook.

https://www.aia.org/resources/8861-the-aia-foresight-report

To kick off the **2017 I Look Up Film Challenge**, AIA presents a short documentary film on the positive changes in Midtown, a neighborhood in Jackson, Mississippi. Duvall Decker, a Jackson architecture firm, worked alongside residents and community leaders to transform a struggling area into an example of healthy community revitalization. Watch the short film at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gR3wNiCD9KM& The deadline to submit for the 2017 I Look Up Film Challenge is August 13. Learn more at http://www.ilookup.org/

**AIA Trust** releases vide of resources – Find out about the many AIA Trust free practice resources and exclusive member benefit programs in this new 4-minute video overview.

https://vimeo.com/212832708

Explore the **Practice Management Digest** – the latest issue is about greening your practice.


**AIA’s Firm Benchmarking Tool** will help firms compare their data with newly available AIA Firm Survey data. It is an online interactive portal that launches with a module containing three key performance indicators of financial success – revenue per employee, profitability, and share of repeat clients.

https://www.aia.org/firmbenchmarkingtool

The **Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship** recognizes the significant contributions of emerging professionals at early stages in their careers and helps defray the costs associated with the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). Developed by AIA’s National Associates Committee, the scholarship honors the memory of our late friend and colleague, Jason Pettigrew. Scholarship recipients receive funds to cover the cost of the ARE and study materials. Submissions for the 2017 scholarship are due June 19.

https://architectsfoundation.org/education/jason-pettigrew-scholarship/

Academy of Architecture for Health – **Academy Journal: Call for Papers 2017** – You are invited to submit articles, innovative project case studies, completed research projects, and monographs in the field of healthcare design. Submissions are due May 31.

https://network.aia.org/academyofarchitectureforhealth/viewdocument/academy-journal-call-for-papers-20

Submit to the **International Religious Art and Architecture Design Awards** by June 30 – Entries may be built or unbuilt architecture, sacred landscape, interior design, art and student work. This program is co-sponsored by Faith & Form Magazine and the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture (IFRAA), an AIA knowledge community.

https://network.aia.org/interfaithforumonreligionartarchitecture/home/ifraawards

Do you design educational facilities? Help the **AIA Committee on Architecture for Education (AIA CAE) Research Task Force** develop a post-occupancy evaluation (POE) toolkit by taking this 15-minute survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7WNMQK

**2018 Tucker Design Awards** due July 21. Initiated by Building Stone Institute in 1977, this program honors those who have achieved excellence in design through the incorporation and use of natural stone in building or landscape projects.

http://www.marble-institute.com/awards/tucker-award/
Membership Update

New Members
Tamiko Acuna, Assoc. AIA, Interplan Inc.
M. Elizabeth Craver, AIA, Craver Architects LLC
Nicole L. de Jong, AIA, Robert M. Gurney, FAIA, Architect
Daniel J. Deceder, AIA, OTJ Architects
Matthew A. Duncan, Assoc. AIA, Antunovich Associates
Dennis M. Findley, AIA, Studio Findley Design
Emily L. Freeland, AIA, Wiley Wilson
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Rose A. Guard, AIA, HGA Architects & Engineers
David T. Guin, Assoc. AIA, DXC Technology
Farokh Hejazi, AIA, Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors
Sarah J. Jones, AIA, HITT Contracting
Burke Justice III, Assoc. AIA, U.S. Department of Justice
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Elad Ravid, AIA, Davis Carter Scott Ltd.
Glen L. Rorie, Assoc. AIA
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Nathan Fay, AIA, DLR Group|Sorg to Architect
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New Corporate Allied Professional
SpeedPro Imaging
http://www.speedpronova.com
22135 Davis Drive, Suite 112, Dulles, VA 20164
Shawn Flaherty – sflaherty@speedpro.com
(571) 267-1203

Calendar

May
Small Firms Roundtable – Light Frame Construction & Energy Efficient Building Envelope
May 25 | 11:00a | Alexandria

June
Arlington Home & Garden Tour 2017
June 3 | 11:00a | Arlington

Women in Architecture Committee Meeting
June 5 | 6:00p | Alexandria

AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting
June 12 | 4:30p | McLean

AIA Virginia Awards for Excellence in Architecture
June 15 | 5:00p | Submission Deadline

AIA Northern Virginia Design Awards Celebration
June 15 | 6:00p | Alexandria

AIA Virginia Virtual Membership Meeting
June 16 | 11:30a

Fairfax County Exceptional Design Awards
June 16 | 5:00p | Submission Deadline

CRAN: The Integrated Life of a Residential Architect
June 21 | 6:00p | Tysons

AIA Northern Virginia Charity Golf Outing
June 26 | 11:00a | Alexandria

Referral List System on www.aianova.org

In the interest of keeping our referral lists as current as possible, we have moved from downloadable PDFs to a sortable web-based interface. This allows us to make changes much more quickly and has the added benefit of allowing users to link directly to firms’ websites from aianova.org. You can visit the database of firms here:

http://aianova.org/referral.php

The firm data and practice area selections were taken from responses to the latest directory survey. If you didn’t fill one out, or would like to update your information, please send an email to:

referrals@aianova.org

Our listings can contain the following fields for each firm:
Firm Name, Address, Website, Contact Name, Contact Email, Phone Number, Number of Personnel and up to five practice areas. If you feel your listing is incomplete, just send us an email with your updates, and we will post them as soon as possible.
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