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Greetings, AIA Eastern Pennsylvania members! Hopefully this Winter Kiosk finds you all well. With the winter we've been having we felt we could delay the release of this kiosk until everyone was shoveled out! Hopefully spring will be right around the corner.

Some of you may be wondering why I am writing this message, asking yourself, "wait, wasn't that guy president last year? Please tell me we didn't make the same mistake twice!!" Well, I hate to break it to you... I'm back for round two! I guess this is an opportunity for me to correct some of my mistakes last year. In all honesty, I am honored and excited to help the chapter through the 2014 year in any way I can.

We have a great year ahead of us! We will once again be holding the very successful Playhouse Design and Showcase. Last year's event helped to raise the awareness of architecture in the community, and helped to raise money for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation. This year, our goal is get the information and parameters out to everyone as soon as possible, hopefully giving you an opportunity to join in the fun!!!

Our monthly meetings are shaping up for the year, please keep your eye out and try to join us as often as possible. We are always striving to keep the meetings informative and enjoyable. If there are any items you would like us to explore, please feel free to [contact me](#).

Just a reminder that we do have a LinkedIn group, [AIA Eastern PA](#), please be sure to join, post, and comment. Consider the LinkedIn group your forum to discuss any art or architectural topics. This can be a great way to exchange ideas quickly.

Thank you for allowing me to help the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter in 2014, I will do my best. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, suggestions, or criticisms.

Michael J. Metzger, AIA  
2014 President

## 2014 Board of Directors

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





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<b>March 26</b> <u>Lecture &amp; Book Signing w/ Charlie Dagit, FAIA</u>	<b>Chapter Meeting</b> 6:00 pm at Lehigh University
<b>March 19-22</b> National Grassroots leadership conference	<b>AIA Grassroots Conference</b> Washington DC
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup></b> Pennsylvania Architects Day	<b>Pennsylvania Architects Day</b> AIA Office, Harrisburg, PA
<b>April 24</b> Victaulic Tour	<b>Board &amp; Chapter Meetings</b> Easton, PA
<b>May 22</b> Knoll Tour	<b>Board &amp; Chapter Meetings</b> East Greenville, PA

## 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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### AIA Scholarship

**Attention all summer interns** who are currently attending an accredited Architecture school *and* reside in one of the six counties that comprise 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, 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 the 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](http://www.aiaeasternpa.org) for more information.





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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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### Howard Quaintance Elected as AIA Pennsylvania President

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



AIA Eastern Pennsylvania is proud to announce that our chapter's Howard Quaintance, AIA, LEED AP, a Principal in the firm of Muhlenberg Greene Architects, Ltd., has been elected as the 2014 President of the Board of Directors of AIA Pennsylvania.

Mr. Quaintance's flagship goals as AIA Pennsylvania president include improving communications from AIA Pennsylvania to members of the eight local component chapters. Communication will focus on AIA Pennsylvania's programs, legislative initiatives, and the enhanced value which AIA Pennsylvania provides. Mr. Quaintance intends to improve communications through professionally written articles and press releases, an improved website and social media presence, and by reaching out to the general public to educate them about the value of AIA architects through a variety of media outlets.

Founded in 1909, AIA Pennsylvania is the statewide component of the American Institute of Architects and represents the eight local component chapters in Pennsylvania. In representing, serving and communicating the interests of local chapters and individual members, AIA Pennsylvania promotes the profession of architecture throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania while striving for the highest quality in the built environment.

AIA Pennsylvania, serving over 2,700 members statewide, regards the architect's role as essential and represents the interests of architects in state government affairs, advocating for enlightened legislation and public policies that emphasize good community design and responsible stewardship of the built and natural environments.

We at the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania strongly encourage and support Howard Quaintance in his 2014 AIA Pennsylvania Presidency.





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### I AM AIA: The Value of AIA Membership

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

The American Institute of Architects is the voice of the architectural profession and a resource for its members in service to society. Through state and local components, AIA members can take advantage of a rich network of relationships and resources that make a significant difference in their practice and for the profession.

Local components create opportunities for members to connect with each other, share experiences, and celebrate the great work happening in the community. The AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter sponsors a wide range of activities, including educational programs at chapter meetings, awards programs, building tours, such as the upcoming Phantoms Arena Hard Hat Tour, and public relations events which raise community awareness, such as the Playhouse Competition.

