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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Anniversary! 2007 marked our 150th year as an organization, and what changes we have seen! From a world of hoop skirts and horses in 1857, to constant communication and instant access today, AIA members have sought to make the world a better place through a commitment to the pursuit of knowledge, professional excellence, and service to society.

This year's theme, "Here There Be Dragons," was an acknowledgment that we, like our predecessors, are often navigating through uncharted waters. Beginning with a lecture by Siamak Hariri regarding the future of architectural practice, and ending with an exploration of the future of architectural education, in 2007 AIA Indianapolis attempted to identify the ever-changing forces acting upon us as an organization and to address them head on.

Of special note, this year AIA members gave back to our community in an unprecedented way. Working with the City and County and in tandem with IUPUI, AIA Indianapolis commissioned a digital model of the heart of the city. Capable of photo mapping and GIS integration, this comprehensive data set will be accessible to every designer in the city. A vast majority of the information will be accessible to the public through the Internet. The tool—for marketers, planners, and architects alike—offers a path to better design throughout our hometown.

In addition, our new executive director and our strong link to the state chapter ensured that our political voice was heard better than ever. Indianapolis members lobbied our representatives in Washington, participated in "Days at the Statehouse," showered our elected officials with calls and e-mails, and advocated, effectively, for stronger communities through good design.

Like our founders, we are unable to know what the next 150 years will bring, but my hope is that we have ended 2007 empowered to explore the future together.

Sincerely,



Sarah Hempstead

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