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## President's Report

We started this year with the theme of "Connections." The goals were to improve the interactions and interrelationships we have, whether at AIA Michigan or centered in our Chapters. We hoped to expand the architectural community by connecting to non-members and allied professionals. We wanted to encourage the development of a diverse membership and collaboration. And finally, we planned to continue to develop our mentoring efforts and learning from the next generation.

It is always a bit sobering to look back at your goals and see what kind of progress there really was and to realize how fast the year went by.

In reviewing this past year, along with the normal operational issues, your AIA Michigan Board took the following actions:

- Established the Mentoring Task Force to transition responsibilities to the AIA Michigan Mentoring Committee.
- Established the Bylaws Update Committee, which completed their work with the approved changes in August.
- Established the Website Committee, which is actively improving our communications.
- In parallel with AIA National, we created the AIA 150 Committee.
- Authorized computer upgrades and window replacement improvements at the Beaubien House. The window improvements were aided by a grant from the City of Detroit.
- Approved an Investment Policy for our AIA Michigan reserve funds.
- Approved the joint Mid-Summer Conference with AGC Michigan and AGC Detroit.

One of the benefits of serving as your AIA Michigan President is the opportunity to represent



Harry Terpstra, AIA  
2005 AIAM President

you at events with other organizations or at special functions such as the AIA Michigan Honor Awards, the Masonry Awards, the Mid-Summer Conference with AGC, and the Large States meetings (in Fort Worth, Texas this year). I was also privileged to be able to act as one of the Caucus Moderators at the National Convention in Las Vegas.

While these are somewhat typical, they presented many opportunities for expanding our Connections. You truly realize how much is being done here in Michigan when you learn how we compare to other states or components. Sure, there is much more to do, but you should be proud of the accomplishments AIA Michigan and your Chapters have made.

The year was not without its struggles. I think many of us were disappointed by our lack of ability to be persuasive with our Legislators regarding the interior design bills. It points out how important it is for all of us to participate, both by contacting our legislators about critical issues and by being at the annual Howling event in March. We can do better and our Government Affairs Committee needs our support. Despite their hard work, they cannot do it alone.

Another area that did not get the attention I had hoped for, was membership. Fortunately, we plan to set up a committee to look at the issues and make recommendations to the Board over the coming year under Jeff's leadership.

I want to take this opportunity to thank some key people who have worked very hard on our behalf. First are Suzan Pultorak, AIA, outgoing chair of the Public Awareness Committee, and Carl Roehling,

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FAIA, outgoing chair of the Recognitions Committee. Both have served as committee chairs for many years and have contributed a great deal to our success.

I also want to recognize and thank Tom Mathison, FAIA who is completing his term as AIA National Vice-President after many years of involvement with AIA Michigan including creating the Mentoring Network.

I also want to thank, on behalf of AIA Michigan, all who have contributed their time and talents to serve, whether it is on a committee, a board or at the AIA Michigan or chapter level. Without your efforts, we could never have the programs or successes that we have enjoyed. We at AIA Michigan are also fortunate to have a great staff headed by Executive Director Rae Dumke, Hon. AIA along with Business Manager Cathy Mosley. To all we offer our heartfelt thanks!

Early this year I was asked by a reporter what it takes to be an AIA Architect.

That seemingly simple question threw me for a loop because on the surface there are no special qualifications required to become a member of AIA.

Once you look closer though, I think you will find that there is something more to a member of AIA. You will find someone who is committed to improving their profession, their communities and their own skills.

I encourage every AIA member to take advantage of these opportunities and to be an active participant in your AIA. It will help you to realize that being involved in your professional organization – whether it is on a committee, a Chapter board, the MAF Board or even on the AIA Michigan board – can be more than getting broader experience or enjoying fellowship. It is a way to actively benefit your profession and your communities.

We have made progress in improving our Connections over the past year but it will take all of our continued efforts to be successful in the future.

Lastly, I want to say that I certainly

have appreciated the opportunity to serve as your AIAM President this past year. I especially want to thank the members and leadership of the Grand Valley Chapter including Mark Levine, AIA; Bob Daverman, AIA; Mike Corby, AIA and Jeff Hammond, AIA for all their support and encouragement, particularly over the past four years.

I also want to thank the members of the Executive Committee for going beyond their normal duties to be instrumental in our progress over the past year. It has been an honor and a very special experience, one that I will always remember.

I am very optimistic about our organization and feel that Jeff and our upcoming leadership will take AIA Michigan to even greater successes. Thank you for the privilege to serve as your President for 2005. I wish you all the best for the New Year.

– Harry Terpstra, AIA  
2005 AIAM President

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### Vice President's Report

As vice president/president-elect, I worked to support our 2005 President Harry Terpstra, AIA, while at the same time, began planning to make 2006 an effective year for our organization.

