As 2012 begins, I am privileged to step into the presidency of the AIA Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Having worked my way to this position for the past few years, I now appreciate all the hard work and dedication of my predecessors. The chapter's past presidents and board members have laid a foundation for success. To all of them, thank you.

The upcoming year promises to be filled with uncertainty, similar to years past; however, this year's scheduled events will be educational, inspirational, and will allow you to connect with aspiring professionals and fellow colleagues. This year, AIA Eastern Pennsylvania will continue to reach out to other organizations to provide our members the ability to connect with professionals from other disciplines. We will have joint events with CSI Allentown, the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, the Berks Lancaster Green Building Council, and the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers. I encourage you all to join us for a wonderful schedule of events.

Since the 2012 National Convention will be in Washington, D.C., I hope you will be able to attend this momentous event. This year's theme is Design Connects, which "celebrates the uniqueness of design as the synthesis of theory and practice, the relationship of the built and natural environments, and the aspiration of architecture to serve the broader goals of humanity." For those who have traveled to D.C. before, the convention promises to provide many educational exclusive tours, many which are not offered to the public.

Lastly, I encourage all of you to become involved with your Chapter. We cannot succeed without your input and participation.

To those of you I have met, I look forward to seeing you this year. To those I have yet to meet, I look forward to meeting, and learning from you. I look forward to working with all of you to serve our members, our profession, and the greater community.

Ryan P. Kennedy, AIA
2012 AIA Eastern Pennsylvania President
Upcoming Events

February 16th
Paul Warchol, Architectural Photographer
@ the Allentown Brew Works
Register online at http://www.aiaeasternpa.org

March 6-10th
Grassroots Leadership Conference
Washington, D.C.

March 16th
Social Media & Advertising
@ the Kutztown Tavern

April 3-4th
Architects Day & Leadership Conference
Harrisburg, PA

April 11th
GPIC Presentation, Joint event with DVGBC
@ the STEPS Building, Lehigh University

April 15th
34th Annual Product Expo
@ the Holiday Inn, Lehigh Valley, Breinigsville
9:00am – 5:00pm
http://www.theCSlexpo.com

May 16th
Building Tour & Mitsubishi Presentation, Joint event with CSI

May 17-19th
AIA National Convention
Washington, D.C.

June 10th
See page 5 for more information.
The AIA Eastern PA Chapter board of directors kicked off the New Year with its annual winter retreat to discuss goals, events and changes for the chapter in 2012. Present at the retreat were Katie, Michael, Henry, Scott (President 2011), Lenette, Ryan, Jo, & Gene.

A Note of Thanks to Our 2011 Allied Members

The AIA Eastern PA chapter would like to extend its appreciation to its Allied Members, whose continued support has been invaluable over the years. 2012 Allied Member applications are available on the chapter’s website.

Beth-Hanover Supply
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James Reinold
http://www.mapsinc.net/

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Steve Hanus
http://www.printostat.com

Reynolds Business Systems, Inc.
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http://www.reynoldsbusiness.com/

Runtal North America
Martin P. Bolger
http://www.runtalnorthamerica.com/

SR Products
Brendan Wall
http://www.simonroofingproducts.com/

Trexler-Haines, Inc.
David A. Young
http://www.trexlerhaines.com/

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
Jack DaSilva
http://www.whiting-turner.com/
Patrick B. Ytsma, AIA, 53, died December 8th, 2011. He was a husband and father of two children. Pat worked at Spillman Farmer Architects and was an active member in and former president of the AIA Eastern PA chapter.

Pat was one of the most talented people that you could’ve ever known. He was also a wonderful father, husband, son, brother and friend. Pat loved his family, bicycling, movies, music and architecture - probably in that order. His bicycling activities have been widely published recently, but many in the Lehigh Valley also knew Pat as an architect. His artistic ability was outstanding, especially his portrait painting and freehand sketches - many people were envious of his ability. He was also very technical; he knew how to put a building together, detail anything and communicate it via drawings. He was a man of integrity and honor - always taking the high ground instead of the short-cut.

