Autumn Social Features Honor Awards

Debbie with many of the Chapter’s Past Presidents. l-r: Jim Ritter, FAIA; Karen Conkey, AIA; Charles Matta, FAIA; Al Storm, AIA; Sean Reilly, AIA; Theresa del Ninno, AIA; Paul Erickson, FAIA; T.J. Meehan, AIA; Ed Weaver, AIA; Joanne Goldfarb, AIA; Bill Brown, AIA; Meagan Jancy, AIA; Al Hansen, FAIA; Dan Feil, FAIA; Kevin Sneed, FAIA; Al Cox, FAIA; Jim Clark, FAIA
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Our Autumn Social, held on October 22, was a celebration of our Chapter presidents, our newly licensed architects, our ARE Scholarship recipient, our newest fellow, and the service and achievements of our honor award recipients. We were especially honored to have 21 former Chapter presidents join us for the evening, each distinguished with a red carnation.

We are very happy to announce our 2019 Award Recipients inside.

Congratulations to our Canstruction Teams

Our 16th annual Canstruction® competition, organized with the Arlington Food Assistance Center, was on display at Dulles International Airport in October. Hundreds of families benefit from thousands of donated cans. Thank you to all of our teams!

We are pleased to announce our Canstruction winners, who will go on to compete in the International Canstruction Competition.

Special Thanks to:
- Arlington Food Assistance Center
- Dulles International Airport
- Potomac Valley Brick
- Rockfon

For more information, visit: https://aianova.org/canstruction.php

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Every year our Chapter’s Board of Directors, along with the committee chairs, meet to plan for our upcoming year and beyond. Our “Annual Retreat” is led by the incoming President (currently, Joe McCoy, AIA) and we dedicate an entire Saturday morning for this.

This year’s Annual Retreat was a huge success. Joe has been diligently preparing for months in order to ensure we address the critical issues in our Chapter and develop a plan for 2020 and the years ahead. He began with a pre-meeting survey to all the attendees to help uncover what our Chapter is doing well and where we have challenges. If you’re not familiar with a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats), it is a proven method of identifying both the internal and external issues related to a business. You can find out more about this here. 

[Link to SWOT analysis article]

The information from this analysis was then used to help frame our discussions and planning related to the two primary initiatives affecting our Chapter: Advocacy and Climate Change. In true architect’s fashion, we then used group charrettes to capture steps our Chapter can take to tackle these primary initiatives. The result was the foundation for a practical action plan.

Advocacy can come in many forms related to architects and the AIA. It is sometimes focused on legislation – at the national, state, and local levels – and I wrote about this in detail in a previous President’s Letter which you can review here. 

[Link to previous President’s Letter]

Our state chapter, AIA Virginia, is very involved with this. Advocacy can also refer to educating the public on the importance of architects or even educating architects on the value of the AIA. All of these forms of advocacy were discussed during our Annual Retreat and will be part of our action plan moving forward.

If you aren’t already aware, during the AIA’s annual meeting at the Conference on Architecture in June, Resolution 19-11: Resolution for Urgent and Sustained Climate Action, passed with an overwhelming vote of 4,860 to 312. This initiative is now being referred to as “The Big Move.” Clearly, we architects understand and have now prioritized the importance of our role in helping to halt climate change. There is a lot of information on this topic available, and much more will come, but you can start here:

[Link to AIA Big Move information]

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Continuing Education Opportunities

Contract Documents Webinar:
Preview 2019 Construction Manager as Adviser (CMa) documents
December 3, 3:00-4:00p

Free webinar: Join AIA as they explain the newly revised 2019 AIA Construction Manager as Adviser (CMa) documents. Learn about the contractual relationships set forth in these agreements and how to properly allocate risks and responsibilities to benefit all project participants, building inhabitants, and the general public. Also, learn about industry changes since the 2009 release of the AIA’s construction management documents. Examine how these changes are addressed in the updated documents, including the expanded construction manager’s preconstruction services role and a new Sustainable Projects Exhibit. Learn more at [http://acdpages.aia.org/WBN-2019CMa_LP.html](http://acdpages.aia.org/WBN-2019CMa_LP.html)

AIA Contract Documents Training
December 6, 10:00a-4:00p, at AIA Headquarters,
1735 New York Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20006

Whether you are a new customer or want to sharpen your skills, come to DC on December 6 for an in-person, full-day training. Learn from an expert panel of AIA Contract Documents staff on how to get the most from the online service and learn about newly released documents. Earn 5 AIA LUs. Cost is $299. Register at [https://www.aiacontracts.org/events/6182336-december-aia-contract-documents-workshop](https://www.aiacontracts.org/events/6182336-december-aia-contract-documents-workshop)

Conference: The Future of Codes and Existing Buildings
February 7-8, in Scottsdale, AZ.