Our theme for 2006 is "Designing a better Michigan through the AIA," with a full slate of activities planned for the year.

During 2005 as vice president, I had the following responsibilities:

#### Chair the APAC Committee

We created an AIA Michigan thank-you pin for a contribution to our Political Action Committee. For each \$100 contribution we gave two pins – one to wear and the other to give to your legislator. Our goal was to raise \$12,600. Unfortunately we came up short, raising \$10,190. We received more pledges, however not all the pledges were backed up with contributions. If you have not made good on your pledge, please do so. To be an effective voice for appropriate legislation in Lansing, we need to put our money behind our words. We still have plenty of pins – so keep those contributions coming.



#### Liaison to Government Affairs Committee

As liaison to the Government Affairs Committee, I participated in one of AIAM's most important member events – our annual Legislative Day. Organized by the Government Affairs Committee, along with our lobbyist and partner (the Architects and Engineers Legislative Council [AELC]), this is the one day each year we meet in force to talk to our legislators. Please plan to participate in this year's event on Tuesday, March 21, 2006.

I also attended committee and AELC meetings. The members of our Government Affairs Committee are passionate

about being effective advocates for the profession. They are always looking for interested volunteers and really need everyone to respond when they ask for our help, especially when you are asked to contact your legislator.

A continuing issue is interior design licensing legislation. Unfortunately, this legislation passed the House Commerce Committee in 2005. We need to effectively communicate with our legislators about the potential problems this type of legislation could create and how it could limit the practice of architecture. Please look for additional information about this and other legislative issues prior to attending our Legislative Day on March 21, 2006.

#### Member of the Finance Committee

This year the finance committee worked to create an investment policy, which was approved at our December board meeting. Also, a recommendation led to another new task force for 2006. The Joint Operations Task Force has been charged with investigating the potential of joint operations of AIA Michigan and AIA Detroit. The genesis of this potential idea is the knowledge that AIA Michigan and AIA Detroit are not growing organizations, yet our members and active committee volunteers are requesting additional services. In addition, more than half the members of AIA Michigan are AIA Detroit members. Past President Harry Terpstra will be chair the task force. The committee includes: Finance Committee Chair Gary Skog, 2004 AIA Michigan President Randy Case, AIA Detroit Past President Beth Yorke, AIA Michigan Secretary Stephen Smith and AIA Detroit Vice President/President-Elect Cindy Pozolo. A report is expected by the August board meeting.

#### Nominations Committee

I had the honor and privilege to chair the Nominations Committee. I am pleased to say that we had an excellent response

to our request for member participation and that our new executive committee, associate and student members bring enthusiasm, knowledge and a desire to help the profession. **Stephen Smith**, AIA, a principal with TMP Associates, is the new member of the Executive Committee. He has served the profession through the Detroit Chapter including serving as its president in 2003. Steve will be AIAM secretary in 2006. **Beth Zorza**, Associate AIA is the new associate representative. She will serve a two-year term and also represent Michigan as our regional associate at the national level. Beth works for Van Gooch Architects in Ann Arbor. **Alexis Coir** is our student representative. She is a junior in her first year of the architecture program at the University of Michigan. Welcome to these members and all new members of the 2006 board.

#### Sign Checks

The Beaubien House staff, especially Evelyn Giordano, appreciates one of the abilities that I have as vice president, which is to sign checks. As the Executive Committee member with the office closest to the Beaubien House, I am asked frequently to sign checks. I am happy to assist the society in this manner. I am also happy to report that Evelyn, who had some health problems at the end of 2005, is doing better and is back on the job. We continue to pray for her full recovery.

– Jeffrey J. Hausman, AIA  
Vice President/President-elect

*Don't Forget ...*

**AIA Grassroots**

**February 8-11, 2006**

**Grand Hyatt**

**Washington, DC**





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### Secretary's Report

It was a busy and productive year for the 2005 Board of Directors of AIA Michigan. The official minutes have been reviewed, corrected and are on file at Beaubien House AIA Michigan Headquarters, 553 East Jefferson Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Some of the highlights of the year include:

#### December 2004:

AIA Michigan 2005 President Harry Terpstra, AIA outlines a program to make connections in the coming year and to be pro-active in fighting for the issues we believe in.

The Mentoring Task Force Committee was created.

#### January 2005 :

AIA/Grand Valley hosts The VERY successful Grand Valley Regional Design Charettes.

MAF Board expands from 12 to 15 members and for the first time the public is invited to serve on it.

Leadership Retreat in Traverse City is a success with break-out sessions focusing on specific areas for input by the leadership.