Pat worked for several firms in the Lehigh Valley including Wallace & Watson, Form Space Design, Dresden Architects, USA Architects and Spillman Farmer Architects. He was a former editor of the EPCAIA Kiosk in the late 80's. He moved up the ranks of the EPCAIA to becoming President in the early 90's.

During his career, Pat won two EPCAIA Design Awards: one for the Low/Moderate Housing Design Competition (corner of Hayes & 4th Streets, Bethlehem, 1987) and a Merit Honor Award for the design and construction of the Mayfair Gateway in 1993.

Many EPCAIA members will never forget the meeting in 1996 when Dresden Architects were asked to present their work along with two or three other firms. Pat had the crazy idea to produce and present a movie of Dresden's work, instead of a typical slideshow. Though this was long before Power Point, the movie was complete with a soundtrack and client interviews. For those that were there it was a night to remember. Dresden was the last presenter, and after sitting through almost two hours of building slides and typical narrative, the audience was getting a little restless. The movie came on with opening credits and the RKO radio tower beeping from "The Fountainhead" film!!! From then on the audience was transfixed. Pat took 8mm movies of Dresden's architecture, drawings and clients and tied it into several scenes from The Fountainhead. He added in a little music from Dave Brubeck's "Take Five" and the movie unfolded to tell a story of a young architectural firm, friendship, hard work, triumph and rejection. It is a must see! Everyone cried (not really), everyone laughed (a lot), but best of all, Pat told the story with the creativity, artistry, and humor he always brought to his work and his life.

Pat, you will be missed!
June 10th

Please join us in commemorating and celebrating the life of friend and past AIA Eastern PA chapter president, Pat Ytsma. Proceeds benefit the Ytsma children's college fund. Remember, ride safe!

20 and 40 mile rides begin from Earl Adams Memorial Park in Breinigsville, PA on June 10th. The 20 mile ride starts at 7:30AM, and the 40 mile ride starts at 8:00AM. The course will be patrolled for safety and swept at 2:00. Rest stops will be available. Registration is $30 and can be sent by mail to:

Pat Ytsma Ride Safe Bike Tour
c/o Kirk Koehler
1720 Spillman Dr. Suite 200
Bethlehem, PA 18015-2169

Registration is also available online at http://www.patytsmabiketour.com
(please note that a service charge will be applied to online registrations)

The rider who raises the most money in pledges will receive a brand new Trek bicycle! Other prizes to be announced.

Raffle tickets will also be available at the ride for prizes donated by various bike shops around the valley. Thank you to our generous sponsors.

patytsmabiketour@gmail.com
AIA Pennsylvania adopted its 2012 Legislative Agenda at the January meeting of the board of directors. As the year progresses, the agenda will be revised as new legislation is introduced and as we achieve our goals. The Pennsylvania General Assembly is in the second year of a 2-year legislative session, which ends at the end of 2012, although with the upcoming elections, the session effectively ends prior to the election. It is unlikely that the legislature will return after the election. Bills that are not signed into law by the end of the session, must be reintroduced in the next session.

**High Priority**

- Support revisions to the Pennsylvania Architect’s Licensing Act that include Mandatory Continuing Education.

There is no bill at the present time. AIA Pennsylvania is working with the Department of State and the Architects Licensure Board on this legislative initiative. As soon as there is a bill, AIA Pennsylvania members will be informed.

- Oppose Interior Design Practice Act and Title Registration

There is no legislation at the present time, but AIA PA is remaining focused on the issue, as legislation has been introduced in prior legislative sessions. An article on why AIA opposes interior design title and practice act legislation will appear in the February issue of Pennsylvania Architect Magazine. The AIA National policy states:

“In the public interest, the AIA holds that only architects and engineers licensed through examination possess the necessary education, training and experience to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in the built environment. Other individuals may possess useful skills in designing within the built environment, but fragmentation of responsibility for the building design process endangers and misleads the public as to the respective areas of competence and expertise. The AIA opposes practice or title regulation of individuals or groups other than architects and engineers.”

