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Greetings! Welcome to our Spring Kiosk. In a few short days, I will be traveling to the windy city of Chicago to join our fellow members at the AIA National Convention. While the trip will certainly be a fun and exciting one, there is quite a lot of work to be done as well.

Each year, AIA delegates gather at National Convention to vote in new national officers who will lead our institute in the near future. As always, we have a good group of candidates. PA's very own Bill Bates, 2011 AIA Pennsylvania president, will be running for the position of Vice President.

In addition, we will vote on new by-laws and amendments that will affect the AIA. These legislative decisions will affect our day-to-day operations and how we function as an organization in the future. You may recall that the focus of last year's Grassroots Leadership Conference and AIA Convention revolved around the AIA's efforts to reposition both the institute and the profession. This year, we will be voting to adopt several new policies that grew from that repositioning. One of the most important polices on the docket is the potential restructuring and reduction of our National Board of Directors. As I've said before, this really is an exciting time within the AIA. We've spoken of change for years, and now change is really upon us.

I urge you all to visit the AIA website, to familiarize yourself with the candidates for office, and to review the institute's by-law amendments and proposed resolutions. As president, it is my responsibility to represent our chapter at the National Convention. Please feel free to reach out to me with comments, concerns, and opinions, as I will be carrying your vote with me to Chicago.

Michael J. Metzger, AIA
2014 President

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If you are interested in getting involved with the Chapter, please contact Michael Metzger, AIA at mmetzger@spillmanfarmer.com We are currently looking for a Young Architects Forum Representative for the current year.





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| September 18 Knoll Tour | Board & Chapter Meeting East Greenville, PA |
| October 16 Design Charrette | Design Charrette Washington DC |
| November 13 Symposium on BIM | Board & Chapter Meeting AIA Office, Harrisburg, PA |
| November 6-7 AIA Pennsylvania Leadership Conference | PA Leadership Conference Pittsburgh, PA |
| November 12 AIA Pennsylvania Design Awards | PA Design Awards Philadelphia, PA |
| December 4 President's Night & Design Awards | President's Night & Design Awards Location TBD |

A Note of Thanks to Our Allied Members

The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania chapter would like to extend its appreciation to our Allied Members, whose continued support has been invaluable over the years:

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ARE Study Guide Library

The chapter has purchased Study Guides, Question & Answer Booklets, and Practice Graphic Vignette Problems for each of the seven divisions of the ARE 4.0. These will be available for any AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Associate Member who is preparing for the Architectural Registration Exams.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.





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AIA Scholarship

Attention all summer interns who are currently attending an accredited architecture school *and* reside in one of the six counties that make up the territory of the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter (Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill). The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter has a scholarship fund that could help you with tuition!

The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter Scholarship Fund has been founded to provide scholarship assistance to qualified applicants who are currently enrolled in an accredited architecture program and who are serious about their long-term pursuit of licensure as a professional architect. The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, with the continued support of the American Institute of Architects and AIA Pennsylvania, remains committed to cultivating future design professionals who embrace the AIA's ongoing mission and objectives, including the pursuit of design solutions that enhance aesthetic beauty, public health, safety and welfare, and long-term sustainability. Further, the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter encourages students to live and practice their profession within the chapter boundaries upon their graduation.

Visit our [website](#) for more information.

Government Affairs

Architects' Day 2014

By: Eugene Berg, Jr, AIA, Chapter State Director

On April 8, 2014, AIA architects and leadership from throughout the state converged upon Harrisburg to lobby their senators, representatives, administrative, and cabinet leaders during Architects Day 2014. This year, the AIA Pennsylvania supported three pieces of legislation.

At the government affairs briefing breakfast, in the morning hours before Lobbying Day, AIA Pennsylvania was honored to host our special guest, Senator John C. Rafferty (R-Berks, Chester and Montgomery Counties), who engaged in a town-hall style dialogue with the AIA Architects who were lobbying that day. Topics of conversation with Senator Rafferty included many of AIA Pennsylvania's legislative concerns, including Mandatory Continuing Education (MCE), the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and the UCC Review and Advisory Council, as well as the other pieces of legislation which AIA architects would lobby to support later that day. At the breakfast, AIA Pennsylvania honored Senator Rafferty for sponsoring the MCE bill, Senate Bill 804.

At the capitol building, the first piece of legislation which AIA Pennsylvania endorsed is Senator Rafferty's Senate version of the MCE bill for architects. Due to our lobbying efforts at last year's Architects Day, House Bill 1096 for MCE, sponsored by Representative Curt Sonney (R-Erie), passed the House in June 2013. Pennsylvania is one of only five states which has not yet enacted MCE for architects. AIA endorses MCE because it further promotes public health, safety, and welfare. AIA believes that all architects should maintain a professional standard of competence. It supports lifelong learning to remain current with continuously changing building technologies, project delivery methods, and a continuously evolving profession. Since 1994, AIA has offered a





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continuing education system for members to track these professional development programs.