AIA National introduces the *Angle*, a publication to keep the profession up to date on government affairs and legislative issues.

#### March 2005:

Lansing Legislative Day and AIAM Board share common ground with visits to our Legislators.

The interior design bills of 2004 emerge in 2005 House Committee. The bills succeed in passing a committee vote. These bills will be a major focus for AIA in 2006.

#### April 2005:

AIA Michigan receives approval of

a \$22,000 matching grant from the Detroit DDA for window replacement and façade repairs on the Beaubien House.

#### June 2005:

The AIA Michigan Website Committee is created to review format and structure to maximize the effectiveness of the website.

AIA Michigan dues are increased to keep pace with inflation.

#### August 2005:

For the first time in history the AIA Michigan Mid Summer Conference is held jointly with AGC/Michigan and AGC/Detroit.

AIA membership approves the By Law changes and the quorum required for the Annual Meeting.

#### October 2005:

AIA Michigan agrees to hold one more joint conference with the AGC in 2006.

#### December 2005:

An Investment Policy is approved to guide the growth of the required reserves for AIA Michigan.

Another *AIA Guides to Architecture* was published (Southwest Michigan) with more being planned.

The Beaubien House façade repairs are completed.

AIA Michigan finances are on target and with the success of the Mid Summer conference; our reserve will be 1% (\$10,000 - \$15,000) greater than expected.

— Ronald R. Campbell, AIA  
AIA Michigan Secretary

### Programs and Events of Interest

February 22

#### UofD Mercy School of Architecture Lecture

Sponsored with AIA Detroit, speakers are Nathaniel Belcher and Stephen Slaughter of PHATT Collaborative, Miami and Los Angeles. Lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.arch.udmercy.edu](http://www.arch.udmercy.edu).

March 22

#### UofD Mercy School of Architecture Lecture

Speaker is David Salmela, Salmela Architect, Duluth, Minn. Lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.arch.udmercy.edu](http://www.arch.udmercy.edu).

March 23

#### SMPS-Michigan

Marketing Coordinators Club with Full Circle Graphics, [www.smps-mi.org](http://www.smps-mi.org)

March 29

#### UofD Mercy School of Architecture Lecture

Speaker is Billie Tsien, partner, Tod Williams Billie Tsien Architects, New York. Lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.arch.udmercy.edu](http://www.arch.udmercy.edu).

May 11

#### SMPS-Michigan

Sales Roundtable, [www.smps-mi.org](http://www.smps-mi.org)

Any

#### Architectural Record Continuing Education

"Daylight in the Office Space," offered free compliments of Lutron. Visit [www.archrecord.construction.com/resources/conteduc/](http://www.archrecord.construction.com/resources/conteduc/).

Various

#### National Preservation Institute

Review the list of NPI seminars at [www.npi.org](http://www.npi.org).



### Government Affairs Report

Although we did not introduce and pass new legislation, as in 2004, we did have a full year opposing legislation that is harmful to our profession (i.e. interior design licensure) and laying the ground work for future legislation beneficial to our cause.

Some highlights of the year's advocacy efforts include:

#### *Interior design licensure bill introduced in February.*

This was a primary focus throughout the year. We met with the interior designers in an attempt to find common ground and ultimately found ourselves testifying on the behalf of AIAM at a House of Representatives Committee Hearing. We were unsuccessful and the bill was introduced. It is due for a vote soon in 2006 and we are working tirelessly to defeat it. Support of the membership is critical to our success – **Contact your legislators to voice your opposition to this bill!**

#### *Legislative Day in March.*

Although a successful day for the professions (architects and engineers) the participation from our membership could have been much better. A much greater attendance is needed in 2006. Our Legislative Day is your chance to meet face-to-face with your legislators and voice your concerns. Talking points for the day included Certificate of Merit, QBS, Increased Penalties for Unlicensed Practice and Interior Design Licensure.

#### *DMB and the State Contract.*

With the passing of HB5656 in 2004, communication with DMB stalled temporarily. Talks have re-started again and we are optimistic that progress can be made.

#### *Fundraisers.*

Successful fundraisers were held for Senators Schauer and Sanborn.

#### *On the legal front.*

The Michigan Supreme Court entertained oral arguments in October on the Ostroth case involving the statute of limitations. AIAM and the Government Affairs Committee participated in writing an Amicus Brief. The GA Committee considers this an opportunity to speak directly to the Court about the development of a law especially in those cases that impact the profession in the future. We will continue to monitor this and other cases in the future.

#### *Legislator of the Year Award.*

AIAM recognized Representative Chris Ward for his support of issues critical to our profession.