**Medium Priority**

**Sustainable Communities**

- Advocate for Historic Preservation legislation that would provide incentives for residential and commercial historic rehabilitation: AIA Pennsylvania supports SB1150 (Smucker)

- Support high performance building standards for state-funded buildings: AIA Pennsylvania supports HB193 (Harper)

**Public Contracts**

- Uniform Construction Code (UCC) - monitor and respond to proposed amendments/changes: There is no active legislation at the present time.

- Advocate against the use of cooperative roofing purchasing agreements that diminish the architect’s role and competitive bidding: AIA supports SB1192 (Vance)

**Professional Practice**

- Monitor and advocate expungement legislation, which would allow the State Architects Licensure board to expunge an architect's record based upon certain enumerated conditions: AIA Pennsylvania supports HB646 (Harper)
Low Priority

Professional Practice
- Monitor A/E Board Joint Committee activities

Public Contracts
- Support renewal of the School Mandate Waiver Program
- Oppose new referenda for school construction
- Monitor activities concerning public contracts and cooperative agreements
- Support the modernization of the Separations Act

Continuous Review and Tracking
- Plan
- IGCC (International Green Construction Code)
- open space
- zoning
- economic development

Triennial Code Revisions and the Pennsylvania UCC

On January 18th, the UCC Review and Advisory Council voted to continue with the 2009 I-Codes in Pennsylvania, and not to adopt any of the 2012 I-Codes (with the exception of Chapter 11 of the IBC, appendix E of the IBC and the ANSI/ICC A117.1 Standard). The UCC RAC also voted to recommend to the legislature that a 6-year code adoption cycle, not a 3-year cycle, be instituted under the Uniform Construction Code. The UCC RAC is a 19-member Review and Advisory Council composed of 5 builders & manufactured housing representatives, 4 code officials, 2 Architects, 4 Engineers, and 4 Local Government officials. The UCC RAC has the authority to accept or reject triennial code revisions. It also makes recommendations to the legislature on legislation.

Note also, that Act 1 of 2011 repealed sprinkler requirements for one and two family dwellings, rolled back residential wall bracing requirements to match the 2006 IRC, and revised energy efficiency standards to permit log homes. Act 1 also modified the voting process in the UCC RAC to require a greater 2/3 majority vote to adopt newer I-codes or recommend changes in UCC legislation to the legislature.

Importance of the Pennsylvania Architects’ PAC

Given the important issues in our legislative agenda, particularly those things that relate to protecting and enhancing the practice of architecture and the public’s health, safety and welfare, it is clear how important it is to have legislators in Harrisburg who understand our issues, and who will listen to our point of view. Recent experience with interior designers wanting to stamp and seal plans for building permits, and wanting to segregate building interiors and exteriors, and the heavy-hand of the homebuilders on the statewide building code, have prompted the Pennsylvania Architects Political Action Committee to double its goal for fundraising for the PA PAC over the next five years.

The Pennsylvania Builders Association, through their “Pennsylvania Committee for Affordable Housing PAC” raised $306,110 in 2011 to lobby the legislature, whereas Pennsylvania Architects PAC raised $15,000 in 2011. Your support of the PA Architects’ PAC is critical to assure that architects maintain a strong presence in the minds of Pennsylvania legislators.
Government Affairs (continued)

Each calendar year, the Pennsylvania Architects PAC seeks support from AIA Pennsylvania members. Legislation and regulations can help or hurt the profession of architecture and your bottom line. The Pennsylvania Architects PAC allows us to build networks and relationships with policymakers by making campaign contributions to legislators and candidates who have taken, or are likely to take, positions that are compatible with the profession’s interest. The Pennsylvania Architects PAC is an invaluable political tool that allows us a greater opportunity to receive a fair hearing on issues and have a seat at the table when decisions are made.