Earn up to 7 LUs. Join the AIA Historic Resources Committee at Frank Lloyd Wright’s Taliesin West for the 2020 Taliesin Colloquium. The conference will explore both the history of codes for existing buildings and the impact of new code changes that are coming. Learn more at [https://www.aia.org/events/6221803-2020-aia-taliesin-colloquium](https://www.aia.org/events/6221803-2020-aia-taliesin-colloquium)

AIAU Small Firm Series

The AIA national Small Firm Exchange has selected the courses in this new AIAU series to make the most of your time by providing you actionable tools, resources, and knowledge to grow your small firm into the prosperous business you envision.

As a small firm owner, you often must be the architect, the business leader, marketing professional, strategic planner, personal assistant, and account manager all rolled into one. Every day you wear many hats and start juggling competing priorities before most people have their morning coffee. The Small Firm Exchange selected the courses in this series to make the most of your time by providing you actionable tools, resources, and knowledge to grow your small firm into the prosperous business you envision. Classes include: A More Productive and Fun Approach to Business Development, Growing Your Firm: Secrets to Success, and Win More Work: Communicate Your Value. Learn more at [https://aiau.aia.org/small-firm-series](https://aiau.aia.org/small-firm-series)

Architect Registration Exam® (ARE) Sessions

Our Chapter’s ARE Prep Series begin in January. All sessions offer AIA Continuing Education credit and can be taken by members as review sessions. See the 2020 schedule later in this newsletter.
Honor Awards (Cont.)

• Award of Honor – Sean E. Reilly, AIA

This award recognizes a member whose multi-faceted and wide-ranging contributions over many years have been integral not only to the success of Chapter programs, but also more broadly to advancing our profession and our impact in the communities we serve. We are pleased to announce Sean Reilly as the recipient of this year’s Award of Honor. Sean has served locally as chair of our Advocacy and Government Affairs Committee and Chapter president as well as at the state level as an AIA Virginia Director and Vice President of Government Advocacy. His advocacy efforts even extend to the federal level, organizing our Chapter’s participation in the national Grassroots conference. He is a leader by example and a source of motivation for others to join him in service at all levels of the profession.

• Outstanding Achievement – Stephen W. Koenig, AIA

Our honors and nominations committee was compelled to recognize architects who are ‘out there where decisions are being made.’ Stephen is the epitome of this person. He has served on numerous boards and committees for the City of Alexandria, including the Mayor’s infill task force and, for many years, both the Alexandria Board of Zoning Appeals and the City’s Planning Commission. Stephen has helped to shape our built environment. We especially recognize him for his work on the Alexandria Planning Commission in support of the City’s Environmental Action Plan 2040. His leadership was critical to the formulation of the 2019 Green Building Policy which mandates zero net energy performance for all new civic buildings.

• Distinguished Leadership – T.J. Meehan, AIA

Each year the role of providing leadership to the board and the Chapter as a whole falls to our President. In our Chapter, the path to this position follows three years of preparation on the executive committee and is often preceded by dedicated service as a board member and participant in one or more of our Chapter committees. There are a number of formal duties in this role and the required commitment of time and energy can be daunting, but beyond that, a good leader in this position will also set the tone and focus for the Chapter over a year-long period. Our president this year has certainly fulfilled this description. He brought an order and even-tempered guidance to our Chapter, providing encouragement and a dedication of Chapter resources to committees and individuals involved in organizing and executing chapter programs. He has represented the Chapter in official and public ways, but has also spent countless hours developing and refining in the background less obvious, but vital resources for financial planning and Chapter governance. We truly appreciate his dedication and leadership and look forward to his continued service to our Chapter.

• Outstanding Achievement – Harry M. Falconer, Jr., FAIA, NCARB and Jared N. Zurn, AIA, NCARB

The Outstanding Achievement award is presented to Harry and Jared for their ongoing contributions to our Chapter’s ARE Prep Series. For over a decade, they have supported our series as leaders at NCARB. They have volunteered their time, advice, and resources to help build the series into the successful, award-winning program that it has become. From presenting annually at the series kickoff roundtable and “life after licensure” sessions, to providing helpful guidance to navigate the transition to ARE 5.0, Harry and Jared have been consistent and critical supporters of our ARE Prep Series.

• Service to the Chapter – Joshua A.W. McKenrick, AIA; Sonia R. Jarboe, AIA; and Maury S. Saunders, AIA

Josh, Sonia, and Maury are the chairs of our Schools Connections Committee. They interact with local schools of architecture planning events like portfolio reviews and professional panels, and organizing our scholarship program. While this work alone is enough to recognize them for their service, we are honoring them tonight specifically for reinvigorating our Interschool Student Design Competition. Organized by the local AIA chapters, six local schools of architecture, and the National Building Museum, students come together to work in teams during a day-long design charrette. This long-standing event had taken place annually for over two decades, until 2016. Without
Stephanie has held leadership roles in AEDP since 2005 and was appointed President and CEO in 2015. She serves in various capacities on boards, commissions, and committees related to economic development, including offering advice to the Alexandria City Council. Stephanie is credited as a major force in bringing Virginia Tech’s Innovation Campus to Alexandria and Amazon’s HQ2 to Arlington. Stephanie and her team achieved the big HQ2 win by compiling an undeniable package, and walkable urban community. For years to come, National Landing will provide design opportunities for housing, institutional, and commercial projects.