#### *Brief look ahead to 2006.*

The clock is ticking on interior design licensing bill. It will die at the end of the legislative session for 2006 if not passed by then. We anticipate a lot of activity in the coming year and need your support. Please respond to our request for action when you are notified. We will introduce new legislation on Certificate of Merit this year.

– Kevin Shultis, AIA and  
Fred Butters, AIA  
Government Affairs,  
Co-Chairs

### Grapevine

A *Saginaw News* article in late September featured past AIAM president **Leslie Tincknell, FAIA**, in an article about his involvement with the redesign of an elementary school he originally designed in 1961... **Henry Green**, director of the Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety, has been named president of the International Code Council... Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed **Jay Shah**, chairman and president of Spalding DeDecker Associates, to serve on the Michigan Strategic Board of Directors through December 2007... Testing Engineers & Consultants founder **John Banicki, PE** received the MSPE 2005 Outstanding Engineer in Private Practice. In addition, **Katherine Banicki**, president, has been named as one of the Top Ten Michigan Business Women by the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners... The Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance (GEMA) Plant, designed by **NSA Architects, Engineers, Planners** is featured in CAM Magazine's Special Issue "Construction 2005" published in November by the Construction Association of Michigan. Michael Serdiuk, AIA, vp led the design team... **Gerald Belian, PE**, vp of Soil and Materials Engineers, was elected President-Elect of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Detroit... Two Detroit architects, **Mark Nickita, AIA** and **Dorian Moore, RA**, partners of Archive DS, were featured in a *Detroit Free Press* article for their work in rebuilding hurricane-shattered communities on Mississippi's gulf coast... **Glen LeRoy, FAIA** was named dean of LTU's College of Architecture and Design. **Joseph Veryser, AIA** is associate dean... SMACNA Detroit Chapter named John Gabridge of CDP Environment chairman of the board; other trustees include Lee Arnold, Rene Vanassche & Sons; Dan Casey, T.F. Beck Co.; Todd Hill, Ventcon; Chris Kjolhede, Cooney Engineering; Jeffrey Laski, S&M Heating & Sales; and Nick Seraphinoff, Allied Ventilation...





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### Public Awareness Update

The following summarizes the 2005 public awareness initiatives undertaken by Marx Layne & Company (ML&CO) and the AIA Michigan Public Awareness Committee, including media placements, the development and production of chapter guides to architecture, and other initiatives.

#### 2005 Media Placements

- AIA Huron Valley Design Awards, *Washtenaw County Business Review*, January 2005
- "Design Meetings Set This Week" - article on upcoming AIA Grand Valley design charettes, *MiBiz West*, week of January 24, 2005
- "West Michigan Design Charettes Explore Good Design and Regional Collaboration," interview with Bob Daverman on AIA Grand Valley design charettes, *WGVU-AM*, January 27, 2005
- "Designing Winners: Architectural Society Lands Local Projects and Practitioners," *Grand Rapids Business Journal*, April 25, 2005
- "Smart Growth: How Urban Sprawl Threatens Our Communities and What We Can Do About It," Business Diary event listing, *Crain's Detroit Business*, week of February 21, 2005
- "Smart Growth: How Urban Sprawl Threatens Our Communities and What We Can Do About It," interview with 2005 AIA Detroit president Beth Yorke, on AIA Detroit Smart Growth panel discussion, *WWJ-AM*, February 4, 2005
- "Brighton Architecture Firm Lindhout Associates Wins Award for Howell Medical Office Building," brief on Livingston County award, in conjunction with 2005 AIA Huron Valley Design Awards, *The Detroit News* Livingston County page, February 2005
- "Brighton Architecture Firm Lindhout Associates Wins Award for Howell Medical Office Building," brief on Livingston County award, in conjunction with 2005 AIA Huron Valley Design Awards, *The Daily Press & Argus*, (Livingston County daily newspaper), February 2005
- Profile on 2005 AIA Michigan president Harry Terpstra, *Grand Rapids Magazine*, interest secured from publication, with interview date to be scheduled in late May and a publication date of summer, 2005
- Profile on 2005 AIA Michigan president Harry Terpstra, *Grand Rapids Magazine*, publication date of summer, 2005
- "Local Architects Named Firm of the Year," article on Osler & Associates being named AIA Michigan Firm of the Year, *Ann Arbor News*, April 28, 2005
- "Architectural Firm Wins Top Honor," article on Osler Firm of the Year, other AIA Michigan Honor Award Washtenaw/Livingston County recipient firms, week of May 5-11, 2005
- "Three Area Firms Capture AIA Michigan Awards; Daverman and Mathison Honored for Achievements," *MiBiz West*, May 16, 2005
- "Detroit EDC approves east riverfront redevelopment plan," mention of AIA Detroit Urban Priorities Committee in support of East Riverfront Alliance proposal for East Riverfront buildings, *Crain's Detroit Business* (daily email newsletter), June 8, 2005
- "AIA Southwest Michigan Guide to Modern Architecture of Greater Kalamazoo," *The Kalamazoo Gazette*, week of June 13, 2005
- "AIA Southwest Michigan Guide to Modern Architecture of Greater Kalamazoo," *MiBiz West*, week of June 20, 2005
- "AIA Michigan Honor Awards," *Crain's Detroit Business*, week of July 4, 2005
- "2005 AIA Detroit Houses on the Lakes Home Tour," feature on tour, with spotlight story on one of the homes, *HOOR Detroit* magazine, August/September 2005 issue
- "AIA Detroit Shows Off Lakefront Homes," *The Detroit News* Home-style section, Sept. 17, 2005
- "Homes of Splendor Open Doors for Tour," feature on AIA Detroit House Tour, *The Oakland Press*, Sept. 23, 2005
- "AIASW Awards Honor Design Excellence Among Area Projects," *MiBiz Southwest*, Dec. 26, 2005

