In March, 2009 the governing board of the International Code Council (ICC) voted to develop a new International Green Construction Code, which as its name implies, would provide model construction standards (for adoption by local municipalities) for sustainable design in new and existing commercial projects.

Since that time a 29-member Sustainable Building Technology Committee (SBTC) has authored three drafts of the proposed model and recently rolled out the final draft for public review and commentary. The committee is assisted by the collaborative efforts of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the International Code Council (ICC) and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM). The public will have at least two opportunities to review and comment on the final draft proposal prior to its anticipated adoption in 2011.

While primarily designed for commercial and high performance buildings, the new green standards will also affect the residential building industry. No doubt the code will have its share of supporters and opposition. Therefore it is imperative that we familiarize ourselves with the new green initiatives that lie on the horizon.

We are privileged to welcome Maureen Gutman, AIA, Executive Director, Governor’s Green Government Council and the current president of AIA Pennsylvania, A. Stevens Krug, AIA, PE, LEED AP, for a special presentation on this new construction code next Thursday, April 22nd at the Holiday Inn, Rte. 100, Fogelsville. We hope you’ll join us for this very informative event. Program details and the direct registration links are noted on the left.

Hope to see you there!

Sean P. O’Brien, AIA, LEED AP
2010 Chapter President
Allied Members – Have a special announcement? Send us your news to be posted here!

Future CSI Allentown Events

Wednesday April 21, 2010

2010 CSI Expo

“Building A Sustainable Recovery”

Website:  
http://www.thecsiexpo.com/home.html

Location:  
Rodeway Inn & Conference Center  
1151 Bulldog Drive  
Allentown, PA 18104  
(610) 395-3731

Admission: FREE

Continuing Education Opportunities

SEMINAR #1:  
9:30 am to 10:30 am  
New Key Drivers for Green Construction by Scott Kriner

SEMINAR #2:  
Noon to 1:00 pm  
The New LEED V3 Requirements by Kristie Kozenewski, LEED AP

SEMINAR #3:  
3:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
So you've Decided to go to BIM ... Now What?  
Panel Discussion  
Moderator - David Stutzman, AIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP, LEED AP

PROJECT SHOWCASE

All professionals including: Architects, Interior Designers, Engineers, and Contractors are invited to display a project board at the CSI Expo for FREE!

Click HERE for more info.

Join Us at the CSI Expo - Booth #80

Our chapter is proud to support our partners at CSI, Allentown by participating in this year's CSI Expo, next Wednesday, April 21, 2010. The event will be held at the Rodeway Inn and Conference Center (formerly Days Inn), 1151 Bulldog Drive, Allentown, PA, 18104. Admission is FREE and the event offers a wealth of information, informative dialogue and continuing education opportunities. Please make an effort to attend and be sure to stop by the AIA Eastern PA booth (#80) while there. In addition to catching up with fellow colleagues, attendees will have the opportunity to lend their support to the joint AIA EPC / CSI Allentown Haiti Relief Fund (see more details below).

Be sure to check out the 2010 Expo Website for event details, a downloadable admission ticket and more information about the three informative seminars available that day.

AIA PA and CSI Allentown  
Supporting Year Long Haiti Relief Campaign!

If you attended our joint chapter meeting with CSI, Allentown back in January, you heard us tell you that in the weeks that follow major disasters such as the earthquakes that recently devastated the nation of Haiti, the need for continued support far outlasts the immediacy of the initial world response. For this reason our two chapters have committed to support the ongoing Haiti Relief efforts through year-long fundraising effort that will continue until December 1, 2010.

A special website has been established to afford our chapter members the opportunity to support this worthy cause with direct and tax deductible donations to our joint partner, the Fuller Center for Housing, which has already commenced the rebuilding efforts throughout Haiti.

Please consider donating today and help our two chapters reach their initial goal of $4000 raised - enough to support the construction of at least one new home in Haiti. Stop by our two booths at next week's CSI Expo to learn more about the program and the ways in which you can render your own support!
Your (Future) Voice of the AIA

During the upcoming AIA Convention in Miami, (May 10-12, 2010) candidates will have the opportunity to vote for the (future) voice of the AIA – your current candidates for the positions of Secretary, Vice President and First Vice President / President Elect.