- **Craftsmanship Award – Banker Steel Company & Memco, LLC**

Nominated by FOX Architects, Banker Steel Company & Memco LLC were recognized for their elite craftsmanship on the prominent structural truss atop the 1900 N Street project. The companies rose to the challenge of this project providing their expertise, fabricating large sections of the truss offsite, and then planning and executing the surgical work of on-site installation and connection. They successfully coordinated and executed this complex project – a feat that wouldn’t have been possible without these dedicated experts who went above and beyond to collaborate, solve challenges, and deliver this unique design feature.

- **Craftsmanship Award – JWI Architectural Millwork, Inc.**

Nominated by HGA, we are pleased to present a Craftsmanship Award to JWI Architectural Millwork Inc. for their millwork on the Brambleton Library. One of the main design features of the library is the Discovery Wall and Platform Stair. It is an organizing element that continuously connects both levels of the space while providing interactive elements through seating, display shelves, and accent light boxes. Their execution of this architectural element was done with an elegant level of craftsmanship and true attention to detail. The joinery at the various elements along this two-story path was done flawlessly with the mitered corners coming together seamlessly. Each one of the reveals aligns perfectly along the stairs, wall paneling and the boxed out elements, making it a truly unified element. JWI’s performance on this project helped bring the vision of the design into a reality, making the library a wonderful destination for the community.

We also recognize and congratulated our newest Fellow, Manoj V. Dalaya, FAIA, and our ARE Scholarship Recipient, Elizabeth R. Parry, Associate AIA.
In addition, we congratulated our newly licensed members with an enthusiastic round of applause and a pair of Corbu glasses: Hyun Cheol Cha, AIA; Adam Guy, AIA; Rabeea Hameed, AIA; Peter Kowalcheck, AIA; Toni Lem, AIA; Jameson MacNichol, AIA; Joseph Mathai, AIA; John O’Hara, AIA; Abbey Oklak, AIA; Monica Perez, AIA; Brian Potere, AIA; Larry Travis, AIA; Tyler Walter, AIA; David Werner, AIA; Chris Wilson, AIA; and Hua Yang, AIA.

A new Chapter Award was introduced at the event...

* AIA Northern Virginia Presidents’ Award for Distinguished Achievement* –Debbie Burns, Hon. AIA

Debbie Burns understands what it takes for a professional organization like ours to run smoothly and to meet the expectations of its members. She is dedicated and attentive to making our Chapter, with 1,200 members, the envy of our region and state. On every occasion that I interacted with Debbie I know I will be met with enthusiasm and good cheer. She is always a friend, and I can invariably depend on her to get answers to my queries and find solutions to solve challenges. Members often ask (around dues-paying time) what added value is there in being a member and I always answer “Debbie Burns, Hon. AIA.” Thank you, Debbie, for the many stellar years of service to AIA Northern Virginia!

President’s Award recognition written by James Ritter, FAIA; Award presented by Charles Matta, FAIA.
Photos courtesy JD Boswell and John Burns, FAIA.

*The AIA Northern Virginia Presidents’ Award is a new recognition created by the past presidents of the Chapter and approved by the Board of Directors in July 2019. The Presidents’ Award honors unparalleled service by an individual to our Chapter members. The award is given to a Virginia citizen, who through service to the architecture profession, or education of the next generation of architects, has elevated the public’s awareness of the AIA’s community of practitioners, and has served-partnered with Northern Virginia architects (young and established) with distinction over a period of ten+ years. The award nomination can be made by any AIA Northern Virginia member, associate member, or allied member, and is voted on by a jury of past presidents. One award may be bestowed every five years.*

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**2020 Board cont.**

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- Rebecca Mezny, AIA
- Simone Saidel, AIA
- Jay Scruggs, AIA
- Charles Todd, AIA
- Anh Tran, Associate AIA
- Edward Weaver, AIA

We are also pleased to announce our AIA Virginia Directors:
- John Burns, FAIA
- Karen Conkey, AIA
- Eliza Engle, AIA
- Spencer Lepler, AIA
- Maury Saunders, AIA
- Stephen Wakeman, AIA

We offer special thanks to those who are stepping down from our board and thank them for their outstanding service: James Barker, AIA; Theresa del Ninno, AIA; and Kathryn Prigmore, FAIA.

In addition, the revised Chapter Bylaws were unanimously approved.

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**Open House**

Save the Date!
February 25, 2020

Our Chapter also believes in the importance of this resolution and our Chapter action plan will reflect that.