**Chapter Guides to Architecture Detroit** - AIA Detroit has completed their guide to architecture based on the book AIA Detroit: the American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture. The guide will be made available to the public in conjunction with the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit, and is being inserted into Super Bowl press packets. It will be placed in locations including the Motown Winter Blast, the NFL Experience, area hotels. It will also be included in a downtown Detroit building tour being conducted by Preservation Wayne. Stories on the guide

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### Public Awareness

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and on Detroit's architecture are being pitched to local and national media.

**Southwest Michigan** - AIA Southwest Michigan has completed its AIA Southwest Michigan Guide to Modern Architecture of Greater Kalamazoo, and introduced the guide during an event on June 16, 2005 featuring *Chicago Tribune* architecture critic Blair Kamin. *The Kalamazoo Gazette* and WMUK-FM covered the launch of the guide and the event.

**Grand Valley** - The Grand Valley chapter has formed a committee to develop a guide, and the chapter is in the process of pursuing potential funding for the project.

**Mid Michigan** - AIA Mid Michigan has expressed interest in developing a guide to their area's architecture.

**AIA Detroit** - Woodward Avenue Storefront Windows Project In conjunction with the upcoming Super Bowl XL being held in Detroit, AIA Detroit is engaging in an initiative called the AIA Detroit Woodward Avenue Storefront Windows Project. The project will consist of window displays in occupied and vacant buildings along Woodward Avenue. Approximately 20 architectural firms have volunteered their time and efforts for the project. Each window design will display the name of the firm and the AIA Detroit logo and use images to depict Detroit as a lively, design-forward city.

Modeled after a similar effort undertaken by AIA St. Louis in conjunction with their local house tour, the displays will be viewed by potentially thousands of metro Detroit residents and out-of-town guests as they stroll or drive the streets of metro Detroit and participate in Super Bowl-related activities. AIA Detroit has partnered with the Downtown Detroit Partnership and the Greater Detroit Chapter, Associated General Contrac-

tors of America (AGC) on this project.

National and local media coverage on the project is being pursued.

#### AIA 150

ML&CO attended the first session of AIA 150 Champions Training and is part of the AIA Michigan committee that is working to develop statewide AIAM programs and initiatives to tie in with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Institute of Architects (taking place in 2007). Programs and initia-

tives will be further developed in 2006.

#### AIA Michigan Website

ML&CO is working with the AIAMI website committee on a new design for the AIAMI website that will be visually appealing and user-friendly for both members and the general public.

- Suzan Pultoric, AIA  
Chair, Public Affairs Committee  
and Angela Jeruzal  
Marx Layne & Co.  
AIAM Public Relations Counsel

### AIA Offers Five New Contract Documents

In December 2005, AIA introduced five new Contract Documents, as well as an improved and enhanced version of AIA Contract Document software.

The new documents include one new agreement and four new scope of service documents for use with owner-architect agreements. These contract documents will be available in paper and software formats. The new documents are highlighted below:

**B203 - 2005 Standard Form of Architect's Services: Site Evaluation and Planning.** It is intended for use where the architect provides the owner with services to assist in site selection for a project.

**B209 - 2005 Standard Form of Architect's Services: Construction Contract Administration, for Use Where the Owner Has Retained Another Architect for Design Services.** B209 establishes responsibilities and duties of the contract administration architect where another architect is responsible for preparing the design and contract documents.

**B252 - 2005 Standard Form of Architect's Services: Architectural Interior Design.** B252 establishes responsibilities and duties where the architect provides both architectural interior design services and design services for Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment (FF&E).

