

AIA MIDDLE PA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

PSU Architectural Students Attend Forum

TORONTO, CANADA, SITE OF 55TH FORUM



Lily Meier introduces the evening's program

AIAS Chapter President, Lily Meier, introduced the evening's presentation by the Penn State University's AIAS Chapter. Ms. Meier briefly discussed the activities that the Chapter has been involved with during this year. These included the First Year Masquerade, a pumpkin carving contest, as well as forming a flag football team. One of their main activities has been getting first year students involved with AIAS.

The Chapter was able to have 8 representatives attend the Fall Quad conference in Syracuse, New York. Most recently, there was a Career Fair for both architectural AND landscape architectural students. This event gave the students a chance to talk to people from various firms. Two activities that are still in the planning stages are a "Meet the Professionals" event as

well as a trip to the Spring Quad being held in Buffalo, New York.

Ms. Meier was very pleased to report that the Chapter is involved in community activities as well. A team from AIAS participated in "THON" this year and raised over \$10,000 for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Aaron Weitman, Chapter Vice President, then introduced the presentation on the group's trip to the 55th AIAS Forum held in Toronto, Canada. Mr. Weitman led the audience through a slide presentation showing the various buildings and sites that were part of Forum. Various speakers throughout the conference discussed topics such as the future of architecture and masonry construction. Seminars conducted covered portfolios, architectural design, a career expo, visits with architectural/engineering firms and manufacturers. During Forum, the various Quads also held meetings. PSU is in the Northeastern Quad.



Dave Werner and Aaron Weitman address group

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Symposium Planning is Underway

Be sure to save the date for the 2011 AIA-MPC Symposium, scheduled for **Thursday, October 20** at the Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center in historic downtown Johnstown.

This year's event will focus on trends in the industry, including:

- the evolving role that technology is playing in the architectural world
- management strategies that can help firms weather operational challenges
- the impact of changing ADA regulations on design
- construction industry innovations

The event is a great way to earn continuing education credits, network with colleagues check out the latest products and services at the Symposium's vendor exhibition. Check the chapter web site and your e-mail inbox for updates, and feel free to pass the word to your colleagues. For more information, including booth information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Anne McGrath at annefmcgrath@verizon.net or 814.539.1317.

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AIA Associates Corner — 2011 Links

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For the Good of the Order

Comments on the Profession of Architecture by Tom Columbus Jr., AIA, LEED AP

ARCHITECT'S VALUE

At times of economic crisis, the value relevance of the involvement of an architect in a building project is usually scrutinized more closely than in times of riding high on the economy. As we all know, it becomes harder to tread economic waters due to the “luxury of an architect” or “an architect only makes it look pretty” syndromes that seem to spring up like dandelions in May.

What better life preservers can we have than keeping sharp on Codes, strong relationships with allied fields and vendors, planning and design skills, and artistic flairs?

These traits will continue to help us survive in these tough economic times.

YOUNG ARCHITECTS FORUM

We are looking for a representative from the Middle Pennsylvania Chapter AIA to be a local liaison for the Young Architects Forum (YAF).

Young Architects (0 - 10 yrs.) licensed have already been recruited from the Central, Eastern , Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia chapters.

If you are interested or may know of someone who is interested, please contact Denise Thompson by email (DThompson@franciscauffman.com) with your contact information. If you cannot fill this position but know someone that is interested, please forward that person's name and contact information.

AIAPA charter for YAF was approved by the State Board of Directors. Facebook page and Linked -In page are up and running. YAF National and the College of Fellows are developing a mentoring program. More to come as this develops.

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All of the students are very excited because after two years of Forum locations in cold weather areas, the 2011 Forum will be in Phoenix, Arizona, and 2012 will be in Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. Dave Werner then discussed the walking tour that he participated in of a section of Toronto that he participated in as part of Forum. Photographs of various buildings were displayed as Mr. Werner described each. These buildings included St. Lawrence Cathedral; the Flat Iron Building — which was built before the building of the same name in New York City, New York; and several examples of “corner banks” which are very common in Toronto.

Mr. Weitman Concluded by stating that AIAS is expanding with five more schools represented in Canada. These included schools from Puerto Rico and Dubai. He also added that Ryerson University of Canada was represented very well at the conferences and Ryerson was responsible for organizing the great conference in Toronto.



One of the slides shown during AIAS presentation

The members of AIAS provided a great overview of the 55th AIAS Forum and continue to admirably represent PSU. Following the presentation, students and AIA members enjoys a delicious dinner and had an opportunity to sit discuss the profession with the AIA members present.

Welcome 2011 Affiliate Members!

The AIA-MPC extends a warm welcome to affiliate members who have renewed their membership for 2011 or are joining us for the first time. Be sure to check out their web site for more information about ways in which they can help you meet your design objectives.

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GRASSROOTS 2011

After emails of info and direction from AIA Pennsylvania and National, AIA Middle Chapter President Dave Machorola, AIA and Vice-President, Tom Columbus Jr., AIA, LEED AP, were able to find their ways through the halls of Congress to their respective Middle Chapter government officials. These officials included the offices of Representatives Mark Critz, Bill Shuster, Tom Marino, and Glenn Thompson. Due to scheduling, aides from each of the Congressmen's offices represented the Congressmen.