Chapter president, Sean O’Brien, AIA, LEED AP will represent our component in voting on key issues as well as this year’s slate of AIA candidates.

Click here to hear the candidates’ speeches (recently presented at the Grassroots Convention in Washington, DC) and email Sean O’Brien at sobrien@hkulparchitects.com to let him know who you’d like to represent your future voice in the AIA.

Unable to attend Convention this year?

Experience it virtually and earn valuable LUs toward your annual continuing education requirements.

Click Here to link to the virtual seminars and keynote addresses that will be presented throughout this year’s convention.

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“AIA Eastern PA Partners with AIA Northeast To Sponsor Upcoming Presentation

You are cordially invited to attend the upcoming presentation of “Visual Acoustics - The Modernism of Julius Shulman” on April 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM at Marywood University, Comerford Theater, Center for Natural and Heath Sciences. The presentation is being sponsored by AIA Northeastern PA with additional assistance rendered from our own chapter. Following the film, there will be a question and answer session with the film’s director, Eric Brickner.

Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, VISUAL ACOUSTICS celebrates the life and career of Julius Shulman, the world’s greatest architectural photographer, whose images brought modern architecture to the American mainstream. Shulman, who passed away this year, captured the work of nearly every modern and progressive architect since the 1930s including Frank Lloyd Wright, Richard Neutra, John Lautner and Frank Gehry. His images epitomized the singular beauty of Southern California’s modernist movement and brought its iconic structures to the attention of the general public. This unique film is both a testament to the evolution of modern architecture and a joyful portrait of the magnetic, whip-smart gentleman who chronicled it with his unforgettable images.

Please RSVP to Brian D. Doran, AIA (H+C Architects) bdoran@hc-architects.com or 570-961-1302.

Directions:
U.S. Interstate 81, Exit 188 (old exit 55): follow directional signs at the end of the exit ramp toward Dunmore (If you are traveling north on 81, make a left at the light at the O’Neill Highway, which becomes Blakely Street.) Follow Blakely Street to traffic light at Drinker Street. Turn right onto Drinker Street which merges with Electric Street. Proceed to second traffic light. At this intersection, turn right onto North Washington Avenue, and proceed four blocks. At third stop sign on North Washington, turn right onto Seminary Street. Proceed up the hill to the Memorial Arch. Parking areas are located near the Memorial Arch and on other designated sections of campus.

The presentation will be held at the Comerford Theater, Center for Natural and Heath Sciences. A printable campus map is located here: See marker (11).

http://www.marywood.edu/global/docs/MarywoodMap.pdf
Green Building in the Lehigh Valley Conference & Trade Show

Thursday, June 10, 2010
11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Holiday Inn Allentown Center City

- Practical & cost-effective solutions for greening Lehigh Valley facilities
- Over 300 expected attendees: office, industrial, health care & higher education facility owners as well as the region's premier architects, engineers and contractor and suppliers
- Network with local businesses
- Leading green builders & planners will discuss the process, technology and financial impacts of utilizing green building practices
- Meet the suppliers of the most innovative green products and practices on the expo floor

Scot Horst, Senior Vice President for LEED at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is widely recognized as one of the key leaders of the sustainable design movement. Scot was previously president of 7group, a leading green building consultancy, and president of Athena Institute, a non-profit committed to the evaluation of environmental impacts of buildings through lifecycle assessment.

Since 2005, Scot has served as chair of USGBC’s LEED Steering Committee, the body that has principle responsibility for developing and implementing the LEED rating system. For this work, he is the 2008 recipient of USGBC's Leadership Award in the LEED category. He has recently co-authored “An Integrative Design Manual: Redefining the Practice of Sustainability.”

Scot is a LEED AP and LEED faculty member and has been a contributing author to the LEED reference guides. He is a sought-after speaker and a frequently interviewed expert on all aspects of green building and its intersection with humanity.