AIA Pennsylvania, the state component, advocates for the profession before our state legislature and regulatory agencies. Pennsylvania AIA Architects are invited to join us for Architects' Day lobbying on April 7th & 8th, 2014. AIA Pennsylvania's efforts ensure that architects' interests are represented and heard on important issues affecting the profession and the built environment, including opposing licensure of Interior Designers, supporting Mandatory Continuing Education for architects, and lobbying to eliminate the moratorium on Pennsylvania PLANCON reimbursement. State conferences and meetings provide opportunities that assist AIA members to expand relationships with others throughout the profession.

The National AIA component provides tools and resources to help members build careers or practice while also uniting local and state members in the common causes of advocacy, community, and knowledge. National Member Groups such as AIA Knowledge Communities, the College of Fellows, the Young Architects Forum, and the National Associates Committee provide additional networking, education, and service opportunities. National programs include:

- Continuing Education System to track CEU's [www.aia.org/education](http://www.aia.org/education)
- AIA Virtual Convention, to attend National Convention seminars via webinars to satisfy licensure continuing education requirements [www.aia.org/virtualconvention](http://www.aia.org/virtualconvention)
- AIA Knowledge Communities enable AIA members to share common challenges, opportunities, and passion for given topics or building types through ongoing learning and knowledge sharing. There are over 20 Knowledge Communities covering a range of topics from the Committee on Design, Committee on the Environment, Historic Resources Committee, Project Delivery, Construction Contract Administration, Design for Aging, Small Firm Roundtable, etc. [www.aia.org/knowledge](http://www.aia.org/knowledge)
- The Young Architects' Forum (YAF), an AIA member community, fosters professional and leadership development and addresses issues of particular importance to architects who have been licensed for less than 10 years. [www.aia.org/yaf](http://www.aia.org/yaf)

The programs and benefits of AIA membership are far too numerous to give any justice within this article. Attend your local chapter meetings, visit [aia.org](http://aia.org), become active in your chapter's leadership, and reap the benefits of your AIA membership today!





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### 2013 Playhouse Competition



This year, AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter initiated the First Annual Playhouse Competition & Design Showcase. Partnering with ArtsQuest and Christkindlmarkt, the Chapter organized the competition to highlight local architects and students and raise funds for the Pediatric Cancer Foundation of the Lehigh Valley through the auctioning of the final constructed playhouses. Playhouses were designed and built by Spillman Farmer Architects (Bethlehem, PA firm), Ryan G. Welty, AIA (Whitehall, PA), and Lehigh University architecture students.



*Above: Playhouse by Spillman Farmer Architects*



*Above: Playhouse by Ryan G. Welty, AIA*



*Right: Playhouse by Lehigh University architecture students*





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### 2013 Design Awards

This year, we received 16 submissions from 11 local firms. These submissions included designs for residential, educational, institutional/commercial, special initiative, and eclectic projects. We were able to collaborate with the AIA Central Pennsylvania Chapter Board who gladly donated their time to jury the awards. Lead juror Chris Dawson, AIA is the principal of Harrisburg firm Chris Dawson Architect. Chris is a graduate of Syracuse University and has attended multiple leadership seminars at Harvard. Chris has served AIA Central as Lecture Series Chair since 2006 and serves as president in 2010 and 2011.

Our second juror, Wendy Tippetts, AIA, is a graduate of the University of Oregon. She has been a part-owner/partner at TIPPETTS/WEAVER architects, inc. in Lancaster since 1987. Wendy has served AIA Central as an officer for four years; she was president in 2013.

Seth Wentz, AIA, project architect at CORE design group in York, completed the team. A graduate of Philadelphia University who also studied at the American University in Rome, Seth has served all levels of the AIA. He was AIA Pennsylvania's Associate Director in 2007-2008 and from 2008-2010 he served as AIA National's PA Regional Associate Director. After getting his license in 2011, Seth became AIA National's PA Young Architects Regional Director; he currently holds this position in addition to serving as Vice President of AIA Central Pennsylvania Chapter.

We are grateful to our jury for their time and efforts in reviewing our submissions.