**B253 - 2005 Standard Form of Architect's Services: Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment Design.** B253 establishes responsibilities and duties where the architect provides design services for Furniture, Furnishings and Equipment (FF&E).

**C105 - 2005 Standard Form of Agreement Between Architect and Consulting Architect.** C105 is a standard form of agreement between the architect and another architect that provides services as a consultant.





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### AIA National Report

Christine McEntee has been named the new AIA executive vice president and chief executive officer effective February 1, 2006. She is a recognized leader in association management. AIAM members will have an opportunity to meet her at Mackinac this summer.

The most recent meeting of the National AIA Board of Directors was held on December 8-9, 2005, in Washington, D.C. Following is a summary of reports and actions taken during this meeting, presided by Douglas Steidl, FAIA president.

#### Tom Mathison Completes Service on Board

The final board meeting of the year is always filled with good humor. As a departing board member, Tom Mathison sang a farewell to "One AIA." Tom's incredible service included the creation of the mentoring program, the founding of a new Community Committee and the commitment by the Institute to become more member driven and one AIA for each of us. Thanks Tom, for all of your contributions and service to AIA.

President Douglas L. Steidl summarized 2005 with his thoughts on an important year which included disaster assistance – from Tsunamis to hurricanes – national legislative advances, the growth in intern programs and new international initiatives. He will be remembered for his thoughtfulness and commitment to sustainability.

#### Community Committee

The Community Committee was established to advise the Board of Directors on a broad range of issues and initiatives bearing on the integration, facilitation and communication of the relationships of members to the Institute, to each other and to society.

#### Practice Specialty Certification Process

The Board of Directors will establish a process to enable the consideration and evaluation of the merits of proposed or existing credential programs on a case by-case basis should an AIA Knowledge Community, collateral organization, alliance partner, or similar organization seek the AIA's acceptance or endorsement of the program.

#### Awards & Recognitions

The Board selected Antoine Predock, FAIA as the **Gold Medal** recipient. Moore, Ruble Yudell Architects & Planners was named **Firm of the Year** and Theodore Landsmark was presented with the **Whitney Young Award**.

#### Financial Update

The Institute financial projections are good and the "green line is above the red line" in this \$51 million budget. The board approved next year's operating budget and also approved a \$75,000 grant to the Jason Pettigrew scholarship fund from the \$450,000 year-end surplus. This fund is available to interns as assistance for the completion of their license exam. The rest of the money will be placed into reserve. Compliance with the total net assets reserve policy will be met in 2007.

The board approved an annual contribution of one percent of total AIA revenues to the AIA Scholarship Restricted Funds and supported the AIA scholarship task force recommendations for the new scholarship policy approved in September.

The board also approved the funding of new knowledge endowment research grants to be provided every other year. The AIA will provide a \$25,000 grant to the Union of International Architects initiative to assist them with the development of continuing education programs.

#### Advocacy

The new ad campaign will include network radio, business and financial news. Look for ads in January, March, April and May. The ads will focus on contacting an architect early in the project and educating the public on the value of architects as community builders.

#### Knowledge

The 2005 Research RFP program is being utilized to collect, edit and publish papers from thought leaders on building information modeling and other elements of integrated practice. AIA members will continue to collaborate in CURT (Construction Users Round Table) and are part of planning the spring 2006 Construction Industry Congress. Look for the "Changeisnow" articles in the AIA newsletter for best practices in integrated practice.

#### Small Firm Task Group

Despite the difficulty of "defining" small firms, the Small Firm Task Group has identified several criteria common to small firms:

- The business model is highly intuitive
- The owner/principal wears many hats; and,
- The organization's hierarchy is simple.

The task group believes that small firm practitioners need business models, affordable insurance, tailored contract documents, support staff resources and other membership data. A study of firms revealed that 11 percent of our members are large firms and 89 percent are not-so-large firms; and of those, 35 percent of our members practice as sole proprietors. The committee will continue to develop recommendations for assistance to small firms.

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## AIA National Report

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### Demographic Diversity

Results of the Demographic Diversity Audit show that our 76,000 members are comprised of 12 percent women, two percent Hispanic/Latino(a), three percent Asian, and one percent Black. The report recommends that architects who want to increase the diversity in our profession should mentor young architects and expand outreach and programming for elementary school age students. If you are interested in equal opportunity in the profession, consider reviewing firm support for flexible scheduling, family leave and domestic partner benefits.

### Component Partnerships Committee

The board accepted the component partnerships committee recommendations to investigate new revenue sharing programs. Each new program considered by the Institute will be accompanied by an impact statement indicating component funding.

### Membership

Membership pilot programs will continue to be used as test initiatives for future membership policies. The California program may receive additional funding from the committee.