What does all this mean to you as an architect and a member of AIA Northern Virginia? It not only helps you understand our priorities and direction as a Chapter, but hopefully it also motivates you. If you want to be more involved with advocacy, The Big Move, or anything else that is important to you as an architect, I encourage you to contact the Chapter and get involved!

On a final note, I want to end my last president’s letter with a heartfelt thanks to Debbie, Lorin, Matt, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and all of our members. It’s been an honor to service in this role for the past 12 months. I have learned so much and look forward to continuing to be involved with this Chapter and the AIA.
ARE Prep Series Begins January 15

Our Chapter is getting ready to present our award-winning ARE Prep Series for 2020. Organized by our Young Architects Forum, this series offers sessions on each section of the exam from January through June.

The series kicks off with a free introductory session about the ARE, featuring staff from NCARB covering the overall process of licensure through the AXP and ARE. There will be time for questions, so this is an excellent opportunity to get all the information you need to plan for testing.

2020 ARE Prep Schedule:
- January 15 – ARE Roundtable/Introductory Session
- January 25 – Project Management
- February 22 – Practice Management
- March 21 – Programming and Analysis
- April 18 – Project Planning and Design
- May 16 – Project Development and Documentation
- June 13 – Construction and Evaluation

Continuing education credits are offered for all sessions. Saturday sessions include breakfast and lunch. Advance registration is required. Registration will open in December. Visit our ARE page for information.

www.aianova.org/are.php

Young Architects Forum Holiday Party

December 5, 6:30-8:00p, at the Chapter House in Alexandria

Come celebrate the year with Young Architects Forum (YAF). This is a potluck so bring a dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP https://aianova.org/event.php?eventID=1967

Year End Charitable Contribution

If you are considering an end-of-year personal charitable contribution, the AIA Northern Virginia Community Outreach Fund might be a good option. Our chapter established a 501(c)(3) fund for charitable contributions to help support scholarships and public outreach programs. The fund is managed by the Virginia Foundation for Architecture under a fiscal agreement with our chapter and allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions towards specific chapter programs. Donations can be directed for Scholarships, Public Outreach, or left undesignated and will be applied where needs are the greatest.

Contributions to the fund are by check, made out to “The Virginia Foundation for Architecture, Inc.” In the memo line, write “AIA Northern Virginia Community Outreach Fund.” You can also indicate a particular use on this line, for example, “scholarships,” “public outreach,” or general fund.

Architecture Billings Index Rebounds After Two Down Months

Following a two-month decline in demand for design services, architecture billings got a bounce in October, according to a report released on November 20 from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

The Architecture Billings Index (ABI) score in October is 52.0, up from the September score of 49.7. This score reflects an increase in design services (any score above 50 indicates an increase in billings). During October, both the new project inquiries and design contracts scores moderated from September but remained positive, posting scores of 57.9 and 52.9 respectively.

“Although ongoing uncertainty over the direction of economic growth persists, a strong stock market and growing payrolls at U.S. businesses continue to generate more construction projects,” said AIA Chief Economist Kermit Baker, PhD, Hon. AIA. “With most regional and sector billing scores at architecture firms improving from the previous month, we’re seeing a bit of a rebound from disappointing levels of design activity in recent months.”

Key ABI highlights for October include:
- Regional averages: South (55.5); West (51.3); Midwest (49.9); Northeast (47.2)
- Sector index breakdown: mixed practice (55.2); multi-family residential (54.0); institutional (49.9); commercial/industrial (49.3)
- Project inquiries index: 57.9
- Design contracts index: 52.9

Information on the ABI is available at www.aiarch.com/resources/10046-the-architecture-billings-index
You Are NOT Sherlock Holmes: An Architect’s Duty During Site Visits

by Alison R. Mullins
Founding Partner at Shannon Mullins & Wright LLP

Generally, every contract for architectural services includes the duty of the architect to exercise the care of those ordinarily skilled in the business. When those construction administration services are contracted for between the parties, the standard of care duty is applied beyond the project design services and to the construction administration services as well. It is important that the architect does not by contract or actions, heighten the standard of care during such site visits to an “investigation.”

Contractual Requirements

An architect is only obligated to provide construction administration services if required by a contract, otherwise such services are not within an architect’s standard duties. Even then, the scope of such services is ordinarily limited in scope. An architect is neither required to inspect the construction site when making a site visit, nor is the architect required to ensure the builder is following the designs perfectly or specifically. The architect, in making a site visit, is merely responsible for ensuring the project generally conforms to the architect’s designs. Absent a special agreement, the architect is not liable for fault in construction.