The second piece of legislation which AIA Pennsylvania advocated is the ArcCon legislation, House Bill 2124, sponsored by Representative Seth Grove (R-York). The ArcCon bill amends the Public School Code for changes and updates to the current PlanCon system (Planning and Construction Workbook). This legislation compresses the current PlanCon system into fewer steps, reducing time and expenses to school districts seeking upgrades to their facilities. It eliminates the archaic use of microfilm and allows for streamlining of bid documents via electronic means. It allows for more transparency and better planning through the creation of a public database of information about school construction and reconstruction projects. Finally, we stressed that additional funding through ArcCon creates more projects which means more jobs for architects, contractors, and Pennsylvania's citizens. We just received the great news that in early June 2014, the ArcCon Legislation HB2124 has passed the House of Representatives.

AIA Pennsylvania supported a third piece of legislation with changes: Public Private Partnerships (P3), House Bill 1838, sponsored by Representative Eli Evankovich (R-Westmoreland). This bill amends Title 62 (Procurement) by adding a chapter providing for P3. The stated intent of the bill is to create definitive guidelines for the use of P3 agreements by municipalities and school districts to build and/or operate various public facilities. AIA Pennsylvania supported the bill with changes to include a professional oversight board including architects, persons experienced in public project development and delivery methods, regional and/or municipal planning, among other related professions.

We stressed that a "value for money analysis" should be performed, to compare the total projected costs of the project as delivered through a traditional delivery method versus a public private partnership, to determine which method provides the best value to the public, and therefore may be used. We also strongly promoted a two-step procurement process that uses a request for qualifications (RFQ) followed by a request for proposal (RFP) system.

In summary, AIA Pennsylvania strengthened alliances and forged new liaisons with legislators, and Architects Day 2014 was a very successful event.

Grassroots 2014

By: Gary Lader, AIA, Secretary

We've heard before that there is power in numbers. Imagine what happens when a thousand architects descend on Washington, D.C.!

I began my term as secretary for our chapter in January. I've always enjoyed AIA meetings and speaking with other architects in our chapter. That's one reason I decided to take the plunge and get more involved by accepting a board position. Of course, when our chapter president, Michael Metzger told me in the fall that he could really use some help, that became another good reason to get involved!

It was attending Grassroots this past March that helped me better understand why the AIA is so important for us as architects.





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"Gary, we can send three delegates from our chapter," I remember Michael saying. "Do you want to go?" "Hmm, sure," I said with great trepidation. As we read up on this annual event, my wife said, "Gary, it looks like you're going to be a lobbyist." "A what?!" Well, I never saw myself as a lobbyist, but on Wednesday evening, March 19 I arrived in Washington. After some preliminary meetings and debriefings, we were assigned to meet with our local representatives and congressional leaders to present three agenda items, quoted below from the issue briefs:

- 1) *H.R. 4205, the National Design Services Act, which provides student debt relief to graduating architecture students who agree to work in distressed communities.*
- 2) *The extension of the 179D Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction, which expired at the end of 2013.*
- 3) *An update to federal design build laws to improve competition and ensure more businesses can participate and save taxpayers money.*

The first office we went to visit was the office of Bob Casey. I went with a small group that included AIA Pennsylvania's Board President Howard Quaintance, AIA Pennsylvania Executive Director Steve Swarney, and others. It was inspiring for me to watch and listen to Steve who spoke very well. Making the visit comfortable even for a first-timer was the fact we visited these offices in small groups with fellow



AIA members from the same congressional district.

In addition to our lobbying efforts, Grassroots was also a great opportunity to meet other AIA members from across our state and across the country. I enjoyed learning about the work our colleagues are doing and what the business climate is like in different parts of the country.

All in all, Grassroots turned out to be very energizing and motivating. There were many inspiring speakers, seminars, and an opportunity to see our national headquarters. The power of the event hit me when I stopped to consider that there is one day out of the year when our colleagues from around the country are all visiting our congressional leaders at the same time to promote bills that benefit our profession as a whole. The value of the letters "AIA" behind my name now mean much more: "AIA" signifies that I strengthen the architectural profession as a whole by giving architects a voice in the legislature and government.

Photo: AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Secretary Gary Lader, AIA and Treasurer Katie O'Regan, Assoc. AIA after a successful visit to the office of Charlie Dent





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2014 Playhouse Competition

By: Michael Metzger, Chapter President



2013 Playhouse by Ryan G. Welty, AIA

We are once again working to pull together the annual Playhouse Showcase in partnership with ArtsQuest and Christkindlmarkt. I hope you were all able to see the fantastic houses that were built and displayed last year. There was fantastic media coverage for the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania, as well as for the architects who participated.

This year, we are really hoping to improve participation, but we need your help! We need your participation, we need your great ideas, and most of all we need your playhouses!

We will also be continuing our partnership with the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley, meaning all your hard work will benefit an amazing cause.

Please consider joining in on the fun. If you're not up for building a house yourself, call your favorite contractor to help.

In need of free building materials? Call your local suppliers. If you don't think you can join at all, help out by spreading the word! The more houses we build, the greater the impact we as an organization can make in our community. Detailed information on the Playhouse Showcase will be forthcoming.



Left: 2013 Playhouse by Spillman Farmer Architects

Above: 2013 Playhouse by Lehigh University Department of Art, Architecture & Design Students