#### 2013 Design Award Winners:



#### Special Citation

Project: Amanda E. Stout Elementary School & Benner's Court

Architect Firm: Kautter & Kelley Architects

Project Architect: Aaron D. Booth, AIA

#### Juror Comments:

*The jury commends the architect on the successful integration of a complex program that solved a number of logistical problems, incorporating parking, vehicular circulation, service spaces and an outdoor play space surrounded by the new construction; all of this was done within a city block while respecting the urban fabric.*



*The jury appreciates the design of the interior courtyard addition featuring glass and metal pieces that set in contrast to the surrounding solid masonry buildings.*





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### Award of Merit

Project: The Gambet Center at DeSales University  
Architect Firm: Breslin Ridyard Fadero Architects  
Project Architect: Michael K. Ackerman, AIA & Michael R. Bell, AIA

#### Juror Comments:

*The architect needs to be commended for successfully integrating daylight into the design of the building using a number of techniques.*

*It is clear that the architect produces a studied, well resolved project.*



### Award of Merit

Project: Lot 6 Residence  
Architect Firm: Ryan Welty with a423 architecture & design  
Project Architect: Ryan G. Welty, AIA & Maria Diaz-Joves

#### Juror Comments:

*The main entrance to the home is both intriguing and elegant; the jury felt that this was strong compositionally*

*and was one of the most successful of the design elements.*

*The jury also appreciated the contrast of forms and the architect's willingness to experiment with a variety of building materials in inventive ways.*



### Award of Excellence

Project: King's College Scandlon Health & Wellness Center  
Architect Firm: Spillman Farmer Architects  
Project Architect: Michael J. Metzger, AIA

#### Juror Comments:

*This building fits well into its context; the jury felt that the entry court was thoughtful and seductive.*

*The exterior elevations, in particular, are elegant and restrained compositionally; the proportion of the different pieces are well considered, the pallet of colors and materials were noticed.*





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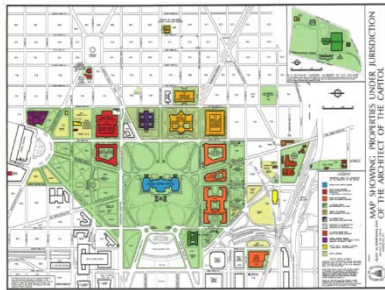
Thanks to all additional submissions:



Project: Private Residence  
Architect Firm: Artefact, Inc.  
Project Architect: Christine Ussler, AIA



Project: VideoRay  
Architect Firm: Artefact, Inc.  
Project Architect: Lucienne Di Biase Dooley



Project: Architect of the Capitol  
Accessibility Pathways Plan  
Architect Firm: Entech Engineering, Inc.  
Project Architect: Scott J. Compton, AIA  
& Katie O'Regan, Assoc



Project: Hauptert Union Building Renovations at  
Moravian College  
Architect Firm: Breslin Ridyard Fadero  
Architects  
Project Architect: Gwen H. Breslin, AIA



Project: Hotel Warner  
Architect Firm: Bonsall Shafferman  
Architects  
Project Architect: Chris Neal



Project: Chester County Technical College  
High School  
Architect Firm: Breslin Ridyard Fadero  
Architects  
Project Architect: Gwen H. Breslin, AIA







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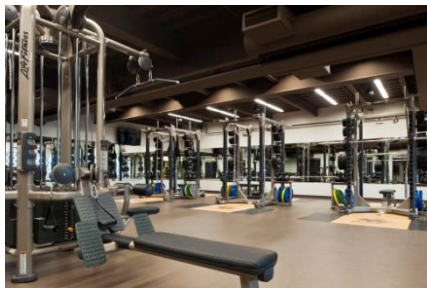
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Project: Dunkelberger's Sports Outfitter West End  
Architect Firm: Hillcrest Architecture  
Project Architect: James Spinola, AIA



Project: St. Luke's West End Medical Center  
Architect Firm: MKSD architects  
Project Architect: Gabrielle V. Rizzi, AIA



Project: Lehigh University Caruso Wrestling Facility  
Architect Firm: MKSD architects  
Project Architect: Todd O. Chambers, AIA



Project: Conrad Weiser West Elementary School Additions and Renovations  
Architect Firm: Muhlenberg Greene Architects, Ltd  
Project Architect: Robert B. Conklin, AIA



Project: Weihnacht Craft Huts  
Architect Firm: Nik Nikolov Architecture  
Project Architect: Nik Nikolov



Project: Elon University Numen Lumen Multifaith Center  
Architect Firm: Spillman Farmer Architects  
Project Architect: Thomas K. Woods, RA