Sample Contract Provision

The American Institute of Architects provides direction in making clear the bounds of the architect’s duties in the B101-2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect:

§ 3.6.2 Evaluations of the Work
§ 3.6.2.1 The Architect shall visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction, or as otherwise required in Section 4.2.3, to become generally familiar with the progress and quality of the portion of the Work completed, and to determine in general, if the Work observed is being performed in a manner indicating that the Work, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the Contract Documents. However, the Architect shall not be required to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of Work. … [emphasis added]

In the above example, note that the provision stresses that the architect’s duties are those generalities, not specificities. It is important for the architect to take on no more than what is required by the applicable written agreement.

Actions Can Alter Terms

If the architect goes above and beyond the scope of its general duties while performing construction administrative services on a project, the Supreme Court of Virginia has held that the architect then owes the same standard of care that it would have had it contracted for those detailed construction administration duties. This includes when the written agreement does not obligate the architect to perform any construction administrative services; however, the architect takes on such duties voluntarily and/or without charge.

When construction administration services, including heightened standard of detailed investigation of the construction, are not expressly contracted for, but the architect takes them on anyway, the Supreme Court of Virginia has held that the parties’ course of dealing during the performance of the contract may modify the contract’s written terms. For example, if an architect were to begin making weekly site visits even though the contract only required a site visit once a month, by the architect’s “course of dealing,” a court would likely hold that the contract was modified to require weekly site visits. A second example would be if the architect was obligated to perform construction administration services by a written agreement similar to the terms set forth in the standard AIA language cited above, and when the architect went to the project for said site visits, the architect took detailed measurements of every room and/or the space between every wall stud. Under those circumstances, again, a court would likely hold that the contract was modified to require detailed investigations of the construction work based on the architect’s actions and the parties’ “course of dealing” on the project.

The Take-Away

There is no “moral” or “professional duty” for an architect to observe construction and/or ensure that a project is being constructed in accordance with the architect’s design. This duty of an architect is only present when the contract governing the architect’s services creates such a requirement and/or includes site visits in the scope of architect’s services. Therefore, in order to limit its liability, an architect should never portray itself as the Sherlock Holmes of the construction of the project, investigating compliance of every detail of the contractor’s work to see if it is in strict accordance with the design documents.

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Alison also wishes to thank her law clerk, Samantha Lewis, a 2nd-year law student at George Mason Law School for her research and assistance in the preparation of this article.

This article is not intended to provide specific legal advice, but instead as general commentary regarding legal matters. You should consult with an attorney regarding your legal issues, as the advice you may receive will depend upon your facts and the laws of your jurisdiction.
City of Alexandria Hosts Housing Summit

January 11, 8:30a-4:00p, at the Lee Center.

The Alexandria Office of Housing is pleased to announce the 2020 Housing Summit in January. This full-day event will examine the progress of the 2013 Housing Master Plan and explore bold new ideas to address the City’s affordable housing challenges and opportunities in 2020 and beyond.

The summit will feature:
- Bus tours highlighting recent affordable housing development in Alexandria.
- Exhibits showcasing programs and services provided by affordable housing and community service providers.
- An opening Plenary that reflects on the accomplishments of the Housing Master Plan within the context of the city’s complex housing history and explores new directions to expand housing opportunity and promote equity; featuring remarks from Minneapolis’ Director of Housing Policy and Development, Andrea Brennan.
- Breakout sessions on Alexandria’s approach for “Housing for All” including innovative partnerships, financing models, and regulatory tools.
- An engaging closing plenary that examines local, regional, and state approaches to foster an inclusive and vibrant community.

Registration for this event is free but required. Free on-site childcare and language interpretation services will be provided upon advance request; please request with registration. To learn more about this event and to register, please visit the event webpage at www.alexandriava.gov/housing/info/default.aspx?id=110986

WOMEN IN ARCHITECTURE

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

DATE: 12.02.2019
TIME: 6PM - 7:30PM
LOCATION: THE CHAPTER HOUSE

Family and friends are welcome!

To help us plan, please register in advance and sign up to bring a dish to share.


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Northern Virginia Members Honored at Visions

Congratulations to our Chapter members recognized with honors at Visions for Architecture on November 8 in Richmond. AIA Virginia’s President, Rob Reis, AIA, and Executive Vice President, Corey Clayborne, AIA, presented the awards to Kevin Sneed, FAIA, recipient of the AIA Virginia Award for Distinguished Achievement; April Drake, AIA, recipient of the Virginia Emerging Professional Award; and Brian Frickie, AIA, recognized with the Presidential Citation.

See the article in the September-October newsletter to learn more about April and Kevin’s awards.


The AIA Virginia Awards for Excellence in Architecture were also given at Visions. See the winning projects at www.aiava.org/2019-design-awards-announced

Virginia By Design Call for Entries
Submissions due January 17, 2020

Nominations are now open for the 3rd annual Virginia by Design Awards. Through these awards, The Branch Museum of Architecture and Design celebrates excellence in design, by focusing the awards on visionary thinking and the public impact of design and how they influence social change in our communities throughout Virginia.