Four issues were presented to the aides. These included 1. Remove Regulatory Burdens that Hold Small Businesses Back. *AIA POSITION: The AIA supports the repeal of the Form 1099 filing requirement, recently passed as a part of the 2010 health care legislation. Beginning in 2012, this provision requires businesses to file a Form 1099 for every transaction for goods or services worth \$600 or more. (NOTE: Ironically this was repealed the day before AIA's "assault" on Capitol Hill! No discussion was necessary!)*

2. Jumpstart the Market for Building Retrofits as an Engine of Economic Growth. *AIA POSITION: The AIA asks Congress to enact legislation that incentivizes energy efficiency, particularly for commercial and residential building retrofits. In particular, the AIA urges Congress to increase the Energy Efficient Commercial Building Tax Deduction (26 U.S. Code 179D) from the current \$1.80 per square foot to \$3.00 per square foot.* 3. Pass a Transportation Bill to get our Communities Moving Again. *The AIA urges Congress to enact a five-year reauthorization of the federal surface transportation laws in 2011. This authorization should establish national and regional transportation priorities that reduce congestion, increase safety, help communities prosper and ensure long-term funding needs are met.* 4. Unfreeze Credit, Create Jobs. *The design and construction industry, which accounts for one in nine dollars of U.S. GDP, is experiencing significant hardship and job loss. According to the Federal Reserve's October 2010 survey of senior loan officers, while demand for commercial real estate financing continues to increase, banks continue to be reluctant to lend to the sector. Millions of dollars of construction is ready to go in every community, but cannot because lending is not available. Restoring and sustaining liquidity for development is vital to achieving a strong economic recovery.*

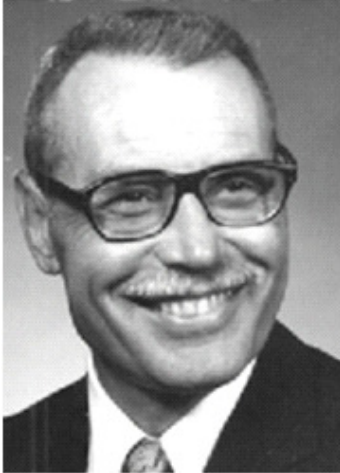
The Middle Chapter did its part in showing our support for the above AIA beliefs.

Also, during time not spent in the Halls of Congress, AIA National alerted the Middle Chapter representatives of upcoming AIA By-Law voting that will occur at the AIA National Convention in New Orleans in May. The voting will have to do with the following items:

- Accredited votes will be counted towards by-law changes and not only votes by those attending. This is provided the Secretary shall have sent to each member notice of the proposed amendment prior to the Convention.
- Permit a state delegate to represent by proxy more than one of the chapters in his/her state.
- Increase time of notification of voting meetings from 30 to 90 days.
- The two public directors' positions on the AIA Board shall be increased from two to three years and not be able to be elected again.

Please review the AIA website for further info on the above by-law items to be voted on in May at the Convention. Feel free to contact the Middle Chapter voting party (Dave Macharola) to alert him of your voting preferences.

Howard F. Kingsbury



Howard F. Kingsbury March 13, 1922 - January 25, 2011 Howard F. Kingsbury, 88, of State College, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at the Atrium at the Village at Penn State. Born March 13, 1922, in Elmira Heights, N.Y., he was the son of the late Rexford Earle and Rowena Coolbaugh Fink. He married the former Callie McHaffie, who survives in State College. He is also survived by five children, John H. Kingsbury, of Columbus, Ga., Dallas G. Kingsbury, of Las Vegas, Peter G. Kingsbury, of Albertville, Al., David E. Kingsbury, of Lock Haven, and Eve M. Kingsbury, of Maplewood, N.J. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Emeritus Professor Howard Kingsbury graduated in 1943 with his BS degree in Glass Technology from the State University of New York, and received his M.S. in Ceramic Technology from Penn State in 1947. From

1947 to 1964, he spent time in industrial research and product development focusing on daylighting research and acoustical research and development. He worked for the Owens-Illinois Glass Company, the Pittsburgh-Corning Corporation, and for Sylvania Electric Products, Inc. He returned to Penn State in 1964 to join the architectural engineering faculty. Kingsbury was course coordinator for undergraduate architectural acoustics work. He also served as undergraduate program officer in AE and on numerous committees in the College of Engineering and at the University. He was also one of the co-founders of the University of Leeds, Leeds, UK student exchange program with Penn State. From 1983 - 1985 he served as the Interim Department Head and he retired from Penn State in 1991. In 2007, he and his wife established an endowment for the Howard and Callie Kingsbury Award for Excellence in Architectural Acoustics. The award is presented annually to recognize outstanding achievement by an Architectural Engineering undergraduate student. Throughout his retirement he remained active with the Architectural Engineering Department assisting with acoustics courses and serving as a regular Jury member for the AE Senior Thesis. He frequently was an outside lecturer and involved with several community groups including the Patton Township Planning Commission, Patton Township Supervisor, the State College Rotary Club and University Park Airport Authority Board. Kingsbury was a nationally recognized authority on Architectural Acoustics. He contributed extensively in his field through his involvement with the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the American Society of Heating Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and the National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST). He was a founding member and former director of the Institute of Noise Control Engineering (NCE) and a national accreditor for acoustical laboratories for NIST NVLAP Lab Accreditation Program. He was a registered Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and an elected Fellow in both ASHRAE and ASTM. Visitation will be 11-1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at Koch Funeral Home, 2401 S. Atherton St., State College. Memorial Service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Spring Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Atrium at the Village at Penn State, 160 Lions Hill Road State College, PA 16803 or the Howard and Callie Kingsbury Award for Excellence in Architectural Acoustics, Old Main Penn State University.

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