A check from a PAC carries a clear message on behalf of a large number of people, in our case the entire architectural profession in Pennsylvania. This is an important election year, with the entire House and half of the Senate up for election. It is also a time when we are working to prevent the expansion of the sales tax to professional services, to protect the Uniform Construction Code, and protect your license and the architects seal. Support the PA Architects’ PAC today! Contributions can be made at: http://www.aiapa.org/advocacy/pennsylvania-architects-pac/contribute-to-the-pac.html

The Brick Yard has been serving the local architects, builders and homeowners of Lehigh Valley with Brick selections for 29 years. Our “Masonry Design Center” provides the decision maker with many choices in selecting the distinct color, character, strength and charm they seek at a reasonable price.

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Glen-Gery Brick as a partner with The Brick Yard has supported Architectural Students with scholarships at many of the Colleges and Universities across the state of Pennsylvania. We look forward to our continued support within the local communities.

The Brick Yard is located at: 1001 Nor-Bath Boulevard, Route 329, Northampton PA. 18067 2011 BEST TECHNICAL BOOTH – CSI EXPO SHOW

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October 25, 2011 Lehigh Valley Grand Prix
Emerging Professionals Joint Event with CSI
Jo Hohenwarter, Assoc. AIA

The event at the LVGP featuring emerging professionals was a success! There were over 45 attendees at this fast-paced event, about half of which were “emerging” and the other half “emerged” professionals. The diversity of the group allowed for some competitive heats as well as some casual cruises around the track. As with any racing event, there is always a fastest and a slowest time. The night concluded with a small awards ceremony, where Jon Lattin, CSI received first place and Lee Ann Slattery, CSI received the LVGP’s own “Driving Miss Daisy” award for the slowest time. Don’t worry, AIA members represented the chapter with 2nd place (Mike Murray, Assoc. AIA) and 3rd place (yours truly) finishes. See photos from the event at the end of the Kiosk.

November 17, 2011 NCARB & You: IDP, ARE & Certification
Associates Sponsored Event
Katie O’Regan, Assoc. AIA

Our chapter’s November event was a combined Government Affairs and IDP seminar, sponsored by our Eastern Pennsylvania Associates. Many new members turned out to catch up on the seemingly endless changes to the IDP and certification process. Martin Smith, AIA, NCARB succinctly (and very enthusiastically!) reviewed all the steps necessary to achieve licensure, including explaining the “6 Month Rule,” earning IDP hours outside of the workplace (epcompanion.org), and how and when interns can start taking the AREs. With years of experience with NCARB, Mr. Smith is a fabulous resource for interns, mentors and all practicing architects.

Do you have work experience, but don’t have an NCARB record? Go to ncarb.org right away and click on “Start Your NCARB Record” to start tracking your progress! Not sure if you’ve fulfilled all the requirements for licensure? Click on “Licensing Requirements” then select the jurisdiction (state) in which you would like to get licensed to view residency, professional degree, early eligibility and other requirements. Did you know that interns with an NAAB-accredited degree can start taking the AREs before they’ve fulfilled their IDP hours? Still not sure how or where to start? The Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and your Associate Representatives are a great resource!

Don’t forget – the final phase of the IDP 2.0 rollover is scheduled for April 3, 2012. The total hours required to complete IDP will remain the same (5,600), but the required core hours are increasing by 20. Check out ncarb.org/Experience-Through-Internships for all the details, or shoot an email my way.

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 PA Associate Member who is preparing for the exams.

Refer to the chapter website for more information.
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October 25th, 2011 – Lehigh Valley Grand Prix

October 20th, 2011 – Design Charrette

August 23rd, 2011 – Louis Kahn Bath House Building Tour