Submissions are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2020:

• Design Achievement Award
• Emerging Designer
• Prize for Public Interest Design
• Vision in Design Honor

branchmuseum.org

Referral List System on www.aianova.org

In the interest of keeping our firm referral lists as current as possible, we offer 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

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If you would like to add or update your information, please email us at: referrals@aianova.org
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Best Original Design – HGA for Sea Hunger Otter Here!
Photograph © JD Boswell

Best Use of Labels Winner – Samaha Associates, P.C. for We bee – leaf in you
Photograph © JD Boswell

Most Cans Winner – PGAL for Game of Cans: The Battle to End Hunger
6290 Cans!
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Best Meal Winner and People’s Choice Winner –
MG2 for CANines Just Wanna Have Sun
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Structural Ingenuity – MTFA Architecture for Don’t pig out – BANK IT!
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Honorable Mention – Wakefield High School for Squash Out Hunger
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Art Safari Features Scrap City

Chapter volunteers organized a Scrap City at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria on October 16. Over 140 children and their families visited to build a city from scrap material. Participants turned cereal boxes into houses and cardboard tubes into trees. They all enjoyed working with local architects to create new buildings and add them to the street grid of Old Town Alexandria.

The event was offered as part of the Torpedo Factory’s 24th Annual Art Safari, featuring a day of creative hands-on activities for families.

*Photos courtesy of Joe McCoy, AIA.*

AIA Membership Incentives

- Join the AIA now as a new member for 2020 and enjoy free membership for the remainder of 2019 and free registration for A’20 conference in Los Angeles.

- Join or rejoin for 2020 by December 31, 2019 and you could win an iPad Air 64 GB or one of three Visa Gift Cards.

- Pay your dues in up to six monthly installments with the Dues Installment Program. Enrollment is available now through April.

- Architecture school graduates receive complimentary AIA membership at the Associate level for up to 18 months upon date of graduation.

Learn more about these incentives at [www.aia.org/pages/22941-current-aia-membership-incentives](http://www.aia.org/pages/22941-current-aia-membership-incentives)

Northern Virginia members enjoy dinner together during ArchEx. l-r: John Burns, FAIA; Dennis Beese, AIA; Maury Saunders, AIA; Bill Evans, AIA; Geoff Lewis, AIA; Bill Brown, AIA; Sean Reilly, AIA; Debbie Burns, Hon AIA; and Central Virginia friend Andy Thomas, AIA.
Three Scholarships Awarded to Local Students

1st Place – Luke Rumage

The Schools Connections Committee (SCC) conducted their annual Scholarship Design Competition in October and is pleased to announce this year’s award recipients. Applicants were asked to submit a graphic for standard ceramic coffee mug that promotes and conveys interest in architecture, architectural design, and architectural education.

The competition was open to students attending a Northern Virginia school of architecture, or who reside in Northern Virginia, but attend an architecture school elsewhere.

There were 13 entries submitted to this year’s competition, and the SCC Awards Jury is proud to announce that Luke Rumage, a MArch 2 student at Virginia Tech’s Washington Alexandria Architecture Center (WAAC), was awarded $800 as the First Place Winner.

The second place scholarship recipient, given $700, was Shayan Ghodousi, a first year MArch 2 student at WAAC. The third place recipient was Sara Alkhatib, a second year MArch 2 student at WAAC, awarded $500.

Honorable Mention – Sara Alkhatib

The committee thanks all who participated in the program, as well as the jurors: Josh McKenrick, AIA; Maury Saunders, AIA; and Kylee Besecker, Associate AIA. The students will be recognized at WAAC on January 27.

Committee Spotlight

Did you know that AIA Northern Virginia has 17 chapter committees? It is through these committees that chapter activities and events are planned and organized. Committee members are chapter members who volunteer to serve on a committee, or multiple committees. This feature showcases a committee in each newsletter issue and introduces you to the committee leaders. Please consider which committees interest you and reach out to the chairs to participate.

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee works with the Chapter Board, Committee Chairs, and Chapter staff to communicate with members, architects in our community, other allied professionals, and the public as a whole. Committee members also seek to help develop policies, structures, materials, and guidelines that support the Chapter’s messaging and outreach.

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Initiatives include outreach and messaging support; promotion of Chapter and industry events; recognition of members, member firms, and partnerships; social media updates, committee templates and materials; and cross-Chapter knowledge and resource-sharing.

Chair: Anh Tran, Associate AIA
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Architects Foundation Offers 2020 Scholarships

Every year, the Foundation awards thousands of dollars in architecture scholarships to high school students, to architecture students in NAAB-accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs, to Architect Registration Exam (ARE) candidates, and to licensed architects pursuing educational enrichment opportunities. Applications for the following scholarships are due January 17, 2020:

**Diversity Advancement Scholarship**
Supports high school and undergraduate minority students who are entering, enrolled in, or transferring into a NAAB-accredited undergraduate architecture program.