### AIA 150: Celebrating the Past, Designing the Future

Michigan was well represented in Virginia for the AIA 150 champions meeting. In the next year, the website will link to nationwide events. The Blueprint for America program will create a stronger issues-based relationship between AIA national and local components. The Center for American Architecture will become a place to share history, heritage, knowledge and the vision of the profession to inspire greater accomplishments in the future.

### Internship and Career Survey

The Internship and Career Survey is complete and available for review. A few excerpts: "The current survey data suggests that today's interns are actively engaged in the profession and seeking licensure. ... Most enter the architecture profession prior to completion of a professional degree and nearly 81 percent plan on following a traditional practice plan. The typical respondent is similar to the 2003 survey: median age of 31, 61 percent male, and 77 percent white. Internship and the process toward licensure require a serious time and financial commitment.... one of the greatest obstacle young professionals face as they seek licensure is not criteria that determine talent or skill but economic support." For 2006, interns will be working on an "intern bill of rights."

### Disaster Response

The AIA just released the report from the Louisiana Recovery. FEMA is still looking for volunteers to assist with planning this winter. "This extraordinary American disaster requires an extraordinary American response." AIA is in the forefront of this response.

### Inauguration of 2006 President

Kate Schwennsen, FAIA, was inaugurated as the 82<sup>nd</sup> president of the American Institute of Architects. Her 2006 agenda is outlined below.

## National Priorities and Initiatives for 2006

### Advocacy

- Government advocacy includes the development of a congressional "watch list" and a lobby list for information and advocacy.
- Congressional contacts; grassroots and grassroots member leadership network for issue advocacy support in all 50 states.

- State, local and federal advocacy tools
- Member involvement and increased PAC support
- AIA brand
- Public outreach and advertising
- According to the AIA positioning, AIA as the most recognized authority in the design and construction industry through research, speakers' bureau, and products and services marketing.
- Contract documents
- Convention
- Member communications

### AIA Community

- Mentorship
- IDP Support
- Blueprint for America
- S/Dats
- One AIA
- Inclusiveness
- Diversity

### AIA Knowledge

- E-Knowledge
- Applied research
- Continuing education
- Integrated practice

### AIA Value/Resources

- Operating plan and stabilized budget
- AIA 150
- EVP/CEO transition
- Partnerships with allied organizations
- Facilities for staff
- Internal communications
- Membership database

It's an honor and privilege to serve as AIAM's regional director. Looking ahead, it's going to be a busy and great New Year.

— Celeste Allen Novak, AIA  
AIA Michigan Regional Director



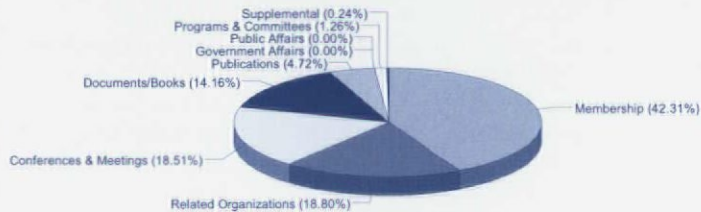


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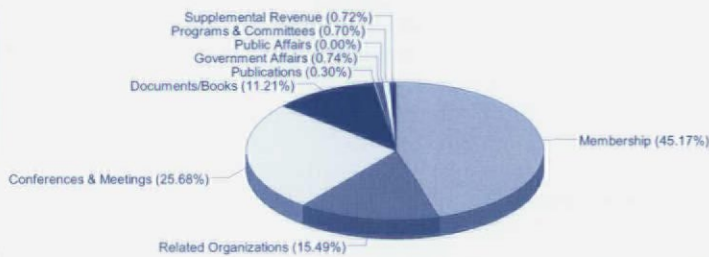
### AIA Michigan Financial Summary 2005