**Payette Sho-Ping Chin Memorial Academic Scholarship**
Open to women architecture students in a NAAB-accredited undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

**Yann Weymouth Graduate Scholarship**
Awarded to an architecture student with a focus on the design intersection of sustainability, resilience, wellness, and beauty.

a/e ProNet David W. Lakamp AIA Scholarship
Awarded to students who demonstrate a strong interest in practice and risk management in the field of architecture.

Architects Foundation / McAslan Fellowship
Supports travel to engage with UK-based firm John McAslan+ Partners.

Other scholarship opportunities to watch for later in 2020:

**Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship**
Helps support emerging professionals who are working toward their license with a scholarship covering the full cost of the ARE. Applications will open in the spring of 2020.

**Richard Morris Hunt Prize**
Travel fellowship allows architects to conduct cutting-edge research on emerging trends in historic preservation. Applications will open in spring of 2020.

Learn more about all these scholarships and fellowships at https://architectsfoundation.org/what-we-do/architecture-scholarships/
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AIA Compensation Report

The AIA Compensation Report provides access to salary data for 44 architecture firm positions in 28 states, 28 metro areas, and 16 cities. This exclusive look at market trends also has information on workplace culture and what firms are offering to attract and retain top talent.

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Information on the report is available at
www.aia.org/resources/8066-aia-compensation-report

There is also a free salary calculator available at
http://info.aia.org/salary/

Small Firm Compensation Report

The AIA Small Firm Compensation Report focuses on sole proprietorships and architecture firms with fewer than three architecture employees. AIA collaborated with a working group of members of the AIA Small Firm Exchange to develop a new survey that could address the different types of small firms and to begin to compile a body of reliable and accurate salary data.

This report includes data on compensation trends and employee demographics at small firms, as well as details on benefits offered by small firms, and 23 detailed compensation tables broken out for six positions by firm type, firm revenue, region of the country, and more.

www.aia.org/resources/178221-aia-small-firm-compensation-report

Show Us Your Work!

We are looking for projects to publish in this newsletter and BLAST. We offer three features to showcase our members’ work:

On the Boards - Featured Projects - Sketches

On the Boards -- Each issue of AIA Northern Virginia News features a project currently “on the boards” being designed by chapter members. These can include theoretical, conceptual and unbuilt projects or projects currently in the planning or design phase. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and at least four images at print resolution. Include project name, location and photographer credit, where needed.

Featured Projects -- Each issue of BLAST features a recently completed project designed by a chapter member. Submissions should include a project description of 150-250 words and at least four images. Include project name, location and photographer credit.

Sketches -- Sketches is a feature in AIA Northern Virginia News showcasing the artistic talents of our members. We encourage you to share your sketches. Please send high resolution images of one to five sketches with brief captions and information on how we should credit you, the artist.

We will generally publish work on a first-come, first-served basis. Photos and images may be resized or cropped to fit the formatting and it may be necessary to edit the description. Please let us know if you wish to review any changes before publication.

To submit for any of these features, just email all material to aianova@aianova.org

Thanks for sharing!
On the Boards

Multistory Elementary School Prototype
Fairfax County Public Schools
Samaha Associates

Samaha’s new elementary school prototype for Fairfax County Public Schools responds to the increasing density of our communities and shrinking availability of sizable school sites. The prototype design process included developing five separate concepts, each of at least three stories, all of which fully meet the educational specifications within a flexible configuration. Through collaboration with FCPS, ultimately a combination of proposed options was chosen to yield the preferred design.

Since the prototype is anticipated to be built numerous times on varying sites, Samaha focused on reducing the building footprint and simplifying flow within the school. The resulting three story plan locates the gym, library, and music on the second level while retaining valuable outdoor green space for playfields. Clearly defined and dedicated entrances for key functions such as the main entry, kiss & ride, and gym direct site circulation and promote community use after school hours.

The prototype allows adaptation to variations in sites and student enrollments. The consistent structural bays permit expanding the footprint or adding floors to the classroom ‘wing’ for expansion through extending the building height or length based on site context.

The first implementation of the prototype is currently under construction in Herndon, Virginia. The Northwest County Elementary School is a 105,600 SF three story upper elementary serving grades 4-6 which shares the site with the existing McNair Elementary School.
Professional Practice

Submissions are now open for the 2020 Education Facility Design Awards, which represent state-of-the-art, sustainable learning environments. Submissions due January 9, 2020, prior to 5:00p.

www.aia.org/awards/7311-education-facility-design-award

Best Practice: Negotiations – When it comes to negotiations, many design firms have a culture of avoiding confrontation. Shifting perceptions, however, can help change that. Learn to define interests, understand the other parties’ interests, and with good preparation techniques, conduct a mutually successful negotiation.

www.aia.org/best-practices/5816-want-to-make-a-deal-dont-shy-away-from-confli

The Alexandria City Council is seeking applicants for vacancies on boards, commissions, and committees. Applicants must complete a Personal Data Form by 5:00p on Tuesday, December 5 for consideration. For a complete listing of vacancies and to access the application form, please visit:

www.alexandriava.gov/boards/info/default.aspx?id=2202

Residential trends survey for firm leaders – The AIA’s Home Design Trends Survey is a recognized resource for emerging trends in residential design. AIA needs firm leaders to respond to the survey to help better track trends. Through HDTs you can use data to track trends and plan for future business conditions.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/RYH7WYK

Best Practice: The architect in the political process – Participation in legislative affairs is one way an architect can benefit the profession. To make meaningful contact with legislators, architects should know a few fundamentals concerning legislative affairs, lobbying, elections, and component organization. Adherence to these fundamentals will help architects effectively present their interests and concerns to legislators.

www.aia.org/best-practices/6176001-the-architect-in-the-political-process

2020 Architectural Tour: Brilliant Brazil – See why Brazil was named the World Capital of Architecture for 2020 by UNESCO and the International Union of Architects. With Architectural Adventures, experience Brazil’s incredibly influential Modernist architecture and culture in the country’s capital city of Brasilia and the exciting city of Rio de Janeiro. Earn 19 LUs.

www.architecturaladventures.org/destinations/2020-Brazil

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**BELL Architects** are celebrating 20 years in business and want to thank their many clients and friends. Their performance-based sustainable design uses cultural understanding and physics to go beyond aesthetics and simplistic LEED point accumulation. The firm embraces the community engagement process as a positive approach to designing places of lasting value that serve people for added economic value while reducing development risks.

**HGA** is pleased to welcome **Shary Adams, AIA, ACHA, EDAC, LEED AP BD+C**, as Associate Vice President and Principal. Adams will lead integrated team processes and client relations in the Healthcare practice serving major healthcare organizations throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Adams has more than 30 years of architecture experience specializing in healthcare planning and design. She has a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Toronto.

**Pella Windows and Doors** is pleased to announce the opening of a new showroom in Tysons, located at 8150 Leesburg Pike. The space includes the new Experience Center which provides customers the chance to try out Pella doors and windows in a showroom before purchasing them. For additional information, contact Chapter partner, **Fallon Williams**, Pella Commercial Architectural Representative.

**Pella Windows and Doors**

**KTGY Architecture + Planning**’s designs and architecture have earned nine honors in the 2019 Great American Living Awards (GALA) program, presented by the Maryland Building Industry Association, the Northern Virginia Building Industry Association, and the Washington Metropolitan Sales and Marketing Council. KTGY’s was recognized for their excellence and innovation in the design and planning of attached and detached single-family and multifamily residential communities. For more information about the awards, visit [www.greatamericanlivingawards.com](http://www.greatamericanlivingawards.com)

**The Geneva at Retreat at McLean & Mehr Farm**
Architect: KTGY Architecture + Planning
Builder: Toll Brothers
Photograph © Ron Blunt

**Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.** announces that the Rouss City Hall renovations and restorations project in Winchester is finally complete. This comprehensive, $3.9 million project was tackled in four phases and completed in under two years. The design approach to the project was to simplify Rouss to the “then” era (1900) and the “now” era (2019). The team cleared out the 1980’s Post Modern and miscellaneous infill and exposed the original structure of brick walls, arched openings, cast iron columns, steel beams, and wood joists. They used muted, clean-lined built-ins and acoustic ceiling “clouds” to improve office functionality.

**Rouss City Hall**
Photographer: Nathan Webb, AIA, Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.

The firm also is happy to announce two new employees: **Pete Serafin, AIA** has wide-ranging experience, having worked in New York City, Boston, and also here in Virginia and **Kayla Bromley**, Associate AIA, a recent Virginia Tech graduate.
Membership Update

Eyob M. Alemnew, Assoc. AIA, Bethel Regency Homes
Jenny C. Alvarez, AIA, Samaha Associates PC
Adele Boyle-Denning, AIA, 2 Points of View Architectural Studio
Kayla Bromley, Assoc. AIA, Reader & Swartz Architects, P.C.
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Calendar

December Calendar

Women in Architecture Holiday Potluck
December 2 | 6:00p | Alexandria

Capital Area CRAN Holiday Party
December 5 | 6:00p | Tysons Corner

Young Architects Forum Holiday Party
December 5 | 6:30p | Alexandria

AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting
December 9 | 4:30p | Alexandria

January 2020 Calendar

Women in Architecture Committee Meeting
January 6 | 6:00p | Washington

AIA Northern Virginia Board Meeting
January 13 | 4:30p | Alexandria

ARE Roundtable / Information Session
January 15 | 6:30p | Arlington

ARE Exam Series: Project Management
January 25 | 10:00a | Arlington

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 and 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
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