#### 2005 AIA Michigan Budget vs. Actual Income

##### 2005 Budget Income

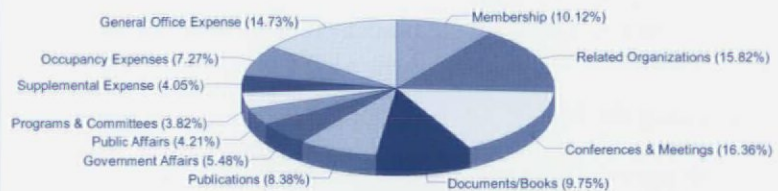


##### 2005 Projected Year End Income

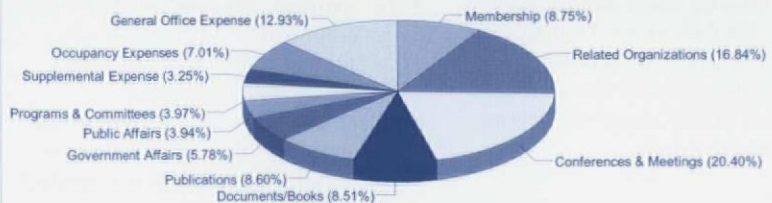


#### AIA Michigan 2005 Budget vs. Actual Expense

##### 2005 Budget Expenses



##### 2005 Projected Year End Expenses





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### Firm News

#### *New Positions...*

**Albert Kahn Associates:** Peter Lynde, PE, Rick Dye, PE, and Simon Yendle, AIA named to Strategic Board of Directors; Kimberly Whitt to director of business development... **Barton Malow Co.:** Michael Stobak, education group vp, will lead the firm's education group; Robert Stempien, AIA to director of business development for public education group; and Kevin Braye, CPA to treasurer and controller... **BEI Associates:** William Ellis, PE to director, mechanical engineering... **DeMaria Building Company:** Lori Treboldi, RA as superintendent in the commercial group... **DSA Architects:** Marie Haener-Patti, AIA as senior project architect; Andrea Everett as interior designer; and Lee Andrea as vp of K-12 education... **Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber:** Marc Hagerman and David Shull, AIA named associates... **Gensler:** Gail Bernard von Staden to senior project manager, corporate workplace projects... **Ghafari:** Lawrence Bechard to director of project management, industrial group... **Hobbs + Black Associates:** Mary Stepnick, AIA,

Tarek Hassan and Heather Smigliani as project managers; Kristen Schleick as urban planner and project architect; promoted Lori Martens to associate; and Kevin Price has joined the firm specializing in healthcare projects... **Kraemer Design Group:** Bill Zaske to project architect... **SmithGroup:** Susan Arneson as corporate marketing director... **TMP Associates:** Barbara Vukits, Bonnie Campbell, Jose Melero, Stefanie Francisco and Kristin Merrill have joined the company... **Tower Pinkster Titus, Inc.:** Arnold Mikon, FAIA as president and chief executive officer... **Yamasaki Associates:** Carol Weber, AIA, NCARB to project manager.

#### *Awards, Recognition, etc....*

**McIntosh Poris Associates** received one first place award and three citations from *Detroit Home* magazine design program for renovation of the Park Shelton Apartments and a Grosse Pointe Residence ... **Progressive AE** named one of 60 "Cool Places to Work" in Michigan by *Crain's Detroit Business* and the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.

#### *New Addresses...*

**JGA** relocated to 29110 Inkster Rd., Ste. 200, Southfield, MI 48034; ph: 248-355-0890... **Swanson Meads Architecture Inc.** relocated to 2215 Cole St., Birmingham, MI 48009; ph: 248-644-1900.

#### *Mergers, Name Changes, etc...*

**Cubellis Associates**, with an office in Detroit, merges with Chicago architecture firm Mann Gin Dubin & Frazier... **Nordstrom Samson Associates** adopts new firm name of **NSA Architects/Engineers/Planners**... Effective Jan. 1, 2006, **HarleyEllis Devereaux** has officially formed through the merger of HarleyEllis Corporation, Southfield, and Fields Devereaux Architects & Engineers, Los Angeles.

#### *Anniversaries...*

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### Upcoming Events & Activities

#### FEBRUARY

8-11 AIA Grassroots, Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC  
16 MAF Board of Directors/Nominating Committee  
22 Evans Jury, Beaubien House

#### MARCH

9 MAF ExCom  
16-17 Health Facilities MAF, Grand Traverse, Acme  
21 Legislative Day, Lansing  
Board of Directors in the morning

#### APRIL

Architects Week, date to be determined  
13 MAF Board

#### MAY

12 AIA Michigan Honor Awards, Rackam, UM, Ann Arbor  
18 AIAM Board of Directors, Saginaw Valley  
18-20 MSPE Annual Meeting

#### JUNE

8-10 AIA National Convention, Los Angeles, CA  
15 MAF ExCom

#### JULY

19-22 CACE Annual Meeting, Madison, WI

#### AUGUST

3-5 Mid Summer Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island

#### SEPTEMBER

15-17 Design Conference, Camp Hayo Went Ha, Torch Lake  
21 MAF Board of Directors  
21 LTU Alumni Event, Southfield, MI  
29-Oct 1 Sister State Conference, Springfield, Illinois

#### OCTOBER

18 or 19 AIAM Board of Directors, Grand Valley  
11-13 Educational Facilities, Grand Traverse Resort

#### NOVEMBER

3-5 ExCom Retreat  
9 MAF ExCom & Budget  
17 AIA Detroit Awards, DAC

#### DECEMBER

14 AIA Michigan Board of Directors  
Holiday Open House

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